HONEY BROOK TOWNSHIP

Resolution 4-2007

Permit Fee Waiver Policy in the Event of Disaster

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has in the past entertained requests from fire and natural disaster victims to waive the permit fees for reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of extending compassionate help to said victims; and

WHEREAS, the Board also has a duty to balance the desire to extend help with the need to exercise fiscal responsibility with public funds; and

WHEREAS, the scenarios for rebuilding after a disaster could include a mass disaster of several separate structures or a single disaster of a large commercial or industrial structure, and could include the desire of the disaster victim to engage in reconstruction that would trigger land development approval, incurring considerable expense,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Honey Brook Township establishes the following policy with respect to waiving permit fees in the event of fire or other natural disaster:

- 1. Complete fee waivers shall only be granted for loss or damage to the principal structures of single family or two-family residential uses; or to agricultural structures as defined under the Uniform Construction Code; and, only for reconstruction of the original structure.
- 2. A mass disaster (loss or damage to three [3] or more lawful dwelling units in a single event) shall qualify all applicants for a 25% reduction in permit fees for the principal structure(s) only; and, only for reconstruction of the original structure(s).
- 3. Commercial, industrial, or accessory structures housing lawful home/rural occupations shall qualify for a 10% reduction in permit fees for reconstruction of the original structure.
- 4. Other accessory structures, irrespective of use/size/permit type, shall not be eligible for fee waivers.