

RESOLUTION 23-_____

PARTIALLY EXEMPTING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS FROM PERMITTING FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE.

WHEREAS, absent an exemption to permitting fees for residential solar photovoltaic installations, the average fee for such an installation would be approximately \$226; and

WHEREAS, various groups and agencies, including the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Energy, have concluded that solar photovoltaic power has a far less negative impact on the environment in comparison to traditional forms of power generation; and

WHEREAS, in many circumstances, it is in the economic long-term interests of residents to supplement or supplant traditional electric consumption with solar energy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Brevard County citizens to remove barriers to the adoption and installation of solar photovoltaic equipment on homes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, desires to incentivize the installation of residential solar photovoltaic systems in Brevard County by granting a partial exemption to permitting fees associated with the installations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Partial Exemption to Permitting Fees for Residential Solar Photovoltaic Installations

- a) Subject to the requirements in subsection (b), Resolutions 16-189 and 2007-170 are hereby amended to waive the application fee (\$25) and unlicensed contractor surcharge (\$10) for permits regarding the installation of residential solar photovoltaic systems from the permit fee schedules, and an additional waiver of up to \$215 in associated permit fees for residential solar photovoltaic systems. All other applicable requirements regarding the permitting and inspection process remain in effect.
- b) Eligibility for the waiver described in subsection (a) is contingent on the applicant agreeing that savings shall be remitted to the homeowner, if applicable.
- c) Staff shall attempt to ensure accurate addresses of homeowners associated with such waivers are provided and a letter be sent to such addresses informing them that permitting fees have been waived.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, exhibit, or provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on February 26, 2023.

SECTION 4. Expiration Date. This resolution shall expire one (1) year from the Effective Date.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th Day of February, 2023.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of Court

Rita Pritchett, Chair
(as approved by the Board on February 7, 2023)

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