

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-057

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 07-018, THE POLK COUNTY AMENDED, RESTATED AND CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 1.06 WHICH PROVIDED FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE COLLECTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) IMPACT FEES, TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, LIBRARY IMPACT FEES, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, FIRE RESCUE IMPACT FEES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPACT FEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THAT MORATORIUM THROUGH JULY 31, 2015; PROVIDING FOR THE SUNSET OF SUCH MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) imposed a six-month moratorium on the collection of Polk County EMS, Transportation, Correctional Facilities, Library, Parks and Recreational Facilities, Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement Impact Fees effective as of August 1, 2010, and, by action taken on December 1, 2010, extended that Moratorium for another twelve months, and by action taken on May 15, 2012, extended that Moratorium for an additional eighteen months; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium is scheduled to sunset on February 1, 2014, unless further action is taken by the BoCC; and

WHEREAS, the BoCC wishes to further extend the Impact Fee Moratorium through July 31, 2015, an additional term of eighteen months.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: Section 1.06 of Polk County Ordinance 07-018, as amended, the Polk County Amended, Restated and Consolidated Comprehensive Impact Fee Ordinance, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 1.06. MORATORIUM ON THE COLLECTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) IMPACT FEES, TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, LIBRARY IMPACT FEES, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, FIRE RESCUE IMPACT FEES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPACT FEES.

A. For the purpose of providing economic stimulus to Polk County and to reduce high levels of unemployment in Polk County, the BoCC hereby extends the Impact Fee moratorium, which began on August 1, 2010, through July 31, 2015, on the collection of Polk County EMS, Transportation, Correctional Facilities, Library, Parks and Recreational Facilities, Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement Impact Fees for both residential and non-residential construction in the unincorporated areas of Polk County and within the municipalities in which Polk County Impact Fees are collected. Such moratorium shall apply to all such Capital Facilities Impact Construction for which a completed Building Permit application is submitted to either County or municipal building officials on or before July 31, 2015. The moratorium will continue through July 31, 2015, unless otherwise modified or repealed by the Board of County Commissioners. Otherwise qualified Capital Facilities Impact Construction shall be relieved from paying impact fees for EMS, Transportation, Correctional Facilities, Libraries, Parks and Recreational Facilities, Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement if a Building Permit is issued for such construction no later than six (6) months from submittal of a completed application for a Building Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy is issued no later than twenty-four (24) months from issuance of the Building Permit. For Non-Residential Construction projects, the County Manager is authorized to grant a one-year extension of the deadline for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy if the project otherwise meets the requirements imposed above.

B. Any permitted construction project which would qualify for a moratorium on impact fees pursuant to subsection A above, but for which a Building Permit has not been issued within six (6) months from submitting a completed application and/or a Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued within twenty-four (24) months from the issuance of the Building Permit, and for which the County Manager has not granted an extension, will be required to pay EMS Impact Fees, Transportation Impact Fees, Correctional Facilities Impact Fees, Library Impact Fees, Parks and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees, Fire Rescue Impact Fees and Law Enforcement Impact Fees. Pursuant to Section 2.01 (D) of this Ordinance, such fees shall be calculated according to the rate in effect at the time of payment.

C. The moratorium imposed by this Section 1.06 does not apply to the imposition or collection of Educational System Impact Fees and such impact fees shall continue to be imposed and collected by Polk County on all Residential Construction in both the unincorporated area of Polk County and within its municipalities.

D. The moratorium imposed by this Section 1.06 will sunset and be effectively repealed on August 1, 2015, unless a majority vote of the BoCC determines that the economic conditions of the County warrant a continuation of the moratorium. In the event the moratorium is allowed to sunset and be repealed, prior to re-imposing EMS Impact Fees, Transportation Impact Fees, Correctional Facilities Impact Fees, Library Impact Fees, Parks and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees, Fire Rescue Impact Fees and Law Enforcement Impact Fees in effect prior to the commencement date of this moratorium, or imposing rates lower or higher than those rates, the County shall give ninety (90) days published notice as required by Section 12.04 of Ordinance 07-018, as amended, and such impact fee rates shall not be effective until ninety (90) days after such notice has been published.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section or provision of this Ordinance or any Impact Fee imposed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason or cause, the remaining portion of said Ordinance or remaining Impact Fees shall be in full force and effect and be valid as if such invalid portion thereof had not been incorporated herein.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board and the Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 19th day of November, 2013.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF POLK)

I Stacy M. Butterfield, County Clerk and Comptroller for Polk County, Florida, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No.13-057 adopted by the Board on November 19th, 2013.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this 22nd day of November, 2013.

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK



By: Alison Prevatt
Alison Prevatt
Deputy Clerk



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November 22, 2013

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Dear Ms. Prevatt:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of the electronic copy of Polk County Ordinance No. 2013-057, which was filed in this office on November 22, 2013.

Sincerely,

Liz Cloud
Program Administrator

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