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City Urges Woolsey Fire Victims to Be Aware of Fee Waiver Deadlines

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu urges residents who lost homes during the 2018 Woolsey Fire to be aware of the June 30, 2020 deadline to apply for rebuild permit fee waivers before the opportunity expires.

“I am very proud that the City’s finances were in such a strong position that even after the devastating Woolsey Fire, the City Council was able to waive permit fees to help residents rebuild as quickly as possible,” Mayor Karen Farrer said. “I am equally proud that the City is able to continue processing rebuilding projects among other essential services, even amidst the worst health and economic crises in generations. I urge all homeowners who are rebuilding to be aware of the fee waiver deadlines, and to contact the City Rebuild Team if they need any help.”

On June 24, 2019, the City Council authorized the waiving of permit fees from November 8, 2018 (the day the Woolsey Fire started) through June 30, 2020 for “like-for-like” and “like-for-like” plus 10% rebuilds. The fee waivers were retroactive, and applicable to homes that were the property owner’s primary residence at the time of the fire.

On February 24, 2020, the Malibu City Council extended and revised the City’s fee waiver program. The updated fee waiver requirements state that an application for fee waivers must be received by June 30, 2020; all required Planning Department applications for the project must be deemed complete by June 30, 2020; and all required building permits must be pulled by December 30, 2020.

The City will not issue a building permit after December 30, 2020 unless all fees have been paid. No new fee waivers will be granted after December 30, 2020.

The Council also clarified that fee waivers are not transferable. To obtain a fee waiver, property owners must file an affidavit with the City establishing primary residence at the time of the Woolsey Fire and submit the required proof of primary residency. If a waiver is obtained, a Certificate of Occupancy will only be issued to the property owner who filed the affidavit. In order for a Certificate of Occupancy to be issued to an owner other than the one listed on the fee waiver, all fees that were waived must be paid to the City.

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