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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council **DATE:** February 17, 2011

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution to Reduce Fees Collected by the Department of Community Development for Economic Development Purposes

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the March 1, 2011, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Resolution

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JM *APPROVED*

_____ *NOT APPROVED*

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 3/1/2011

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: (✓) *YES* ( ) *NO*

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: _____

REMARKS:

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To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Blake J. Dettwiler, AICP, Director of Community Development BD

Date: February 22, 2011 for Submission onto the March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item: **Resolution to Reduce Fees Collected by the Department of Community Development for Economic Development Purposes**

Background:
The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs have determined that there is a continual need to provide incentives to the development community to attract desirable projects to the city and current economic conditions have discouraged such development.

Discussion:
On February 16, 2010 the Mayor and City Council adopted a fee reduction for development and other permits of fifty percent (50%) for a period of one (1) year, with an opportunity for renewal after the first year. This reduction did not include impact fees collected by the Department of Community Development. At this time, staff is recommending that the fee reduction be extended from February 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Staff Recommendation:
APPROVAL of a resolution to reduce fees collected by the Department of Community Development for economic development purposes.

Alternative(s):
The Mayor and City Council could choose not to approve the proposed resolution.

Concurrent Review:
Wendell K. Willard, City Attorney
Cecil G. McLendon, Jr., Assistant City Attorney

RESOLUTION #_____

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia while in regular session on March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs find that from time to time it is necessary to adopt policies to address unique development circumstances; and

WHEREAS, there is a continual need to provide incentives to the development community to attract desirable projects to the city; and

WHEREAS, current economic conditions and real estate markets have discouraged new development within the city; and

WHEREAS, a temporary reduction in the fees collected by the Department of Community Development for development and other permits may stimulate new development within the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS:

That the fees collected by the Department of Community Development for development and other permits shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for the period of February 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

That upon expiration of this Resolution the fee reduction may be renewed or the Community Development Fee Schedule shall be implemented as previously adopted.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the **1st day of March, 2011**.

Approved:

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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

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Michael Casey, City Clerk
(Seal)