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RESOLUTION NO. R14- 10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WAIVING CERTAIN BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the County's economy has been adversely affected by a nationwide and statewide slowdown in construction, and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and alternative energy generation projects are an innovative and economical trend that can provide the citizens of Mono County substantial utility cost savings, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that a waiver of certain County fees applicable to construction of solar and/or ground-source space and water conditioning systems may stimulate construction activity and thereby improve the health of that segment of the county's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mono County Board of Supervisors that in order to promote energy efficiency and alternative energy generation projects of appropriate scale and to stimulate construction activity in Mono County, the County shall waive or reduce certain building permit fees as follows:

1. Qualifying Projects. The waiver/reduction in fees specified in this Resolution shall only apply to construction projects meeting the following criteria:
 - Projects consisting of a residential or commercial solar and/or ground-source space and water conditioning system are eligible. Solar projects and ground-source space and water conditioning systems not exceeding \$75,000 in project valuation shall be considered Qualifying Projects.
 - Projects for which a completed application and supporting documents for a building permit have been submitted to the County's Building Division and any required fees not waived or reduced by this Resolution have been paid. All fees paid prior to the adoption of this Resolution are not refundable.
 - The applicant agrees to commence construction activity promptly after issuance of the permit such that the project will be ready for its first inspection by the building division within three months after issuance of the building permit. The applicant shall further agree that if such progress is not

1 made and no inspection is duly requested by the applicant in the first three
2 months, then the applicant shall forfeit the permit and the permit shall be of
3 no further force and effect unless and until the applicant pays the County the
4 full amount of any fees that were waived or reduced for the project and
5 meets any other permit renewal requirements of the Building Division. The
6 Community Development Department, in consultation with County Counsel,
7 may develop and utilize written agreement forms to effectuate any
8 agreements required by this Resolution.

- 9 • The applicant agrees to complete a questionnaire or survey, to be
10 developed by the Community Development Department, which will assist
11 the County in evaluating the effectiveness of the construction stimulus. Such
12 a questionnaire or survey shall be completed at the time the applicant
13 submits the permit application as part of a complete permit application
14 submittal. County staff will report at least once a year to the Mono County
15 Board of Supervisors to apprise the Board of the fee waiver program's
16 progress, wherein such updates to the Board shall be coordinated with the
17 annual housing report. County staff shall report to the Mono County Board
18 of Supervisors in less that the yearly reporting period should significant or
19 better than expected results arise from the fee waiver program.
- 20 • Notwithstanding the foregoing, a project shall not be considered a Qualifying
21 Project for purposes of this Resolution and shall not receive a waiver or
22 reduction of any fee if the building permit has been applied for as a means
23 of remedying an active code enforcement action.

24 2. Waiver/reduction in Building Permit Fees. Notwithstanding any contrary
25 provision of any County Resolution, fee schedule, or other regulation, the County's
26 Community Development Department shall not charge the standard \$229 building
27 permit fee for the Qualifying Project. In addition, the County's Environmental Health
28 Department shall not charge the standard \$324 heat exchange well project permit fee
for the Qualifying Project.

1 Fees Not Waived or Reduced; Time of Collection. Fees associated with any
2 portion of the project beyond the scope of work of the Qualifying Project shall be
3 assessed. Such fees would include all Community Development fees beyond the
4 scope of work for the Qualifying Project. Certain state fees such as the Strong Motion
5 Instrumentation Program (SMIP) fee and the Building Standards Commission (BSC)
6 fee shall be assessed. Applicable plan check fees shall be collected at submittal, and
7 all other applicable fees shall be collected at permit issuance per standard County
8 procedures.

9 4. Interpretation/application. Any issues regarding proper interpretation or
10 application of this Resolution shall be determined by the Building Official, and such a
11 determination shall be final and binding; provided, however, that the Building Official
12 may in his or her sole discretion refer any such issue to the Board of Supervisors and,
13 in that event, the Board's determination shall be final and binding.


1 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

2 AYES : Supervisors Hunt, Johnston and Stump.
3 NOES : Supervisors Alpers and Fesko.
4 ABSTAIN : None.
5 ABSENT : None.

6 ATTEST:  
7 Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board Larry Johnston, Chair
8 Board of Supervisors

9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

10 COUNTY COUNSEL

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