



AMENDED
EMERGENCY MEETING OF CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL
9:30 A.M., JUNE 6, 2020

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5. **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO WAIVE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR WORK DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CIVIL UNREST IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON ON MAY 30, 2020**
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MAY 30, 2020

IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SUSTAINED PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE CIVIL UNREST THAT OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 30, 2020, THE CITY HEREBY WAIVES FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING PERMITS NECESSARY FOR THE REPAIR OF BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY DAMAGED BY THE CIVIL UNREST ON MAY 30, 2020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Charleston does hereby make the following findings of fact:

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of May 2020, in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd, the City of Charleston experienced a group of agitators who committed violent acts and vandalism which resulted in several properties along the business corridors of the peninsular City to sustain property damage necessitating repairs that require building permits from the City; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the community that the City take reasonable measures to assist these businesses and property owners, who are already experiencing economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 restrictions, by waiving the fees associated with the City's building permits, including, but not limited to, the building permit application fees, building permit (inspection) fees, any plan review fees, and any BAR review fees, directly associated with repairs sustained as a result of the civil unrest that occurred on May 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S. C. Code Section 5-7-250 and City of Charleston Code Section

2-23, City Council finds that it is necessary to adopt an emergency ordinance to waive the building permit fees stated herein to economically assist business and property owners who sustained property damage as a result of the civil unrest that occurred on May 30, 2020.

Section 2: Pursuant to Sec. 56-5-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Section 2-23 of the City of Charleston Code of Ordinances, City hereby waives the application fees, building permit (inspection) fees, any plan review fees, and any BAR review fees with obtaining a City of Charleston Building Permit, as necessary, for those businesses and property owners who sustained property damage as a direct result of the civil unrest that occurred on May 30, 2020.

Section 3: City Council hereby delegates to the Mayor, in consultation with the Chief Building Official, the authority to waive any other City fees charged by the City to a business or property owner on account of repairs being made as a direct result of the civil unrest that occurred on May 30, 2020 on the peninsular portion of the City.

Section 4: This ordinance shall become effective immediately, and shall expire sixty (60) days after the date hereof.

Ratified in City Council this ____ day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord, 20__, and in the 2__ Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor
City of Charleston

Vanessa Turner-Maybank Clerk of Council