

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS, ASSOCIATED PROCESSES, AND ACTIVITIES RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SUNSET PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS: The Land Development Code, Chapter 98, Section 98.3.14.A, provides that City Council shall establish certain fees by resolution related to the Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS: Florida Statute Chapter 553.80, provides that local governments may provide a schedule of reasonable fees for enforcing the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS: When providing a schedule of reasonable fees, the total estimated annual revenue derived from fees, and the fines and investment earnings related to the fees, may not exceed the total estimated annual costs of allowable activities; and

WHEREAS: The City desires to promote economic development activity and job creation and previously reduced Building, Permitting, Inspection, and Plan Review fees by Fifty Percent (50%) for one year per Resolution 2018-49 with an effective date of October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The City desires to promote economic development activity and job creation and previously reduced Building, Permitting, Inspection, and Plan Review fees by Seventy-Five Percent (75%) for one year per Resolution 2019-20 with an effective date of October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS: The City desires to promote economic development activity and job creation and previously reduced Building, Permitting, Inspection, Plan Review fees by Seventy-Five Percent (75%) for one year per Resolution 2020-31 with an effective date of October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizenry to continue to reduce Building Permitting, Inspection, and Plan Review fees by a total of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) for a one-year period, effective October 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, that:


1. The foregoing recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein by this reference and are deemed a material part of this resolution.
2. The adopted Building Permitting, Inspection, and Plan Review (BPI) schedule of fees and the proposed Twenty-Five Percent (25%) reduced fees are attached as Exhibit "A".
3. The City shall temporarily reduce the current BPI schedule of fees by Twenty-Five Percent (25%) for one year for building permit applications beginning on the effective date of this Resolution.
4. Building permit applications in review or ready for pick up status shall receive the current Seventy-Five Percent (75%) BPI fee reduction.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement the provisions of this Resolution by means of such administrative actions as may be deemed appropriate and necessary.
6. Applicants may request one 6-month extension of a building permit subject to the Seventy-Five Percent (75%) fee reduction. Additional permit extensions shall cause forfeiture of the fee reduction whereby full fees in effect at that time shall be assessed prior to issuance of additional extensions.
7. This resolution shall be automatically repealed on September 30, 2022, unless further extended by the City Council.
8. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or portion of the resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereto.
9. This Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2021.

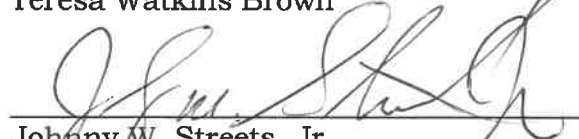
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PASSED IN PUBLIC SESSION of the City Council of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, on September 15, 2021.

yes


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yes


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yes


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yes


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yes



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yes


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APPROVED on September 15, 2021.

yes


Kevin B. Anderson
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FILED in the Office of the City Clerk on September 15, 2021.




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