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**Staff Report**

**Study Session  
Item # 4**

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst**  
**Date: January 22, 2009**  
**Subject: Building Permit Fees for Solar Photo Voltaic Systems**

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**Discussion:**

On March 6, 2007, Council acted to waive the permit fees for solar voltaic systems in order to encourage the installation of these systems. It is now time to revisit this decision and see if this waiver is something Council would like to continue.

Prior to March 2007, nineteen (19) solar systems were installed in the City of Lemoore, since 2002. A total of \$6,422 was collected during this time frame. The average cost per permit was \$338. Since March 2007, thirty-nine solar systems have been installed.

In 2008, staff evaluated several building inspection fees and created flat rate fees for those installations in which the price of the installation was not related to the amount of time required to perform the inspection. Previously, the permit fees were based on the valuation of the system. At that time, staff determined that if the permit fee for solar voltaic systems was to be reinstated, the permit fee and plan check would be \$120 per system. Twenty-three of these systems were installed in 2008. If the same number of systems are installed in 2009, the annual revenue brought in for solar voltaic systems would be approximately \$2,800.

**Budget Impact:**

If Council decides to reinstate the permit fees for solar voltaic systems, the City would gain \$120 in revenue for every system installed in the City of Lemoore.

**Recommendation:**

None. For Council Member discussion.