

# RESOLUTION

*of the*

## ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Regarding*

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Resolution No. 2020-M-26

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; Whereas, on March 1, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings issued Emergency Executive Order 2020-01, finding that a State of Local Emergency exists in both incorporated and unincorporated Orange County, Florida;

WHEREAS, in addition to public health impacts, Orange County has suffered negative economic impacts from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency throughout the State of Florida in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 252.363, Florida Statutes, tolls permit expirations during, and extends them for six months following, a state of emergency declared by the Governor for a natural emergency;

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of any available permit extension(s) under state law, the permit holder must notify the issuer of the permit in writing of the intent to exercise the tolling and the extension within 90 days after the expiration of the order declaring the emergency;

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes it is in its best interests to institute a program, during the state of local emergency, which allows for the holders of unexpired building permits issued on or before March 13, 2020, to receive an additional six (6) month extension of such permits;*

Whereas, the Board of County commissioners also believes it is in the best interests of the county to implement an incentive program to temporarily offset building permit fees ("Incentive Program");

WHEREAS, the Orange County Division of Building Safety has reserve funding available to fund this Incentive Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

**Section 1. Authorization for Building Official to extend permits.** The Orange County Building Official is hereby authorized to extend the expiration date of all unexpired building permits issued as of March 13, 2020, for an additional six months.

**Section 2. Offset of building permit fees.** During the Incentive Program, building permit fees will be offset to the applicant, and paid from the Division of Building Safety's reserve funding, as follows:

- a. The amount of the offset shall be no more than \$100,000 per project, regardless of the total construction value of the project.
- b. For purposes of this Resolution and the Incentive Program, a project is defined as the construction of one or more structure(s) that require a building permit on one, or multiple contiguous, parcel(s) of land by one or more entities, as determined by the Building Official.
- c. The offsets shall be granted beginning on July 13, 2020, and will continue until a total of \$10 million dollars has been awarded and applied toward building permit fees, or January 15, 2021, whichever occurs earlier.
- d. Any request for an extension to an unexpired building permit issued under this Incentive Program must be in writing, directed to the Building Official,

and, if granted, will require payment of the applicable total building permit fee that was originally offset.

- e. If a building permit issued under this Incentive Program expires without completion of final inspections and issuance of a certificate of occupancy or completion, temporary or permanent, as applicable, any replacement permit shall be subject to payment of the total applicable building permit fee.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of JUL 07 2020, 2020.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*  
Jerry L. Demings, County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Noelia Perez*  
for Deputy Clerk

Print Name: Noelia Perez

