

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

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### A RESOLUTION WAIVING ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES FOR RECONNECTING POWER DUE TO THE WINTER STORM

**WHEREAS**, a severe weather event occurred in the City of Oregon City on Friday and Saturday February 12-13, 2021, consisting of a major winter storm that brought significant snow and icefall to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather event caused some homes to lose power due to a severed electrical service line between power poles and homes; and

**WHEREAS**, when the service line is reinstalled there is potential for damage to the electrical system which may be dangerous; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Division offers an electrical permit to inspect the connection point to make sure it is safe for a power utility company, such as Portland General Electric, to connect to; and

**WHEREAS**, ORS 479.570 prohibits a power utility company from energizing an electrical service without an electrical permit from the local inspecting authority to ensure that the installation is safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15.04.015.B of the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) authorizes the City Commission to revise permitting fees by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Division fee sheet, effective January 1, 2021 includes a reconnect fee of \$124 to pay for the cost of processing the application and performing an inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is taking steps to help those who have lost an electrical service line from their home due to damage caused by the storm by waiving the fee for the electrical permit for the electrical reconnection permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has collected fees for ten electrical reconnect fees associated with the severe weather event and has processed but not collected fee for another eight permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing circumstance has affected all of the territory within the City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission President, Rocky Smith, declared a state of emergency in Oregon City at 4:39 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021 and the declaration was extended by the Commission to March 18, 2021.

### NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** It is declared that the Building Division electrical permit fee for the associated with a reconnection for properties that have lost power due to a severed electrical service line between

power poles and homes from the severe weather event over the past week is hereby waived for the limited duration identified within this resolution.

**Section 2.** All electrical reconnection permits associated with the severe weather event that have been paid will be reimbursed to the entity that paid and all future permits electrical reconnection permits associated with the severe weather event submitted prior to March 31, 2021 will not be assessed a fee.

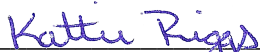
**Section 3.** This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission.

Approved and adopted at a special emergency meeting of the City Commission held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



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ROCKY SMITH,  
Commission President

Attested to this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021:



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Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:



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City Attorney