



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution amending Ordinance No. BL2020-234, as amended, to extend the time period for the waiver of certain building permit fees for the repair or rebuilding of property damaged as a result of the March 3, 2020 tornado.

WHEREAS, a devastating tornado moved through Davidson County in the early morning hours of March 3, 2020, destroying hundreds of homes and businesses and causing significant damage many others; and

WHEREAS, the damage from the tornado resulted in the Declaration of a State of Emergency by Mayor John Cooper; and

WHEREAS, the repair and replacement of homes, educational facilities, businesses, and other structures will be costly and will create an economic hardship for many residents and business owners as they recover from this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. BL2020-234, as amended, was enacted on May 5, 2020 to provide a waiver of building permit fees for the repair or rebuilding of property damaged or destroyed by the March 3, 2020 tornado, provided such permits are obtained on or before June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ordinance No. BL2020-377 extended the deadline from June 30, 2020 until September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. BL2020-377 further allowed for future amendments to Ordinance No. BL2020-234 to be made by a resolution receiving twenty-one affirmative votes; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Resolution No. RS2020-502 extended the deadline for obtaining permits from September 30, 2020 until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is necessary to extend the deadline from December 31, 2020 until June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Ordinance No. BL2020-234, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting the phrase “the permits are obtained on or before December 31, 2020” and substituting with the phrase “the permits are

obtained on or before June 30, 2021”.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution extends the time period for the waiver of certain building permit fees for the repair or rebuilding of property damaged as a result of the March 3, 2020 tornado. BL2020-234, as amended, was approved May 5, 2020, to waive building permit fees for property owners (or their authorized agents) who met the following conditions:

- The permits are obtained to repair damage to the owner’s property caused by the March 3, 2020 tornado.
- The permits are obtained on or before June 3, 2020.
- The permits are issued to construct, alter, repair, enlarge, move or demolish any building or structure or part thereof or any appurtenances connected or attached thereto.
- The owner must provide evidence satisfactory to the Director of Codes Administration, or his designee, that the work is being performed as a result of damage sustained as a result of the March 3, 2020 tornado.
- Property owners who paid building permit fees prior to the adoption of the ordinance will be entitled to a refund if they provide evidence satisfactory to the Director of Codes Administration, or his designee, that the work is being performed as a result of damage sustained as a result of the March 3, 2020 tornado.
- Property owners or their agents had to sign an affidavit that the permit fees will not be reimbursed by insurance or other funding sources in order to receive the fee waiver.

Ordinance No. BL2020-377, as amended, extended the deadline for permits to be obtained to September 30, 2020, provided that permits obtained after July 1, 2020 must be for properties for which there has been no change in ownership. It also provided that future amendments to BL2020-234 could be made by a resolution receiving twenty-one affirmative votes. Resolution No. RS2020-502 extended the deadline from September 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This resolution would extend the deadline from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021.