



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 05/06/2025

New Business

Department: Strategy & Innovation

Presenter(s): Rafael Baptista

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Subject: Reduce to Rebuild Permit Fee Reduction

Brief Summary:

Reduce to Rebuild would reduce certain planning and inspection permit fees by 50% through December 31st, 2025, for repair and renovation work on residential structures damaged by Tropical Storm Helene. This proposal was shared with the Board of Commissioners at their April 1st Briefing. This program would reduce the range of planning and inspection permit fee costs per project from \$305-\$1890 to \$152-\$945. The anticipated revenue impact of this program would be approximately ~\$641,000-\$843,000 spread over two fiscal years.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

The Board of Commissioners consider a fee reduction of 50% for Buncombe County residential permits associated with documented Helene damaged or destroyed primary residences beginning June 1st, 2025, and continuing until December 31st, 2025.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:

County Manager recommends that the Board consider the program and take appropriate action