



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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February 16, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing a waiver of permit fees and other applicable fees for work in connection with recent flooding to properties in Long Beach. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On February 9, 2010, the City Council approved an item related to flooding from recent storms in Long Beach. Several action steps were approved, including one pertaining to waiving applicable fees, as called out in the attached resolution, for repairs to damage of properties caused by the recent storms. Under the City's current fee resolution, the City Manager is not authorized to waive permit fees; the attached resolution grants that authority.

With Council approval, all City permit fees and other applicable fees associated with work necessary to repair, correct, or replace flood or storm damaged properties located in Long Beach will be waived. This waiver will be retroactive to cover necessary permits resulting from flooding from January 19 through February 10, 2010. Additionally, staff will provide expedited building plan reviews. If State or Federal emergency assistance programs become available, staff will work with affected property owners to assist in the process.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on February 12, 2010 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 11, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Immediate Council action is requested to implement the recommendation, and allow property owners ample time to apply for necessary permits before the June 1, 2010 deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on reports received from property owners for property damage caused by the January 19 through February 10, 2010 storms, it is anticipated approximately 100 properties may require City permits for repair work. The permit value is estimated to be \$75,000, which represents approximately 1.1 percent of the permit revenue collected in the previous fiscal year (FY 2009). Approval of the waiver will impact FY 2010 revenue received by the Development Services Fund (SR137) in the Department of Development Services.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

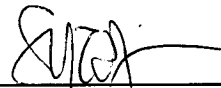


REGINALD I. HARRISON
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachment: City Council Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor
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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF
5 PERMIT FEES FOR WORK TO REPAIR OR CORRECT
6 FLOOD AND STORM RELATED DAMAGE CITYWIDE

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8 WHEREAS, during the period of January 19, 2010 through February 10,
9 2010, the City of Long Beach experienced an unusual amount of rainfall during a short
10 period of time, which rainfall event led to flooding in certain areas of the City causing
11 storm and flood related damage to homes, condominiums and other properties located in
12 the City of Long Beach; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has been granted authority by the State
14 of California to provide for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and convenience of the
15 City and the inhabitants thereof, and for the protection of property therein;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
17 follows:

18 Section 1. Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Resolution No.
19 RES 10-0010 ("the Master Fee Resolution"), the City Council authorizes the City
20 Manager, or designee, to waive fees, including Building Permit Fees, Electrical Permit
21 Fees, Mechanical Permit Fees, Plumbing Permit Fees, Combined Building Permit Fees,
22 NPDES Fees, Plan Check Fees, Grading Fees, Demolition Fees, Utility Re-establishment
23 Fees and applicable Surcharge Fees, Fire Department Plan Check Fees and Permit
24 Fees for work applied for to repair, correct, or replace flood and storm related damage to
25 properties identified as flood and storm damaged properties.

26 Section 2. That this waiver of fees shall only apply to such flood and storm
27 related damages and properties as determined by the City Manager or designee that are
28 located in the City of Long Beach and which suffered damage during January 19, 2010

1 through February 10, 2010.

2 Section 3. That said fees may be waived for an applicant who is rebuilding,
3 repairing, or replacing legally built structures which have been damaged or destroyed by
4 flood and/or storm. The fee waiver shall not apply to any portion of a new structure which
5 exceeds the square footage of the structure being replaced, and shall only be applied to
6 permits applied for on or before June 1, 2010, unless said date is otherwise extended by
7 the City Council by resolution.

8 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
9 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2010, by the
12 following vote:

13 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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17 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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19 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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City Clerk

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City of Long Beach Memorandum
Working Together to Serve

REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: 2/11/2010
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of February 16, 2010

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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| Council District | Authorizing Councilmember | Signed by |
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| 2 | Suzanne Lowenthal | |
| 3 | Gary DeLong | |
| 5 | Gerie Schipske | |

Attachment: Staff Report dated February 16, 2010

CC: Office of the Mayor