

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, TEMPORARILY WAIVING CERTAIN BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR STRUCTURES THAT WERE DAMAGED BY HURRICANE BERYL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Hurricane Beryl caused widespread, severe damage and loss of property within the City of Friendswood due to its rain and high winds; and

WHEREAS, in effort to combat the severe economic and social disruption caused by Hurricane Beryl, the City of Friendswood desires to waive certain permit fees for a limited period of time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that providing a limited waiver of permit fees will accomplish a public purpose, including, but not limited to, ensuring that permit fees are not a deterrent for the proper repair of structures, encouraging more rapid recovery efforts, thus enhancing economic development and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Friendswood; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That all matters and facts set forth in the recitals hereinabove are found to be true, and such recitals are hereby approved and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings by the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas.

Section 2. That for the reasons specified in the recitals hereof, the City Council hereby finds that an emergency exists, which necessitates the Council to take the actions contained herein.

Section 3. That the following fees imposed by Chapter 14 "Buildings and Building Regulations," as specified in Appendix "D" contained in the Friendswood City Code, shall be waived through December 31, 2024, for structures that were damaged by Hurricane Beryl:

APPENDIX D

SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BOND AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS

**Buildings and Building Regulations**

- (1) Building Permit Fees (Electrical);
- (2) Building Permit Fees (Plumbing);
- (3) Building Permit Fees (Mechanical);
- (4) Building Permit Fees (Gas); and
- (5) Building Permit Fees.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency; and in all other respects, this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

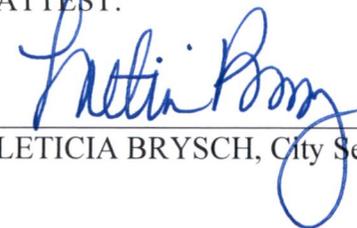
Section 5. If any provision, section, exception, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances; and to this end, all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Friendswood and shall expire at 5:30 p.m. on December 31, 2024, after which this ordinance will be of no force and effect.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on first and final reading by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

  
MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KAREN L. HORNER, City Attorney