



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Building Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

To: City Council
From: Craig Mole' Director of Building, Chief Building Official
Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: January 6, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 23-004 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, WAIVING THE BUILDING PERMIT DEMOLITION FEE FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD RETROACTIVELY TO NOVEMBER 2, 2022, AND ENDING MAY 7, 2023 FOR ALL BUILDINGS SUBSTANTIAL ALL DAMAGED BY HURRICANE IAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BACKGROUND: The Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) asked the City to waive fees for buildings being demolished as part of the Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) and the Commercial Property Debris Removal (CPDR) programs. The cost for a Demolition Permit is \$53.25 (Section 14-188 – Fee Schedule).

At the December 6, 2022, City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously agreed to waive the fees for all demolitions of buildings substantially damaged by Hurricane Ian, for a period of six-months (180 days), retroactive to November 7, 2022 (the date the permit portal opened). The City Council directed the City Attorney to implement the fee waiver by Mayoral Proclamation. The City Council also directed staff to prepare an Ordinance amendment that would allow the City Council to waive any building permit fee, following a natural or a man-made disaster, by Resolution.

Ordinance 22-013 was presented to the City Council for First Reading on December 20, 2022, and approved (if approved) by the City Council on February 7, 2023.

In accordance with City Council's direction, the draft resolution proposes to waive the Building Permit Demolition fee of \$53.25 for a period of six months, retroactively to November 7, 2022 and ending May 7, 2023 for all buildings substantially damaged by Hurricane Ian. If the Resolution is approved, the fee waiver language in the Mayor Proclamation will be discontinued from future updates.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve Resolution 23-004, waiving the Building Permit Demolition fee of \$53.25 for a period of six months, retroactively to November 7, 2022 and ending May 7, 2023, for all buildings substantially damaged by Hurricane Ian.

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