

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2010

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Request Board Consideration and Approval to Waive Impact and Building Fees for Habitat for Humanity

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval to waive Impact and Building Fees for Habitat for Humanity.

### **Background:**

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that is working to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world by working at the community-level to build houses in partnership with families in need. Habitat for Humanity has been active in Wakulla County for a number of years and has successfully built several homes in our community. In the past, the Board of County Commissioners has agreed to waive both Impact Fees and Building Fees for the "Habitat Homes" being constructed in our community. The most recent fee waiver approved by the Board for Habitat for Humanity occurred in May 2007.

### **Analysis:**

Habitat for Humanity is proposing to construct a home in Magnolia Gardens on a lot owned by Habitat for Humanity. The construction of the home is slated to begin as soon as possible. Typically, a newly-constructed single-family home of this size is required to pay the following fees:

\$1,570.60 (estimated impact fee, to go into effect on March 9, 2010)  
\$1,186.00 (estimated building fee)

If the Board approves the Impact Fee Waiver and Building Fee Waiver, Habitat for Humanity will still be required to pay a State of Florida surcharge, which amounts to \$.01/square foot. The State of Florida surcharge cannot be waived by the Board. Additionally, if the Board approves the waiver of the Building and Impact Fees, the Board must reimburse the Building Fund for the estimated costs of \$2,756.60.00 to cover the waived Building Fees. Staff is requesting approval to waive the impact and building fees, and approve the Budget Amendment to transfer the fees from the reserve account. The balance in the reserve account after this transfer will be \$308,307.50.

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**Options:**

1. Approve the Impact Fee and Building Fee waiver for Habitat for Humanity and approve Budget Amendment.
2. Do not approve the Impact Fee and Building Fee waiver for Habitat for Humanity and do not approve Budget Amendment.
3. Board Direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment(s):**

1. Budget Amendment

