

ORDINANCE NO. 13,623

An Ordinance temporarily waiving all permit fees for the repair, renovation or replacement of structures damaged by the recent storms and flooding within the City of Des Moines.

WHEREAS, the recent storms and flooding within the City of Des Moines has severely damaged many dwellings, places of business and other structures and improvements creating an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to assist in the efforts of the affected property owners and tenants to repair, renovate, relocate, demolish or replace damaged structures and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the imposition and collection of permit fees on such activities would add a further impediment to the recovery of the affected property owners and tenants and the City as a whole, from the disastrous effects of the recent storms and flooding within the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

SECTION 1. FEES WAIVED.

A. All fees imposed by the following sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines for licenses and permits are hereby waived and shall not be collected for activities undertaken to repair, renovate, relocate, demolish or replace structures and other improvements damaged by the recent storms and flooding within the City of Des Moines:

§ 2-205.30(c) "One Call" surcharge

§ 2-205.55 Grading permit fees

§ 8-12 Building permit fees

§ 8-24 Demolition permit fees

§ 8-25 Obstruction permit fees

§ 8-31 Sign permit fees

§ 8-103 Electrical permit fees

§ 8-147 Mechanical permit fees

§ 8-190 Plumbing permit fees

B. The inspection fees imposed by Section 14-25 of the Housing Code for inspections prompted by the flooding of a rental dwelling are hereby waived.

C. The waiver of fees provided for by this ordinance shall apply only to activities undertaken to repair, renovate, relocate, demolish or replace structures and other improvements damaged by the flooding which has occurred in the month of June, 1998. The

Community Development Director may require any party requesting the waiver of fees pursuant to this ordinance to provide such information as may be necessary to verify that the activities being undertaken by the party qualify for the waiver of fees.

#### SECTION 2. DURATION OF WAIVER.

This waiver of fees shall apply to all permit applications and inspections applied for or requested between June 28, 1998 and September 25, 1998, both dates inclusive.

#### SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law. This ordinance, and any waiver of fees allowed pursuant to this ordinance shall lapse and be of no further force and effect from and after September 28, 1998.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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