



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

June 26, 2020

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director
Planning, Environmental, and Development Services
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SUBJECT: July 7, 2020 – Discussion Item
Economic Development Incentives related to COVID-19

During this time of economic uncertainty, Orange County Government is considering temporary measures to ease the economic burden of development regulation and ensure that local business owners, developers, nonprofits and residents have the best opportunity to stay in business, create new businesses, or make necessary home improvements.

To support these objectives, the Division of Building Safety is proposing two incentive efforts relating to permitting:

- 1) An automatic 6-month extension of all building permits.
- 2) A building permit fee offset for all residential and commercial applications.

Currently, under the Governor's Executive Order 20-51, a permit holder is entitled to an extension of their permit upon notification in writing to the issuer. The proposed County program will remove the notification requirement and automatically extend each building permit issued on or before March 13, 2020, for an additional six months. All such extensions are concurrent with, and not cumulative to, any extensions obtained pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order.

The building permit fee offset program will be enabled for six months or until \$10 million is utilized. In order to provide the widest availability of opportunity, a \$100,000 cap will be instituted per project. The Division of Building Safety has determined that there are sufficient funds available in reserves for this program. No general fund dollars will be utilized for this program.

A budget transfer is necessary to provide funding for the fee offset program. The Budget Transfer Request form is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding Economic Development Incentives that extends building permits and provides \$10,000,000 for building permit offsets for a six month period, and approval of budget transfer #20-1111. All Districts

JVW/Attachments

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BCC Mtg. Date: July 7, 2020

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST

CONTROL NO 20-1111
 (To be assigned by OMB)

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Planning, Environmental and Development
 Services

FUND NO 1011

DEPARTMENT(S) _____

DATE: 07/07/20

Request the following transfer be made for the reason(s) stated:

	AGENCY	ORGANIZATION	OBJECT	APPR	AMOUNT FROM	AMOUNT TO
NO.	068	0475	9550	BBG	\$10,000,000	
TITLE		Reserves	Reserve for Future Capital			
NO.	068	2601	4496	BAB		\$10,000,000
TITLE		Building Safety Administration	Economic Incentive Building Permit fee Waiver			
TOTAL:					\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

JUSTIFICATION (to be completed by OMB): This budget transfer is necessary to provide funding for offsets to residential and commercial permit fees as described in the Economic Development Incentives Resolution. Funding is available from Building Fund reserves.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kurt A. Peterson
 Office of Management & Budget

 (County Comptroller)

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

Board of County Commissioners / County Administrator: _____