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Board Policy Manual

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I. Purpose

To support the processing of permits for the rebuilding of structures destroyed or damaged by the 2020 River, Carmel and Dolan Fires for a 5-year period (September 15, 2025) and to outline the process under which fee waivers are applicable.

II. Background

Following a disaster, the County of Monterey has consistently endeavored to facilitate the rebuilding process for property owners. In alignment with this commitment, the Board of Supervisors adopted Fire Recovery Guidelines for the River, Carmel, and Dolan Fires, drawing upon the 2016 Soberanes guidelines as a template. These guidelines include provisions for an expedited permit process, fee waivers for eligible structures, and prioritization of permit processing.

III. Policy

a. It is the policy of the County that permit fees are waived for the reconstruction of units under specific conditions:
    i. The replacement structures conform to zoning requirements;
    ii. are proposed for the same use;
    iii. do not exceed the original structure's size by more than 10%; and
    iv. are sited appropriately.
b. This waiver applies to various permits, excluding environmental documents for relocated or expanded structures.

IV. Procedure

a. The Director of Housing Community Development is authorized to extend the five-year timeframe for applying these guidelines, not to exceed September 15, 2030.
b. Staff will coordinate with property owners and provide assistance throughout the rebuilding and permit process.

V. Review Date

This Policy will be reviewed for continuance by July 1, 2030.

VI. Legistar File Number:

Legistar File Number 25-451, July 2, 2025.