

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 03**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FLAT  
PERMIT FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Beardstown wishes to simplify the permitting process for constructing solar panel projects on residential properties throughout the City by establishing a flat fee for such projects;

**AND WHEREAS**, the City has established, at Chapter 5, Article II, Section 5-18 of the City Code of the City of Beardstown, a fee schedule for the issuance of building permits based solely upon the value of the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois, in a regular meeting assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as the findings of the City Council of the City of Beardstown.

**SECTION 2:** Section 5-18 of the City Code shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Section 5-18. - Permit fees.

(a) The following building permit fees are hereby established:

Cost of Project	Residential	Commercial
\$0 to \$500.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
\$2,001.00 to \$5,000.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
\$5,001.00 to \$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
\$10,001.00 to \$20,000.00	\$250.00	\$400.00
\$20,001.00 to \$30,000.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
\$30,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
Over \$50,000.00	\$450.00	\$600.00
		plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof

Such building permit fees shall be payable to the city clerk of the City of Beardstown.

(b) The City charges a flat \$400.00 permit or plan review fee for a solar building permit on a single- or two-family residential structure. All other solar permit fees are calculated under paragraph (a) hereinabove.

(c) The building permit fees set forth in paragraph (a) hereinabove shall be waived for (1) any organization that can provide a letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service demonstrating that the organization is recognized as a charitable organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), or (2) for such other charitable entity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, such as an organized church or educational institution. The permit for the construction to be done must be for a property owned by a person or entity not the charitable organization seeking the permit or doing the construction, and, further, there must be no charge to the property owner for the construction labor."

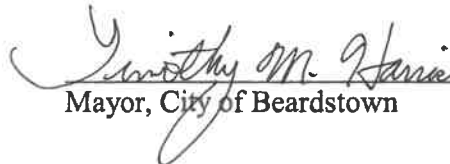
**SECTION 3:** All previous Ordinances heretofore adopted which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED/REJECTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by vote of the City Council of the City of Beardstown as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Lisa Buhlig	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Eric Harbin	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Dawn Seward	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Mary Davis	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Keith Schramm	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ron Culves	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Shawn Taylor	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Chris Baer	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THEN HOLDING OFFICE IN THE CITY OF BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS, IN PUBLIC THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

  
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Mayor, City of Beardstown

Attest:

  
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City Clerk, City of Beardstown