DEPARTMENT: Building

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Direction to staff to review waiver of fees for electrical power permits (blue tags) for property owners impacted by the Telegraph Fire of 2008, and reimburse the Building Department for the electrical power permit fees.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Several homes and structures were lost in the Telegraph Fire of 2008. Waiving the fees for blue tags would assist the property owner in replacing structures lost in the fire. However, the Building Department is an enterprise fund and must receive payment for work completed. The Building Department has a duty to collect fees when a permit is required. No utility company shall provide any electrical until it has received final approval by the Building Department. Board policy is to reimburse the Building Enterprise Fund for non-fee offset work such as fee waivers. The estimated cost of reimbursement is approximately $4,500.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Alternative: Do not approve and no waivers will be granted.
Consequences of Negative Action: Property owners would be responsible for the permit fees.

Financial Impact? (X ) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $4,500.00 (Approx.) Annual Recurring Cost: $0.00
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes (X) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $-
Additional Funding Needed: $-
Source: List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5's vote
Contingency 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 485 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ZGB

Revised Dec. 2002
RESOLUTION FOR A WAIVER OF OWNER PAYMENT OF FEES FOR AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT TO REESTABLISH POWER LOST DUE TO THE TELEGRAPH FIRE

RESOLUTION NO. 08-385

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to waive owner payment of electrical permit fees for residents within the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has the policy to reimburse the electrical permit fees to the Mariposa County Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has always advocated and supported the rights of property owners to rebuild after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to exercise this authority by allowing owner paid electrical permit fees waived and paid for by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, State of California, as follows:

1. The Board finds all the facts mentioned above to be true, and that it has jurisdiction to act on the subject of this Resolution.
2. This Board does hereby approve and adopt the recommended establishment of an approved list of property owners who have lost their residences or outbuildings or poles due to the Telegraph Fire for the waiver of electrical permit fees and payment of those fees to the Building Department by the Board of Supervisors.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, this 12th day of August, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

LYLE TURPIN, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. GUARINO
County Counsel
TO: JOHN E. DAVIS, Building Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Direction to Staff to Review Waiver of Owner Paid Fees for Electrical Power Permits (Blue Tags) for Property Owners Impacted by the Telegraph Fire of 2008, and Reimburse the Building Department with General Funds Money for the Electrical Power Permit Fees

RESOLUTION 08-385

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 12, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

John E. Davis, Building Director;
Direction to Staff to Review Waiver of Owner Paid Fees for Electrical Power Permits (Blue Tags) for Property Owners Impacted by the Telegraph Fire of 2008, and Reimburse the Building Department with General Funds Money for the Electrical Power Permit Fees

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with John Davis and he advised that even though their offices are generally closed to the public on Mondays, that they posted a note on their door that they would be available to assist the fire victims Monday through Friday. He advised that information is posted on the websites for Planning, Building and Environmental Health and they have put together packages to start the application process. He advised that the final estimates have been obtained on the number of power poles that burned and they are increasing their request to $12,700 for the electrical power permit fees. Rick Benson noted that once the final cost of the fees is known, a budget request will be brought back to the Board to reimburse the Building Department. (M)Aborn, (M)Fritz, Res. 08-385 was adopted approving the waiver of electrical power permit fees as requested with the total amount not to exceed $12,700; and with changes in the resolution to include out buildings and power poles/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Turpin asked whether geological reports would be required to rebuild. John Davis advised that they would provide a case-by-case review.

Cc: Richard J. Benson, CAO
   Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO
   Chris Ebie, Auditor
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