

RESOLUTION 2024-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A MILITARY DISCOUNT ON BUILDING PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Bay has determined that it would be in the best interest of the public and serve a public purpose to establish a temporary building permit fee reduction program for individuals who are active, reserve, or honorably discharged from the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Space Force, Coast Guard or National Guard, known as the 'Cesar Ramirez-Villamil Military Discount Program' relating to the charging of building permit fees within the City, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 'Cesar Ramirez-Villamil Military Discount Program' will honor military personnel who support(ed) our nation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Bay has determined that such individuals shall be eligible for a reduction of 50 percent, or up to \$250.00, on final building permits fees for his/her homestead property within Palm Bay city limits, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Bay has determined that during the period of time that the reduction program will be in effect, the City shall be responsible for confirming military status, property ownership, and residency of the address for which the discount is being applied, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 'Cesar Ramirez-Villamil Military Discount Program' shall be evaluated on an annual basis and automatically renew until City Council revokes such program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

A. The City staff report and City Council agenda memorandum relating to this matter are hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein.

B. The City of Palm Bay has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing and advertising this Resolution.

C. The foregoing recitals (whereas clauses) are hereby adopted as the legislative findings of the City Council of the City of Palm Bay and are incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth *in haec verba*.

SECTION 2. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

A. The City Council of the City of Palm Bay hereby establishes a fifty percent (50%) reduction on the assessment and collection of building permit fees as set forth under the provisions of Title XVII, Land Development Code, Palm Bay Code of Ordinances, for eligible active, reserve, or honorably discharged veteran-owned, homesteaded properties located in the city limits of Palm Bay.

1. Properties for which building permits are pulled shall be owned by an eligible active, reserve, or honorably discharged veteran; and

2. The reduction applies only to the building permit fee portion of a permit and is not associated with any other fee or charge applied or collected by the Building Department at time of permit issuance; and

3. Properties shall be homestead and occupied by such eligible individual, and not offered for sale or lease; and

4. The Building Department shall be responsible for confirming military status, property ownership, and residency of the address for which the discount is being applied, and

5. The proposed building permit fee reduction program shall be evaluated on an annual basis and automatically renew until City Council revokes such program; and

6. Eligible applicants must submit required documentation with the building permit application for consideration and approval by the Chief Building Official, or designee.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS. The prior actions of the City of Palm Bay relating to the provision of building permits and the collection of fees related thereto, as well as all related matters, are hereby ratified and affirmed.

SECTION 5. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby superseded and rescinded.

SECTION 6. If any section, sentence, phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the enactment date.

This resolution was duly enacted at Meeting 2024-XX, of the City Council of the
City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on _____, 2024.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, CITY CLERK