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BLAINE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 37

ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE REBATE

ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENACTED PURSUANT TO BLAINE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 7, BUILDING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3(G) AND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 1; AND IDAHO CODE PROVIDING FOR FILING FEES FOR APPLICATIONS; TO ADD A NEW CREDIT AGAINST BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE COSTS TO BE INCURRED BY BUILDING PERMIT APPLICANTS.

Recitals

WHEREAS, a credit against building permit fees for energy code compliance costs is authorized by Idaho Code §39-4116; Blaine County Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 3(G) referencing International Building Code §109 and Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 1 referencing International Energy Conservation Code §107.

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this resolution aligns with the County strategic objective within the areas of Delivery of Services and Public Policy. More specifically:

- understand its constituency and who it serves, as well as the current community conditions;
- understand that the purpose of the County organization is to serve its constituency;
- understand and focus on customer and client service;
- model excellent government;
- work to meet community needs when determined appropriate and possible;
- empower public participation in government decision making;
- provide leadership reflecting the goals and values of the entire Blaine County Community;
- respect the whole community and its diverse parts and interests;
- plan, prepare and respond to economic, social and environmental change
- enact policies and programs to serve all socio-economic classes of people, sustain the county's high quality of life and conserve significant, varied natural resources.

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that this proposal aligns with the following county Fiscal Management priorities:

- use taxpayer resources efficiently and effectively
- ensure fiscal stability
- consider fully the costs and benefits of each expense or cut.

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that by approving the Buildsmart amendments, it has promulgated public policy—energy conservation and efficiency—that, by its very nature, may cause some permittees greater costs in the implementation of their construction activity. To the extent public policy leads to higher costs, we are right to ask ourselves, how shall those costs be paid? Who shall bear the burden? In this case, we placed all those costs on the permittees.

WHEREAS, the Board further finds this rebate program has the double public benefit of reducing the private sector share of marginal costs and promoting the policy objectives. It is sensitive to the current economic climate in which property owners and the construction industry find themselves and responsive to the overwhelming public testimony at the several public hearings on the amendments. It would demonstrate that while we lead, we also recognize and adapt to how our proactive stance impacts the public.

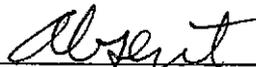
WHEREAS, the Board further finds this rebate program can be modest. It will impact county revenue, but may be offset by increased construction activity and higher gross building permit receipts. A direct relationship could be drawn if the rebate program were to incentivize energy conservation and energy audits, especially where the value of the rebate is at least notionally paired with the cost of the audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it is hereby resolved that the Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Department shall rebate 50% percent of the final building permit fee up to \$500.00 if the permit requires a Home Energy Rating System (HERS), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or National Green Building Standard (NGBS) energy performance review; and the permittee has demonstrated sufficient compliance with the Building Regulations in Title 7, Chapter 6 (Buildsmart Amendments) of the Blaine County Code for the Building Services Office to issue a certificate of occupancy.

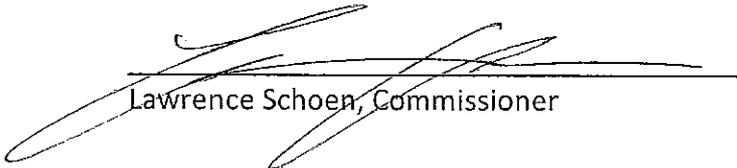
NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners that: This fee amendment resolution shall upon its passage, approval and adoption be in full force and effect for an initial period commencing on May 1, 2011 and ending on May 1, 2012.

Regularly passed, approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Blaine County, Idaho, this 13th day of June, 2011.

BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Angenie McCleary, Chairman



Lawrence Schoen, Commissioner



Tom Bowman, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Blaine Co. Clerk/Recorder