

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2008-12 REGARDING BUILDING AND SAFETY FEES RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL SOLAR INSTALLATION PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Alamitos has studied and analyzed its Building and Safety cost along with its Planning Review costs of residential solar panel installation and determined the actual and reasonable costs in connection with providing such services, including, but not limited to, administrative, legal and enforcement costs, auditing and documenting costs, daily operational costs and other costs associated with the services to reimburse the City for the costs incurred in connection with these services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission also reviewed the issue at their September 14, 2009 meeting, and made a recommendation to merge the various permits and to recover costs associated with the permit and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to impose fees for services which do not exceed the City's actual cost of providing those services as:

<b>COST BREAKDOWN</b>	
Plan Check	1.25
Permit Issuance	0.25
Two Inspections	0.50
Total Hours	<b>2.00</b>
Hourly Rate	\$ 125.00
	<b>\$ 250.00</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra Club has asked all California cities to reconsider fees related to the installation of residential solar panel installation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has provided analysis of cost to administer services and reviewed the fees charged by other cities for such services to assure that the proposed cost recovery fees are reasonable; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 66016, the City has: (1) made available to the public at least at least ten days prior to its public hearing, data supporting the reasonableness of the fees; (2) mailed notice at least fourteen days prior to the Public Hearing to all interested parties who have requested notice of new or increased fees; (3) published notice twice in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten days prior to the public hearing; and (4) held a duly noticed, regularly scheduled public hearing at which oral and written testimony was received regarding the proposed fees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby determines that the proposed cost recovery fees to be charged by the City are reasonable and necessary to reimburse the City for its actual costs to provide those services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Los Alamitos, California, finds that the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby amends Resolution No. 2008-12 to combine all components of Residential Solar Installation Permit (including electrical, plumbing, building permit and Building and Safety plan check) and merge into one fee as follows:

<b>RECOMMENDED USER FEES – BUILDING</b>	
<b>USER FEE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Residential Solar Installation Permit (includes Building & Safety plan check, building permit, plumbing permit and electrical permit)	\$250.00

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Troy D. Edgar, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Dean Derleth, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) ss  
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS )

I, Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Clerk