

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Temporary Reduction in Building Permit Fees  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Approval of a ten-percent reduction in all building permit fees for the period 7/1/2012 to 9/30/2014

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Work Session (Report Only)      **DATE OF MEETING:** 6/12/2012  
 Regular Meeting                               Special Meeting

**CONTRACT:**  N/A    Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Managing Division / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Reduction of Development Services revenues.  
 Annual                      **FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A  
 Capital                      **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** N/A  
 N/A

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**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

Due to high permit volume associated with on-going development projects and enhanced efficiency of building permitting and inspections functions, the Development Services Division is anticipated to generate an excess of revenues over costs in the current Fiscal Year. Despite previous residential building permit fee reductions implemented by the Board of Commissioners, it is projected that excess revenue will continue through at least FY 13/14.

Staff proposes a reduction in all building permitting fees of ten-percent for the period 7/1/2012 to 9/30/2014. This reduction will provide some financial relief to the private sector and assist in establishing a more equitable apportionment of public costs associated with regulating private development. The reduction is moderate enough to ensure that permitting and inspections revenues continue to cover all costs associated with these services during the period without impact to the County General Fund. At the conclusion of FY 13/14, the County can reassess economic conditions and the development environment to determine if continuation of the fee reduction is warranted.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed building permit fee reduction.

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