

ST. CHARLES COUNTY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
**June 28, 2019**  
**2:15 p.m.**  
EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
100 N. THIRD STREET, ST. CHARLES, MO  
*"Tentative"*  
**AGENDA**

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EMERGENCY BILLS

**Emergency Bill No. 4739**

Discounting certain fees for Building Permits and Floodplain Development Permits to assist County residents in recovering from the Spring 2019 weather event

Documents:

[BILL NO. 4739.PDF](#)  
[SUMMARY - BILL NO. 4739.PDF](#)

Bill No. 4739

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Michael Hurlbert

Sponsored by: John White

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DISCOUNTING CERTAIN FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS TO ASSIST COUNTY RESIDENTS IN RECOVERING FROM PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO THE SPRING 2019 WEATHER EVENTS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.513 provides that the St. Charles County Council may establish and collect fees for licenses, permits, inspections and services performed by County Officers and employees; require all fees to be accounted for and paid into the County Treasury; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited provision of the St. Charles County Charter, the County Council has passed and the County Executive has approved Section 505.020, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri (“OSCCMo.”) requiring payment of fees for building permits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-cited provision of the St. Charles County Charter, the County Council has also passed and the County Executive has also approved Section 425.020, OSCCMo., establishing and requiring payment of fees for floodplain development permits; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2019, the County Executive declared that a state of emergency existed in the County as a result of

natural events such as river, creek, and stream flooding, and damage has had a widespread impact on personal property, roads, and transportation, requiring the County to assist residents of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, municipalities within St. Charles County have requested services of St. Charles County Government as a result of the severe weather and flooding that began on April 29, 2019, and the clean-up is just beginning and will take weeks to months to complete; and

WHEREAS, these conditions cause stress to many residents and are a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council seeks to assist residents and property owners in the areas affected by the severe weather that began on April 29, 2019 by waiving certain fees for building permits and flood plain development permits to assist County residents in recovering from damage due to these weather events in St. Charles County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. St. Charles County institutes a discount applicable to each building permit application equal to the minimum permit fee assessed by Section 505.020, OSCCMo., and each floodplain development permit application equal to the minimum permit fee assessed by Section 425.020, for work required to repair damage related to the series of events that led to the St. Charles County Executive State of Emergency Declaration dated May 31, 2019.

- A. Permits for only those properties that received a damage assessment from St. Charles County are eligible.
- B. The discount is applicable to each permit application and is equal to the minimum building permit fee or minimum floodplain development permit fee assessed by Chapter 505 and Chapter 425, OSCCMo., respectively.
- C. To be eligible for the discount, all required damage assessments must have been completed, and the scope of work must reflect repair, elevation, or demolition of structures as outlined in the damage assessment report.
- D. Permits applied for prior to January 1, 2020 are eligible for the discount. The Division Director of the Division of Building & Code Enforcement may extend this date for good cause either on a case-by-case or general basis, such as if damage assessment reports have not been completed.

Section 2. To meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public welfare, the County Council hereby declares that an emergency exists by the property damage caused by the series of events that led to the St. Charles County Executive State of Emergency Declaration dated May 31, 2019, and that encouraging and facilitating prompt cleanup and repair from these events is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public as well as of the residents and property owners in the affected areas, and it is in the County's interest to facilitate prompt action to repair damage and recover from the destruction.

Section 3. This emergency ordinance shall be in full force and

effect upon passage and approval.

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DATE PASSED

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DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

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COUNTY REGISTRAR



DATE: June 26, 2019

TO: Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
Joann Leykam, Director of Administration

CC: John Watson, County Counselor  
Donna Vogt, County Council

FROM: Michael Hurlbert, Director of Community Development

RE: Item for June 28, 2019 Emergency County Council Meeting

The Community Development Department is submitting the following item for the June 28, 2019 Emergency County Council Meeting Agenda.

**BILL FOR INTRODUCTION:**

An Emergency Ordinance discounting certain fees for building permits and floodplain development permits to assist county residents in recovering from property damage due to the spring 2019 weather events in St. Charles County.

I am submitting the following items for your review.

- On May 31, 2019, the County Executive declared that a state of emergency existed in the County as a result of natural events such as river, creek, and stream flooding, and damage has had a widespread impact on personal property, roads, and transportation, requiring the County to assist residents of St. Charles County.
- Residents and municipalities within St. Charles County have requested services of St. Charles County Government as a result of the severe weather and flooding that began on April 29, 2019, and the clean-up is just beginning and will take weeks or months to complete. These conditions cause stress to many residents and are a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Charles County.
- While insurance often pays or reimburses for the cost of permits, there are a number of properties that do not have insurance and may be negatively impacted by unplanned costs.
- The Department of Community Development seeks to assist residents and property owners in the areas affected by the severe weather by discounting certain fees for building permits and flood plain development permits to assist in the recovery.