

**Item Title:** Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Operation Coming Home Project  
Sponsored by the Homebuilders Association of Raleigh-Wake  
County

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes waiving the building permit fees totaling an estimated \$711 for the Operation Coming Home project sponsored by the Homebuilders Association of Raleigh-Wake County.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** County policy requires the Board of Commissioners consider requests to waive development fees

**Background:** In 2007 a group of local veterans and members from the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA) decided to establish a project for severely wounded veterans. The mission of this project is to aid a local military service member who was severely wounded in combat, by fulfilling his/her family desire to live the American Dream of home ownership - thus the creation of Operation: Coming Home (OCH). The program relies on donations and sponsorships of individuals and companies as well as labor and supplies to make this program a success.

The HBA has identified its next OCH project in Wendell. This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> home that OCH is building free and clear for a wounded veteran. The home will be located at 1904 Stagecoach Trail in the Wendell Falls neighborhood. On average, a little over one home a year is built through this program in Wake County.

As such, the builder, Garman Homes, is requesting Wake County to waive the building permit fees for this project. As a reminder, the County performs the building inspections for the Town of Wendell through a mutual agreement.

The fee for this project is based on the total cost of the work. The fee rate structure for building permits is set by the Board of Commissioners and any deviation from these rates requires action by the Board. The estimated fee requested to be waived is \$711. The Town of Wendell Board of Commissioners is also considering a request to waive their portion of development fees.

**Board Goal:** This action is consistent with routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approval of this fee waiver will result in a reduction of FY20 revenue totaling \$711.

**Additional Information:**

None.

**Attachments:**

None.