

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 , 2020**

**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**, Council did previously enact a moratorium on a portion of the building permit fees until December 31, 2019, and to continue to encourage development of solar alternatives Council does desire to renew this moratorium until December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, suspending these fees will not impact the General Budget nor curtail services within the City, but may help provide the stimulus to improve the quality of life in Montgomery.

**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 (30) months commencing February 6, 2020, and ending December 31, 2021.

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

PASSED: February 5, 2020

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

Christopher P. Dobrozsi  
Christopher P. Dobrozsi, Mayor

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