

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR PROJECTS RESULTING FROM THE 2021 WINTER STORM, AND TO EXPEDITE REVIEW FOR SUCH PERMITS; AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE SOLID WASTE FEES ACCRUED DURING THE WEEK OF THE STORM; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Winter Storm of 2021 included multiple days of sub-freezing temperatures, atypical for New Braunfels' latitude; and

**WHEREAS**, the successive days of sub-freezing temperatures caused unprecedented damage to property owners' water pipes; and

**WHEREAS**, the dangerous driving conditions from the snow and ice prevented solid waste service delivery the week of February 15-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Braunfels desires to ease the impact on local homeowners and business owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1**

**THAT** the City of New Braunfels City Council authorizes the Development Services Department to waive permit fees for projects resulting from the 2021 Winter Storm. The fees waived are those development-related fees enumerated in Appendix D of the City's Code of Ordinances. Such qualifying fees shall be waived until 5:00 p.m. on August 23, 2021.

**SECTION 2**

**THAT** the City of New Braunfels City Council authorizes the Development Services Department to expedite review for such permits.

**SECTION 3**

**THAT** the City of New Braunfels City Council authorizes the Public Works Department to waive Solid Waste fees accrued during the week of February 15-19, 2021.

**SECTION 4**

**THAT** all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels not herein amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5**

**THAT** all other ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict.

**SECTION 6**

**THAT** if any provisions of this ordinance shall be held void or unconstitutional, it is hereby provided that all other parts of the same which are not held void or unconstitutional shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7**

**PURSUANT** to Section 3.10 of the City Charter, it is further ordained that this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public's peace, health, safety, and general welfare, and shall therefore be passed as an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE and become effective at once upon one reading of the City Council, upon the approval of a majority vote of the City Council members.

**PASSED AND APPROVED:** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**RUSTY BROCKMAN**, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**CAITLIN KROBOT**, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**VALERIA M. ACEVEDO**, City Attorney