

RESOLUTION NO. R08-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUSPENDING THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE EXTENSION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PERMITS (EMP) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, Board desires to implement certain economic development incentive strategies that could stimulate new development and redevelopment during the current economic down turn in the associated construction, real estate and land development consulting industries, and could also enhance opportunities to establish permanent long-term job opportunities in the County;

WHEREAS, the suspension of fee collections for EMP permit proposal would provide a “bridge” to allow currently approved, but unbuilt, development projects to remain valid until the local/national economic situation improves;

WHEREAS, if environmental permits are allowed to expire, the project’s underlying subdivision and/or site and development plan approval and concurrency determinations would also expire. Reactivation of the project would require payment of all related fees and mitigation costs (PUV, land use approval, environmental permitting, and concurrency review/determination). Therefore, the proposal could potentially save the developer/owner the money and time associated with the reactivation of expired approvals;

WHEREAS, the proposal provides the developer/owner of an approved project the ability to maintain an exempt/vested status from compliance with the state-mandated and concurrency requirements, and the anticipated mitigation costs until the local/national economic situation improves; and,

WHEREAS, through user fees, the Board has committed to recovering the cost of fee-related services provided by the Department of Growth and Environmental Management; specifically the Division of Environmental Compliance through the adoption of a fee schedule and the impact on overall fee collection is anticipated to be minimal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2008, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That under the Fee Category **Amendments/Resubmittals/EMP extension Requests** of the Fee Schedule Effective October 1, 2008 for Development Services &

Environmental Compliance, more specifically subsection **C. Request for EMP Extension**, the associated fee schedule shall be modified, as shown:

50% of initial fee up to a maximum of \$1,200

However, no fees shall be assessed from October 15, 2008, through December 31, 2010 for EMP Extension Requests.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Jane Sauls, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida

BY: _____

Approved as to Form:
Leon County Attorney's Office

BY: _____
Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney