



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1822, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

4/22/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving residential and multi-family permitting and development fees related to repairing or reconstructing structures damaged as a result of winter weather events; authorizing the building official to exempt certain plumbing activities from permit requirements; extending the deadline for certain permit applications; waiving the registration requirement for plumbers; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department

Development Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 25, 2021 - Ordinance No. 20210225-004 waiving residential permitting and development fees related to repairing or reconstructing structures, and removing trees and tree limbs damaged as a result of winter weather events; waiving emergency medical services fees and costs for services provided during winter weather events; and declaring an emergency was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

February 25, 2021 - Ordinance No. 20210225-005 authorizing the building official to exempt certain plumbing activities from permit requirements, extending the deadline for certain permit applications, waiving registration requirement for plumbers, and declaring an emergency was approved on Council Member Kelly's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison's second on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

If approved, this ordinance will waive certain fees for repairs at residential and multi-family properties. These fee waivers will assist in accomplishing the City's health and safety goal of preventing further damage at residential and multi-family properties. This action is consistent with the City's approach to immediate repair needs in prior disasters.

If approved, this ordinance will allow repairs to begin quickly for small-scale plumbing activities. The ordinance also extends the time to submit a permit application for emergency repairs. Lastly, waiving the registration requirement in the Plumbing Code will align with any action by the Governor and Texas Board of Plumbing Examiners. This ordinance furthers the City's health and safety interests.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All, Safety, Economic Opportunity and Affordability