

RESOLUTION 4219

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SUNSET PROVISION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of local governments may provide a schedule of reasonable fees, as authorized by Florida Statutes 125.56(2) for enforcement of the Florida Building Code, and these fees shall be used solely for carrying out the local government's responsibilities in enforcing the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, when providing a schedule of reasonable fees, the total estimated annual revenue derived from fees, and the fines and investment earnings related to the fees, may not exceed the total estimated annual costs of allowable activities; and

WHEREAS, a local government may not carry forward an amount exceeding the average of its operating budget for enforcing the Florida Building Code for the previous four (4) fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes 553.80(7)(a), local governments must use any excess funds that it is prohibited from carrying forward to rebate and reduce fees or other authorized purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously placed a portion of its excess fees in a restricted building fund account as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, remaining funds in that account will not be used for building purposes within the time permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizenry to reduce building permit, inspection, and plan review fees as reflected on the attached fee schedule to comply with Florida Statutes 553.80(7)(a) until the excess fees have been sufficiently reduced; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and are deemed a material part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. SCHEDULE OF FEES. The County shall temporarily discount building permit fees by sixty percent (60%) beginning on the effective date of this Resolution. Other charges or discounts based as percentages of building fees will continue to be calculated based on the amounts in the fee and fine schedule without regard to this temporary discount.

SECTION 3. CONFLICT. All Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Resolution are severable. If any word, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Resolution for any reason is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This resolution shall apply to applications received on or after September 22, 2025 and shall be in effect until revised by the Board.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 16 day of September, 2025.

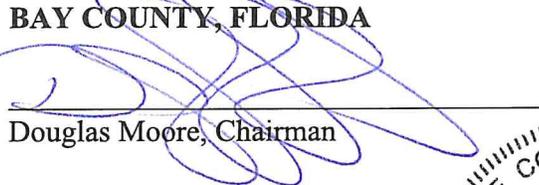
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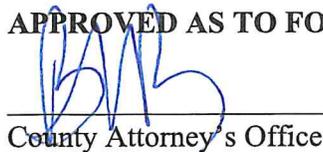
Bill Kinsaul, Clerk of Court

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Douglas Moore, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office

