

Emergency Bill No. 5091

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Steve Ehlmann

Sponsored by: Nancy Schneider

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR RECYCLING AND DISCOUNTING CERTAIN FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS TO ASSIST COUNTY RESIDENTS IN RECOVERING FROM FLASH FLOODING DUE TO THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY RAINS ON JULY 25 AND 26, 2022

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.513 provides that the St. Charles County Council may establish and collect fees for licenses, permits, inspections and services performed by County Officers and employees; require all fees to be accounted for and paid into the County Treasury; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited provision of the St. Charles County Charter, the County Council has passed, and the County Executive has approved Section 243.020, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri ("OSCCMo"), establishing and requiring payment of fees for recycling; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited provision of the St. Charles County Charter, the County Council has passed, and the County Executive has approved Section 505.020, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri ("OSCCMo"), requiring payment of fees for building permits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited provision of the St. Charles County Charter, the County Council has passed, and the County Executive has approved Section 425.020, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri ("OSCCMo"), establishing and requiring payment of fees for floodplain development permits; and

WHEREAS, thunderstorms and heavy rains on Monday and Tuesday, July 25 and 26, resulted in flash flooding that caused considerable property damage to areas of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the County Executive declared that a state of emergency existed in the County as a result of the storm and flash flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the County Council seeks to assist residents and property owners in the affected area by waiving certain fees for recycling by property owners or residents within that same affected area for assistance in responding to storm and flash flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the County Council seeks to assist residents and property owners in the affected area by waiving certain fees for building permits and flood plain development permits to assist County residents in recovering from damage due to these weather events in St. Charles County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. St. Charles County waives fees for recycling identified in Subsection 1 through 5 of Section 243.020,

OSCCMo, brought to the Recycle Works-Central (RWC) (60 Triad South Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304) by residents and property owners in the affected area prior to September 30, 2022.

Section 2. St. Charles County institutes a discount applicable to each building permit application equal to the minimum permit fee assessed by Section 505.020, OSCCMo., and each floodplain development permit application equal to the minimum permit fee assessed by Section 425.020, for work required to repair damage in the affected area.

- A. Permits for only those properties that received a damage assessment from St. Charles County are eligible.
- B. The discount is applicable to each permit application and is equal to the minimum building permit fee or minimum floodplain development permit fee assessed by Chapter 505 and Chapter 425, OSCCMo., respectively.
- C. To be eligible for the discount, all required damage assessments must have been completed.
- D. Permits applied for prior to December 31, 2022 are eligible for the discount. The Division Director of the Division of Building & Code Enforcement may extend this date for good cause either on a case-by-case or general basis, such as if damage assessment reports have not been completed.

Section 3. To meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public welfare, the County Council hereby declares that an emergency exists in that the property damage caused by the storms on July 25 and

26, affect the health, safety and welfare of the public as well as of the residents and property owners in the above-mentioned affected areas and it is in the County's interest to facilitate prompt action to repair damage and recover from the storm's destruction.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

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DATE PASSED

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DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

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COUNTY REGISTRAR