

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO WAIVE ZONING PERMIT FEES REQUIRED THROUGH THE CITY'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FOR UP TO SIX (6) HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SINGLE FAMILY HOMES SCHEDULED TO BE BUILT EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2021, AND ALSO TO WAIVE WATER AND SEWER TAP FEES EACH YEAR FOR SAID FUTURE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SINGLE FAMILY HOMES.


WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio has requested zoning permit fees, and water and sewer tap fees estimated to be nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) or one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per single family home through the City's Engineering and Zoning Departments, be waived as the City's contribution to this cause, and;


WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio, the majority of all members thereof concurring:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, be and she is hereby authorized to waive said fees required through the City's Engineering Department and shall be ongoing each year for up to six (6) homes.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period provided by law.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


MAYOR

PASSED June 1, 2021

ATTEST Deinise DeVore
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 1, 2021



Through shelter, we empower.

May 24, 2021

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Honorable City Council
City of Findlay
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 114
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We are writing to respectfully request your approval to increase waiving permits from three (3) Habitat for Humanity homes annually (approved in 2011), to up to six (6) homes beginning in 2021 that will be built annually. Habitat is doubling our families served beginning in 2021, and would ask the City to waive all Zoning Permit Fees, Sidewalk Permit Fees and Sewer and Water Tap Fees in the estimated annual amount of \$9,000 (\$1,500 per house) within the City of Findlay limits.

Habitat for Humanity is filling a gap as a growing developer meeting the need to build affordable housing for families to stabilize and strengthen their situation, while building a stronger community. The partnership with the City of Findlay of waiving our permit fees dates back to House #1 built in 2000, and has since helped us house 45 families who contribute \$70,000+ annually to the City tax base.

With the increase in material costs and the scarcity of land, our partnership with the City of Findlay is critical to manage growing expenses as we double our families served. Our work together will not only assist the families to begin their new lives, but will strengthen the City of Findlay tax base and increase neighborhood property values. All our Habitat families are current in both payments and taxes, and we have experienced zero foreclosures in 20+ years.

A Habitat home is not a handout, it's a hand-up in that each family is required to pay a monthly mortgage to Habitat and required to complete 400 hours of 'sweat equity.' Habitat homes and families create neighborhoods, build community, and add to the real estate tax base for the City. The need is great for those who need a decent place to call home...our recent housing study identified a gap of 250 affordable homes.

Our goals are being met with overwhelming community support, but we respectfully request the support of the City to lay the foundation more years to come. We strongly urge your Honorable Body to vote in favor of this request to waive all permit fees for this year, and for the years to follow, so Habitat for Humanity can continue to provide the dream of homeownership to families in our community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Warren Long in blue ink.

Warren Long
Board President

Handwritten signature of Wendy McCormick in blue ink.

Wendy McCormick
Executive Director