

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-084

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING BUILDING RELATED FEES FOR SEPTIC TANK/LEACH FIELDS AND SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS (RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL) AND UPDATING FINDINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, CMC Section 3.02.040 provides that the City Council shall adopt the fee and service schedule and percentage of cost recovery by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2017-097 previously established the Master Fee Recovery Schedule for all fees and charges provided for in Chapter 3.02 of the Corona Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update building related fees for septic tank/leach fields and solar photovoltaic systems (residential and commercial/industrial); and

WHEREAS, the fees adopted by this Resolution includes California Proposition 26, Article XII C Section 1 (e) exemption categories; and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed public hearing was held on September 5, 2018, to receive public comments on the proposed building related fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Fees and Charges and Percentage of Cost Recovery.
The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Resolution.

Section 2. Updated Fees. The City Council hereby adopts the updated fees set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Administrative Services Director is hereby authorized to revise the Master Fee Recovery Schedule adopted by Resolution 2017-097 to incorporate the updated fees set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Section 3. Findings for Residential and Commercial Solar Energy Permit Fees.

a. The proposed permit fees for a residential solar energy system and a commercial solar energy system exceed the amounts otherwise provided for in California Government Code Section 66015. The City Council finds, based upon the documented administrative costs set forth in the July 2015 fee study prepared by Revenue and Cost Specialist and time estimate studies updated in June 2018, that such permit fees are equivalent to the

reasonable cost to the City to review, approve and issue such permits. The City's administrative costs associated with the review, approval and issuance of such permits are generally as follows:

1. Three quarter (3/4) hour administration and processing time.
2. One (1) hour for plan check, including up to two submittals.
3. Typically two (2) inspections for a total of one (1) hour.

b. The City Council hereby finds that the City has adopted appropriate ordinances, permit fees, and processes to streamline the submittal and approval of permits for solar energy systems pursuant to the practices and policies in state guidelines and model ordinances consistent with California Government Code Section 65850.5 and as authorized by Corona Municipal Code Chapter 15.68.

c. The City Council hereby finds that the permit fees, which include a higher additional fee amount for solar energy systems that exceed 15kW than otherwise provided for in California Government Code Section 66015, results in a quick and streamlined approval process by ensuring that sufficient personnel and/or consultants are available to provide the expedited plan review and inspection services that are necessary for residential and commercial solar energy systems. The City's records show that the City does not issue a sufficient number of residential and commercial solar energy permits to justify a full time equivalent employee. Therefore, the City uses consultants to assist with the processing, review and issuance of such permits. The proposed permit fees are used to pay the consultant's costs to provide plan review and inspection services in a more expedited manner than could be provided by City staff alone. The proposed permit fees are equivalent to the actual administrative and labor costs incurred by the City for the provision of such services by City staff and/or consultants. A lower fee would not cover the City's costs and would result in the services not being available and/or the permit approval process taking longer than otherwise permitted by applicable state and local law.

Section 4. CEQA Findings. The resolution is exempt pursuant to Section 15273(a) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, or approval of rates, tolls, fares and other charges that are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses. This action updates certain building permit fees that are established for the purpose of meeting the operating expenses of the City in providing the services performed specifically at the request of the applicant. Therefore, this action is exempt from CEQA and not further environmental analysis is required.

Section 5. Effective Date of Specific Fee Updates. The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest thereto, and thereafter this Resolution shall take effect on November 4, 2018, 60 days following approval.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2018.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, SYLVIA EDWARDS, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, thereof held on the 5th day of September, 2018 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 5th day of September, 2018.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT “A”
UPDATED BUILDING RELATED FEES

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2018

FEE	CURRENT	NEW FEE/ CHANGE
Table C Plumbing Fee Schedule Septic Tank/Leach Field	Total of \$291.28 (\$220.19 plan review, \$71.09 inspection)	Total of \$99.48 (\$28.39 plan review, \$71.09 inspection)
Table D Electrical Fee Schedule Residential Solar Photovoltaic³	\$727.41 for 15kW or less and \$126.14 for each additional 15kW	\$447.55 for 15kW or less and \$90.60 for each additional 15kW
Table D Electrical Fee Schedule Commercial/Industrial Solar³ Photovoltaic	\$824.45 for 15kW or less and \$161.68 for each additional 15kW	\$654.69 for 15kW or less and \$90.60 for each additional 15kW

Footnotes:

1. The above schedule covers most common and straight forward permit types. Fees for projects outside of the listed items shall be estimated by the Building Official based on degree of complexity and size.
2. Where no fee is specified or there is an unusual circumstance, that fee shall be determined by the Building Official.
3. For projects involving buildings or structures that are installed specifically for solar energy applications, fees will be charged based upon the type and/or size of the underlying building or structure in addition to the solar photovoltaic fees noted above.