

ORDINANCE NO.: 2016-091

*Amend Ordinance 2015-092 to Extend the Temporary Waiver of Permit Fees for
Flood Damaged Property through January 31, 2017*

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WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2015-092, enacted on November 18, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and City Council approved, among other things, a temporary waiver for the issuance of building permit fees to flood damaged property; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that due to the severity of damage to structures and the process involved in determining the financial feasibility of repairing or rebuilding structures that it is in the best interest of the citizens to extend the deadline for issuance of temporary waiver of permit fees through January 31, 2017 in order to assist homeowners affected by the floods; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 18th day of October, 2016 that Paragraph 5 of Ordinance 2015-092, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is amended as follows:

5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect through January 31, 2017, at which time it shall have no further force or effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions set forth in Ordinance 2015-092 shall remain in full force and effect through January 31, 2017.

1. Timing for issuance of permits: The City's Planning and Development Services Department shall expeditiously issue permits to residents and business owners to repair damage to structures damaged by the flooding during the period of October 3 through October 6, 2015.

2. Waiver of permit fees: Upon receipt of notice of a flood damaged structure requiring repair, the Building Division shall expeditiously schedule an inspection of the structure. All applications for permits or plan review for repair of verified flood related damage shall not require a fee for the permit or plan review.

3. The City of Columbia re-establishes its commitment to mitigate the illegal performance of services by unlicensed contractors related to the flood damage. The Planning and Development Services Department will assist citizens with inquires as to whether a licensed contractor is required for the repair and whether the contractor is appropriately licensed by the State of South Carolina, and has the requisite business licenses issued by the City as required by the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances.

4. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent

jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect for a period of six (6) months, at which time it shall have no further force or effect.

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Requested by:

Councilmember Baddourah



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced:

Final Reading: