



EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-10

**ORDER RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN BUILDING PERMIT FEES
BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)**

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic may cause life threatening conditions for the residents of the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring that a state of emergency exists in every county in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-114, extending the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida for 60 days;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2020-18, declaring a state of local emergency due to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager extended the state of emergency on March 24, 2020; March 31, 2020; April 7, 2020; April 14, 2020; April 21, 2020; April 28, 2020; May 5, 2020; and May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-18 conferred on the City Manager or designee the power and authority set forth in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.46, the City Manager has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of the law; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary for emergency management purposes and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order Number 20-112, Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery, local governments play an important role in re-opening Florida through supporting the highest practicable level of business operation while maintaining public health and safety, so that City residents and local businesses can return to work and the economy can recover; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a City Fee Structure in the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Appendix A, Section D, for building permits, as authorized in Section 109 of the Florida Building Code and Florida Statutes Section 553.80; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency due to a natural emergency, and Executive Order Number 20-114 extending the state of emergency, and pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.363(1)(a), the expiration of building permit is tolled for the duration of the Governor’s emergency declaration and for up to six (6) months thereafter; and

WHEREAS, to assist with the re-opening and economic recovery of City residents and local businesses, and where it does not conflict with Emergency Order 2020-09, the City is temporarily reducing by twenty-five percent (25%) certain building permit fees found in the City Fee Structure, Appendix A, Section D of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, allowing for the temporary reduction of certain building permit fees will encourage the economy to recover, thereby benefitting the public.

IN HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ORDERS:

1. The following building permit fees, as established in the City Fee Structure, Appendix A, Section D of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, are temporarily reduced by twenty-five percent (25%):

NEW CONSTRUCTION:	
Residential, Commercial, and Addition: Building Applications	
Base permit fee—valuation shall be based on the Florida Building Code Chapter 1	
Valuation \$0.00 to \$4,000.00	\$20.00 min. on first \$4,000.00
Valuation \$4,001.00 and above	\$0.004 per dollar over \$4,000.00
Additional Structural Fees	
Additional structural inspections as determined by the plan examiner	\$20.00 each based on review
Additional Electrical Fees	
Additional electrical inspections as determined by the plan examiner	\$20.00 each based on review
Additional charge per amp	\$0.40 per amp per permit

Additional Plumbing and Gas Fees	
Additional plumbing inspections as determined by the plan examiner	\$20.00 each based on review
Additional charge per toilet	\$20.00 each per permit
Water service inspection (well or central)	\$20.00 each per permit
Sewer service inspection (septic or central)	\$20.00 each per permit
Additional gas inspections as determined by the plan examiner	\$20.00 each based on review
Additional Mechanical Fees	
Additional mechanical inspections as determined by the plan examiner	\$20.00 each per permit
Additional charge per square foot of conditioned space	\$0.04 per sq. ft. per permit
ALL OTHER APPLICATION TYPES:	
Miscellaneous, Alteration, Repair, and Over the Counter/Fax Building Applications	
Base permit fee—valuation shall be based on the Florida Building Code Chapter 1	
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Miscellaneous Fees	
Standard inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$20.00 each
1st re-inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$37.50
2nd re-inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$75.00
3rd re-inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$150.00
4th re-inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$300.00
5th re-inspection (struc, elec, plbg, gas, or mech)	\$600.00

BUILDING FUND	
NEW CONSTRUCTION:	
Residential, Commercial, and Addition: Building Applications	
Non-refundable plan review fee due at issuance of permit— valuation shall be based on the Florida Building Code Chapter 1	
Valuation \$0.00 to \$2,000.00	\$20.00 min. on first \$2,000.00
ALL OTHER APPLICATION TYPES REVIEWED BY ZONING:	
Miscellaneous, Alteration, Repair, and Over the Counter/Fax Building Applications	
Non-refundable plan review fee due at issuance of permit— valuation shall be based on the Florida Building Code Chapter 1	
Valuation \$0.00 to \$2,000.00	\$20.00 min. on first \$2,000.00

2. A permit holder who timely and properly exercises the right to toll and extend an applicable permit under Florida Statutes Section 252.363 is not subject to a fee for reactivation of the permit.
3. This order does not suspend, waive, or modify any other fees found in the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code, the Florida Building Code, or Florida Statutes.
4. This order does not suspend, waive, or modify any other regulations related to building permit fees found in the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code, the Florida Building Code, or Florida Statutes.
5. To the extent this order conflicts with any provision of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, or the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code, this order controls.

This order is effective immediately. Unless otherwise terminated, this order expires simultaneously with the expiration of the state of local emergency.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ON MAY 15, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M./P.M. BY



Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA
City Manager