

RESOLUTION 17-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO REDUCE PERMIT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

*WHEREAS*, Florida Statutes section 218.075, allows the Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Management Districts to reduce or waive permit processing fees for counties with a population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1994, until such counties exceed a population of 75,000 and municipalities with a population of 25,000 or less, or any county or municipality not included within a metropolitan statistical area based upon certification by the governing body that the cost of permit processing fee is a fiscal hardship due to one of the factors set forth in said statute; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Governing Board of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has adopted section 40B-1.706., Florida Administrative Code, to implement Section 218.075 Florida Statutes, regarding reduction of fees; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City of Mary Esther, Florida has a population of 3,859 as based upon available population estimates as shown by "Florida Estimates of Populations 2015" (BEBR) attached; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City of Mary Esther, Florida certifies that it qualifies for permit processing fee reduction for the fiscal year **October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018**, due to the following factors:

**Per capita taxable value is less than the statewide average for the current Fiscal Year, and percentage of assessed property value that is exempt from Ad-Valorem taxation is higher than the statewide average for the current fiscal year;**

*WHEREAS*, these factors are supported by "Attachment A".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA, as follows:**

Section 1. That the City of Mary Esther, Florida does hereby request that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Northwest Florida Water Management District reduce the processing fee for public purpose projects to a fee not to exceed \$100 per permit for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.


Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.


Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

SO DONE this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

By:

ATTEST:

  
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Dana L.S. Williams, CMC, City Clerk

  
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Chris Stein, Mayor

