

# **WAIVER OF COUNTY FEES**

## **POLICY NO. 10-01**

**PURPOSE:** To ensure uniformity in handling requests for waiving of building permit fees or other County fees within the Development Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The Hernando County Development Department operates on a fee basis to enable the Department to be totally self-supporting. The service provided by the Department is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and the Board of County Commissioners has determined those persons who receive the service should pay. A waiver of fees for certain individuals or groups would pose an undue hardship and inequity on those who are required to pay.

- POLICY:**
- A. The Board will not waive, or authorize to be waived, any fees duly prescribed to be charged to any department under its jurisdiction, nor for any individual or organization.
  - B. Inasmuch as some civic associations provide services to the general public and are supported by limited voluntary dues, the payment of building related permit fees may impose a hardship on the association whereas time payment of the fees would assist the association. The Board of County Commissioners may allow four equal time payments within one year of building related permit fees when:
    - 1. A written request for the waiver of fees for the entity must be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners' office prior to the issuance of the building permit.
    - 2. The proposed construction must be on property either owned or leased by the entity.
    - 3. In the case of a civic association, the association shall truly serve a diverse citizen group of Hernando County and not a select group of people (such as private clubs, fraternal organizations or churches). The Board shall find that the payment of the entire fee at one time would post a severe hardship on the association.

- C. The Board of County Commissioners may authorize the payment of any permit fees from the Hernando County General Fund when, in the opinion of the majority of the Board, payment of the fees is a benefit to the general public.

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