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## **On the Woolsey Fire Anniversary, the Malibu City Council Votes to Extend Woolsey Project Fee Waivers Again to Help Residents Rebuild**

(Malibu, CA) – On the three-year anniversary of the worst wildfire in the City’s history, the Malibu City Council voted during its virtual meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 to extend the permit fee waivers that the Council enacted to help homeowners rebuild properties destroyed during the Woolsey Fire.

“On the anniversary of the Woolsey Fire, we are reminded that so many in our community are still suffering the loss and trauma of this natural disaster, and they still need our help,” said Mayor Paul Grisanti. “I want them to know that their City Council and staff are committed to doing everything possible to help them through this painful, slow, expensive process. I urge anyone in Malibu who is struggling with their rebuild project to contact City Hall for one-on-one personal assistance. We are here to help you.”

The fee waiver deadline was extended for another 18 months to June 30, 2023. All required Planning Department applications for a project must be deemed complete by June 30, 2023. All required building permits must be pulled by December 30, 2023. Fees will not be waived after December 30, 2023.

The City’s Rebuild website and forms have been updated and are available at [Malibucity.org/RebuildFees](http://Malibucity.org/RebuildFees).

The Malibu City Council has made Woolsey Fire rebuilding its top priority after ensuring public safety starting in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and has voted unanimously every year to extend the fee waivers, which now account for a total of approximately \$5 million in Woolsey rebuild assistance. To date, 56 homes destroyed during the fire have been rebuilt and their owners received their Certificate of Occupancy to be able to move in, and 317 homes burned in the fire have been approved by the Planning Department.

The fee waiver includes all City planning and building permit fees for properties that are being rebuilt as a “like-for-like” or “like-for-like plus 10%” rebuild and were used as a primary residence by the property owner as of November 8, 2018.

For rebuilding information, forms, deadlines and other resources, visit [www.MalibuRebuilds.org](http://www.MalibuRebuilds.org). To request one-on-one personal assistance with your Woolsey Fire rebuild, contact the Fire Rebuild Team at [ashah@malibucity.org](mailto:ashah@malibucity.org) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 385.

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