

RESOLUTION NO. 39 , 2021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE COLLECTION OF BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT FEES FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

WHEREAS, Chapter 152.04 of the Code of Ordinances of Montgomery requires the payment of building and zoning fees prior to the issuance of a building and zoning permit; and

WHEREAS, the City wants to promote the use of solar technology to provide hot water and electricity from a renewable, non-polluting source; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the initial investment costs to install solar technology, while much lower than in the past, are still expensive compared to natural gas and other traditional sources; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that the City waive the building and zoning permit fees for a period of time to reduce the cost and provide incentives for residents and businesses to invest in a solar installation; and

WHEREAS, waiving these fees for a limited period of time will not impact the General Budget nor curtail services within the City, but it may help provide the stimulus to improve energy conservation and positively impact the quality of life in Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, Council did previously enact a moratorium on a portion of the building permit fees until December 31, 2021, and to continue to encourage development of solar alternatives, Council does desire to renew this moratorium through December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Building and zoning permit fees that are typically payable in order to receive the proper permits to install a solar hot water heating system or solar photovoltaic electricity system shall be suspended up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per project for a period of thirty (30) months commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: December 1, 2021

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Craig D. Margolis
Craig D. Margolis, Mayor

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