

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING 1/26/26  
AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON IMPOSING PERMIT FEES  
FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

**Staff Contact:** Geoff Starr, Building Official

**Summary:** For 2019 and 2020, the City Council approved the waiving of building permit fees, sewer, water and electric connection fees for all new single-family residential construction.

The savings per house on average is around \$400.00 for the building permit depending on the square footage, a \$700.00 sewer connection fee, and a \$50.00 electric connection fee for a total of \$1150.00.

In addition to new construction, staff is requesting the extension of waiving the same fees for properties that have been vacant for 6 months or more, with a minimum investment of \$15,000. This additional request will assist with addressing blight in our community and encourage habilitation of existing housing.

Staff is requesting the extension of the program till December 31, 2026, with the availability for the City Manager to extend to December 31, 2027.

**Funding Sources:**

| Source: | Budgeted Amount: | Proposed Expenditure: |
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**Recommendation:** Approve an Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Imposing Permit Fees for Residential Building Permits for Calendar Year 2026.

**Supporting Documents:**

Ordinance