

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
SUSPENDING PERMIT FEES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY
THE MARCH 2023 TORNADO; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, a devastating tornado passed through several miles of the City of North Little Rock, resulting in extensive property damage and widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, the Mayor issued a Disaster Emergency Proclamation pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108, declaring the City of North Little Rock is in a state of emergency due to conditions that constitute a possible threat to the safety and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 confers upon the Mayor the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinances or regulations for up to thirty (30) days if strict compliance with the ordinance provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to cope with the disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the disaster emergency, and the extensive property damage to residential structures throughout the City, residential property owners are faced with the repair and/or demolition of residential structures; and

WHEREAS, the timely repair or demolition of these structures is in the best interests of the residents of the City and is necessary in order to protect and minimize the potential adverse impacts of damaged and potentially unsecured homes in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist in the process of this timely repair or demolition, on April 11, 2023, the Mayor issued an executive order, attached hereto as Exhibit A, suspending for a period of 30 days the provision of North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 4 (Building and Building Regulations), §§ 1.2.1 through 1.2.10 for residential building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permit fees for single-family and two-family residential structures that have been directly damaged by the tornado; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest to extend the provisions of the Mayor's executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the provisions of the Mayor's executive order suspending the requirement for residential building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permit fees for single-family and two-family residential structures that have been directly damaged by the tornado, as set

forth in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, are hereby extended through June 12, 2023.

SECTION 2: That the suspension of permit fees described herein between the expiration of the Mayor's executive order on May 3, 2023, and the effective date of this resolution, is hereby ratified.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

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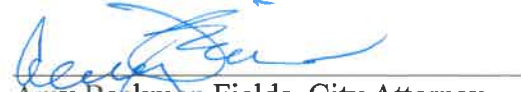
ATTEST:



Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

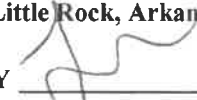
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

FILED	<u>10:30</u>	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	<u>Amy Fields CA</u>			
DATE	<u>5/10/23</u>			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, a devastating tornado passed through several miles of the City of North Little Rock, resulting in extensive property damage and widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, I issued a Disaster Emergency Proclamation pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108, declaring the City of North Little Rock is in a state of emergency due to conditions that constitute a possible threat to the safety and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 confers upon me, as the chief executive of the City of North Little Rock, the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinances or regulations for up to thirty (30) days if strict compliance with the ordinance provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to cope with the disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the disaster emergency, and the extensive property damage to residential structures throughout the City, residential property owners are faced with the repair and/or demolition of residential structures; and

WHEREAS, the timely repair or demolition of these structures is in the best interests of the residents of the City and is necessary in order to protect and minimize the potential adverse impacts of damaged and potentially unsecured homes in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist in the process of this timely repair or demolition, it is in the best interest of the City's residents to suspend the provisions of the imposition of permit fees for residential structures for a period of thirty (30) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108, I, Terry C. Hartwick, do:

1. Suspend for a period of thirty days from April 3, 2023, the provision of North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 4 (Building and Building Regulations), §§ 1.2.1 through 1.2.10 for residential building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permit fees for single-family and two-family residential structures that have been directly damaged by the tornado that occurred on March 31, 2023 in an area within 250 yards on either side of the tornado's path, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. Require that all property owners or contractors seeking a waiver of the permit fees be required to sign the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, certifying that the building permit is necessitated by damage from the tornado, and that a fraudulent claim may result in the necessity to pay the full amount of the fee waived.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the 11th day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Terry C. Hartwick'.
Terry C. Hartwick, Mayor

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK
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I am seeking a waiver of permit fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and/or mechanical permit(s) for a single-family or two-family residential structure. I certify that the permit(s) are for the repair, restoration, or demolition of property that was directly damaged by the tornado that occurred in North Little Rock, Arkansas on March 31, 2023. I understand that this fee waiver request will be audited, and if this request is found to be fraudulent, I will be required to pay the full amount of the fees waived.

Print Name

Signature

Company Name

Date

Address of property

Planning Department Signature

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