

ORDINANCE No. 15-2011

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING
A FEE COLLECTION MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN NEW CONSTRUCTION
WITHIN THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, has determined that there currently exists an inventory of more than 1,100 new home building sites within the City of Valparaiso, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, has determined that the national recession has impacted negatively on new home construction within the boundaries of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana has determined that only 32 new single family homes were constructed in 2010 within the boundaries of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, is desirous of implementing strategies designed to promote new home construction and in so doing create construction jobs, reduce the cost of home ownership and increase the real estate property tax base within the boundaries of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, is desirous of implementing a moratorium on the collection of certain new construction fees and in so doing encourage people to move forward with their building plans and to choose the community of Valparaiso as the location of new construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that there should be and there is hereby established a moratorium on the collection of fees assessed on the construction of single family homes and duplexes effective May 1, 2011 and continuing through October 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that the following new construction fees for single family homes and duplexes shall be waived and suspended pursuant to this moratorium;

- 1) Building permit fees assessed pursuant to §150.05(A) of the Valparaiso Municipal Code as originally established pursuant to Ordinance 8-2005.
- 2) Connection fees for any direct or indirect connection to the Valparaiso sanitary sewer system associated with construction of single family homes and duplexes as established in §51.55 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code as originally adopted in Ordinance 46-2005.
- 3) The Park Impact Fee established in Ordinance 35-2010.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a _____ vote of all members present and voting, this _____ day of April, 2011.

Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer