

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-17 AS AMENDED, TO WAIVE CITY PERMIT FEES FOR CERTAIN GREEN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has adopted a comprehensive fee schedule, Ordinance 2015-17, which has subsequently been amended by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the City Commission adopted Resolution 2015-304, waiving all City permit fees for the installation of solar panels on properties in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City continues in its desire to promote green and energy efficient improvements to properties in the City and wishes to expand the waiver of City permit fees to additional types of projects in the City for existing residential properties; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City can waive City permit fees, the improvements detailed below may still require outside agency permit fees, which may be charged and paid through the City permitting process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to waive City permit fees for certain green and energy efficient improvements to certain existing residential properties. Those improvements include the following improvements:

- 1) The installation of water conservation devices, including any permit fees associated with the installation of rain barrels or associated underground water systems.
- 2) Installation or replacement of LED lights and any associated permit fees for the upgrading of electrical systems needed in order to install LED lighting.
- 3) Installation of solar batteries.
- 4) Installation of insulation for existing un-insulated residences.
- 5) Improvements to seawalls to account for sea level rise.
- 6) Installation of drip irrigation systems and any associated plumbing work necessary to install the drip irrigation system.

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution, and the applicable permit fee waivers shall apply to improvements made only to existing single-family homes, duplexes, or townhouses (including detached townhouses) as defined in the 2020 Florida Building Code, Residential, as may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, given that many of these green and/or energy efficient improvements may be part of larger projects, and combined in the permitting process with other non-qualifying improvements, the City Manager or his/her designee may at his/her discretion reduce the total fee by an applicable proportionate amount to account for the green and energy-efficient improvements to the property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That City waives City permit fees for existing residential properties making any of the following improvements:

- 1) The installation of water conservation devices, including any permit fees associated with the installation of rain barrels or associated underground water systems.
- 2) Installation or replacement of LED lights and any associated permit fees for the upgrading of electrical systems needed in order to install LED lighting.
- 3) Installation of solar batteries.
- 4) Installation of insulation for existing un-insulated residences.
- 5) Improvements to seawalls to account for sea level rise.
- 6) Installation of drip irrigation systems and any associated plumbing work necessary to install the drip irrigation system.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution, and the applicable permit fee waivers shall apply to improvements made only to existing single-family homes, duplexes, or townhouses (including detached townhouses) as defined in the 2020 Florida Building Code, Residential, as may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 4.** That when these improvements are combined with other non-qualifying improvements the City Manager or his/her designee may at his/her discretion reduce the total fee by an applicable proportionate amount to account for the green and energy-efficient improvements to the property.

**SECTION 5.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2021.

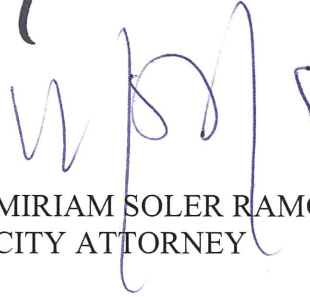
(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Mena)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Keon, Lago, Mena, Valdes-Fauli)  
(Unanimous: (5-0) Vote)  
(Agenda Item: G-1)

APPROVED:

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RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Billy Y. Urquia', written in a cursive style.  
BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK