

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - xx

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
WAIVING PERMITTING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PHOTOVOLTAIC
SYSTEMS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on March 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, photovoltaic (PV) systems are becoming more popular on homes and businesses throughout the State of California as the Governor has initiated a program (California Go Solar Initiative) to promote the use of this renewable resource; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore staff has performed extensive and detailed research and analysis on photovoltaic systems and their use, including input from a Council appointed Solar Ad Hoc Committee made up of one Councilmember, City staff, residents and representatives from the solar and housing industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore is taking a proactive stance legislatively and has adopted policies that promote the use of renewable resources such as solar power by signing onto the U.S. Mayors for Climate Protection, agreeing that:

1. State and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan,
2. Many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality-of-life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies,
3. Lemoore should make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting City facilities with energy-efficient lighting and urging employees and citizens to conserve energy and save money; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage the application and construction of photovoltaic systems, the City Council has found that the waiving of fees associated with the permitting of such systems would go far towards attaining the goal of more residential and business photovoltaic systems being installed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that no fee be charged for photovoltaic plan checks or building permits for a period of two-years and at that time, staff is directed to bring the PV fee issue back to Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, said waiver will apply to any photovoltaic installation on any parcel (residential, commercial, or industrial) within the City limits of Lemoore; and,

WHEREAS, photovoltaic applications, even without fee, will be processed quickly (usually within two to three days) to avoid undue delay in the project construction; and,

WHEREAS, to double the efforts, the City Council will require that tentative subdivision maps and Planned Unit Development maps include, as a condition of approval, language stating that Solar PV systems will be offered to all potential homebuyers as an option; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby directs staff to cause all new single family homes to be pre-wired and pre-plumbed for future photovoltaic installations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lemoore that we hereby adopt Resolution 2007-xx, effective immediately, and waive all photovoltaic permitting fees for a period of two years.

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Passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 20th day of March, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

APPROVED:

John F. Murray
Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci C.O. Lima, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KINGS) ss.
CITY OF LEMOORE)

I, Nanci C.O. Lima, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemoore was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 20th day of March, 2007.

Dated: _____

Nanci C.O. Lima, City Clerk