



POLICY

TITLE: Waiver of Fees During a Period of the Local Declaration of Emergency

NUMBER: BCC-42

CANCELS 10/27/98

APPROVED: July 8, 2008

ORIGINATOR: County Manager

REVIEW: July 8, 2011

I. OBJECTIVE

To provide a policy for the administrative waiver of County established fees during a period of a Local Declaration of Emergency, or any extension thereof in order to minimize hardships to affected property owners.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Local Declaration of Emergency – A declaration that a local emergency does exist, as approved by the Head of the Emergency Government (the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners).
- B. Fees – Fees which are established by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, which may include but not be limited to the following: building permit fees, plan review fees, application fees for rezoning requests, and application fees for variance requests.

III. DIRECTIVES

- A. When a Local Declaration of Emergency, or extension thereof, has been issued, the County Manager or designee may waive fees for victims when it can be demonstrated that a financial hardship exists and other forms of assistance, such as private insurance, are not available.
- B. In the case of commercial, industrial, or multi-family developments, the County Manager or designee may authorize the temporary delay of payment of fees. However, if fees are not paid before the issuance of the permit or issuance of Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant shall be required to pay the fees plus a reasonable interest rate, within twelve (12) calendar months of the issuance of the permit. The temporary delay of payment may be designated when it can be demonstrated that a financial hardship exists and other forms of assistance, such as private insurance, are not available. In the event that the fees, and any accrued interest, is not paid in full in twelve (12) calendar months of the issuance of the permit, the Board of County Commissioners shall lien the subject property for the full amount.


IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to issue or revise this policy is reserved to the Board of County Commissioners.

ATTEST:



 Scott Ellis, Clerk



 Truman G. Scarborough, Jr., Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 Brevard County, Florida

As approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2008