ORDINANCE NO. 2015-A02

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CITRUS COUNTY IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC REPEAL.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County adopted Chapter 54 of the Citrus County Code of Ordinances for the purpose of providing impact fees to fund the infrastructure necessitated by new growth;

WHEREAS, the local economy has been suffering from a severe economic downturn for an extended period of time;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to attract a tangible and broader tax base by bringing in more business to Citrus County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to stimulate the building industry by providing an incentive for new development;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County desires to temporarily suspend impact fees for all land uses for a fixed period of time;

WHEREAS, Section 163.31801, F.S. does not require at least ninety (90) days notice before the effective date of an ordinance or resolution to decrease, suspend, or eliminate an impact fee;

WHEREAS, the County provided notice of this public hearing on this ordinance amendment on the 13th day of January, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County has determined that the above-described incentive for new development is consistent with the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, as follows:
SECTION I. CHAPTER 54 – add the following section

Sec. 54-01. Temporary Suspension of Impact Fees.

The imposition of impact fees as outlined in this Chapter shall be temporarily suspended for all residential and non-residential building permits for which an application has been date-stamped received on or after February 1, 2015.

SECTION II. ENACTMENT AND AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted in accordance with and pursuant to the authority of Chapter 125 of the Florida Statutes and Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any sentence, section, or other part of this ordinance should be found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SUNSET CLAUSE

This Ordinance shall automatically sunset on January 13, 2017 but shall be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in January, 2016 to determine the effectiveness of this ordinance.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Florida law.

DONE AND ADOPTED in Regular Session this 13th day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:

ANGELA VICK, CLERK  

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

BY:  
SCOTT ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

[Signature]

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