ORDINANCE NO. 2017-\textsuperscript{A17}

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-A02, ORDINANCE 2015-A07, ORDINANCE 2016-A43, AND SECTION 54.01 OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE EXTENDING THE SUSPENSION OF IMPACT FEES FOR THE PARK, EMS, LAW, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMPONENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING; 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, in Ordinance 2015-A02, the Board of County Commissioners in January, 2015, amended Chapter 54, Citrus County Code, by adding Section 54.01 thereby temporarily suspending impact fees for all land uses until January 13, 2017;

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 2016-A43, the Board of County Commissioners in December, 2016, amended Chapter 54, Citrus County Code, by amending Section 54.01 thereby temporarily suspending impact fees (other than transportation) until May 12, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of Citrus County to extend the suspension of impact fees for the park, EMS, law, and public building components for an additional period of time;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County has determined that the above-described extension for impact fee suspension in the above-described categories 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. AMENDING SECTION 54.01

Section 54.01 is amended in its entirety as follows:

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, except for transportation (road), library, fire and school impact fees. Transportation (road) impact fees were reinstated upon the sunset of Ordinance 2015-A02 on January 13, 2017, and library, fire and school impact fees will be reinstated upon the sunset of Ordinance 2016-A43 on May 12, 2017.

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. MODIFICATION

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance may be modified as a result of considerations that may arise during public hearings. Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version of the ordinance adopted by the Board and filed by the Clerk to the Board.

SECTION V. SUNSET CLAUSE

This Ordinance shall automatically sunset on April 25, 2019 but shall be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in April, 2018 to determine the effectiveness of this ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Florida law.
DONE AND ADOPTED in Regular Session this 25th day of April, 2017.

CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

ATTEST:  

SEAL

ANGELA VICK, CLERK

BY:  

SCOTT CARNAHAN, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

DENISE A. DYMOND LYN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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April 25, 2017

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