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During the February 28, 2011 County Commission Administrative Session, the Platte County Commission voted unanimously to approve a temporary moratorium for all building permit fees associated with new residential and agricultural construction. **“This temporary building permit fee waiver will assist citizens seeking to improve their property. The program will help generate investment and economic activity in Platte County,”** Presiding Commissioner **Jason Brown.**

The temporary moratorium waives building permit fees on new home construction, room additions, decks, barns, garages, and other residential or agricultural related property improvements for a period of six months or until the cumulative amount of building permit fees waived reaches Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). The moratorium begins March 1st and will terminate August 31st unless the \$45,000 fee amount is reached first. **“The housing market has been hit hard by the economic downturn. Waiving the permit fee at this time is a good way to help encourage investment,”** 1st District Commissioner **Kathy Dusenbery.**

People seeking new construction are still required to obtain building permits prior to construction and complete the necessary inspections. **“We have reviewed building permit data from past years and included some common sense protections to ensure that the program stays within the budget,”** 2nd District Commissioner **Jim Plunkett.** If you have any questions contact the County Building Inspector, Gale Cantu to see if your project is eligible. Certain exceptions and limits apply to this program. The fee waiver only applies to new construction within the unincorporated portion of Platte County.

For more information about the program, contact Director of Planning and Zoning, Daniel Erickson at 816.858.3368 derickson@co.platte.mo.us, or Gale Cantu at 858-3380 gcantu@co.platte.mo.us