

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SUSPENSION OF PERMIT FEES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE MARCH 2023 TORNADO UNTIL AUGUST 28, 2023; 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, on May 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10553, extending the executive order which suspended 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, residential property owners continue to face difficulties 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, 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 are hereby extended through August 28, 2023.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

TERRY C. Hartwick
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick *by AT*

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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