



City of Culver City

Staff Report

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Item #: C-14.

CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Chapter 15.02, Section 15.02.1015 "Building Permit Fees and Inspections," Extending the Waiver of Plan Check and Permit Fees for Solar Photovoltaic Installations for an Additional 10 Years to May 23, 2028.

Meeting Date: April 23, 2018

Contact Person/Dept: Craig Johnson / Building Safety, CDD

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Fiscal Impact: Yes No

General Fund: Yes No

Public Hearing: **Action Item:** **Attachments:**

Commission Action Required: Yes No **Date:**

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (04/18/18);

Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director (04/10/2018)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Chapter 15.02, Section 15.02.1015 "Building Permit Fees and Inspections," Extending Waiver of Plan Check and Permit Fees for Solar Photovoltaic Installations for an Additional 10 Years to May 23, 2028.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On February 28th, 2008, the City Council adopted an ordinance adding subchapter 15.02.1000 et seq. to the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) establishing the first in the country mandatory solar photovoltaic requirement, which established a requirement to install 1 kilowatt of solar photovoltaic power per 10,000 square feet of new building area. Section 15.02.1015 also established a waiver of the first \$5,000 of solar permit fees, which by its terms expired on March 12, 2018.

On March 26, 2018, City Council considered an ordinance to amend CCMC Section 15.02.1015 to extend the 2008 waiver of the first \$5,000 of solar photovoltaic permit fees be renewed for another 10 years, to expire May 23, 2028. After listening to the staff report and discussion, City Council

introduced the ordinance by a vote of 5-0. The ordinance is presented tonight for adoption. The Ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Since the implementation of the 2008 partial solar photovoltaic permit fee waiver, the partial fee waiver has applied to over 590 solar photovoltaic permits, and the City has foregone permit fees of approximately \$177,000.

It is likely that the number of solar photovoltaic permits will increase over the next 10 years, and staff estimates the renewal of the partial solar photovoltaic permit fee waiver would apply to approximately 650 solar photovoltaic permits, and the city would forego approximately \$227,000 in permit fees.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance Amending CCMC Section 15.02.1015

MOTION

That the City Council:

Adopt an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Chapter 15.02, Section 15.02.1015 "Building Permit Fees and Inspections," Extending Waiver of Plan Check and Permit Fees for Solar Photovoltaic Installations for an Additional 10 Years to May 23, 2028; and