

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 025**

**AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY CODE  
REGARDING PERMIT FEES  
FOR SOLAR FARMS, SOLAR INSTALLATIONS AND FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT  
AND FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEE REVENUE**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with state statutes, may adopt building and permitting ordinances that include reasonable fees for permits, registrations, renewals, inspections and re-inspections; and

**WHEREAS,** comparison data on permit fees was collected from other counties for solar farms; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no listing for solar farm permits fees which are usually specific to that use only and the Permit Fees section of Title 4 should be supplemented with that type of fee as well as individual commercial solar installations; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to add a permit fee for a Floodplain Development permit as required by the Floodplain Management Ordinance of Delaware County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS,** there is also a need to provide a source of revenue for the Unsafe Building Fund to implement the requirements of the Delaware County Unsafe Building Ordinance and the Delaware County Unincorporated Abatement of Vacant & Abandon Structures Law; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a desire to maintain an efficient and professional county building department that is self-sufficient through the payment of appropriate and competitive permit fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, as follows:

**Section 1.** That Title 4, Chapter 2 Permit Fees, shall be supplemented by inserting new listings for solar farms and individual commercial solar installations, and by inserting a new Item 10 for floodplain development, as follows:

<b>4-2-3. Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural Building Permits</b>	<b>14. Solar Farms</b>	
	1 acre – 160 acres	\$500 per megawatt
	161 acres – 640 acres	\$1,000 per megawatt
	Greater than 640 acres	\$1,500 per megawatt
	MAXIMUM \$200,000	
<b>4-2-7. Electrical Permit Fees. Item 2. Commercial and Industrial: New Construction:</b>	<b>15. Individual Solar Installations</b>	\$150.00 per panel
	d. Solar Farms	Included in building permit fee
	e. Individual Solar Installations	\$150.00 per panel
<b>4-2-10. Floodplain Development</b>	Floodplain Development	\$75.00

**Section 2.** That the following phrase “MINIMUM \$200, MAXIMUM \$1,000.00” under Section 4-2-7. Electrical Permit Fees, Item 2(c) Commercial and Industrial: New Construction, shall be deleted so that Item 2(c) reads as follows: Inspection fee for 1000 AMP and up is \$200.00 plus \$6.00 per 100 sq. ft.

**Section 3.** That a new Item 11 shall be inserted to allow for a percentage of all permit fees to be deposited into the Unsafe Building Fund (Fund #1207), as follows:

4-2-11. Distribution of Fee Revenues.


For all fees collected under Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Delaware County Code, ninety percent (90%) of the fee revenues shall be deposited into the Delaware County General Fund and ten percent (10%) shall be deposited into the Delaware County Unsafe Building Fund (Fund #1207).

**Section 4.** That the existing Items 4-2-10 through 4-2-12 shall be re-codified as 4-2-12-through 4-2-14.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance is hereby adopted this 10 day of August, 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA**

**BY:**

  
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James King, President

  
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Sherry Riggini, Commissioner

  
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Shannon Henry, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Steven G. Craycraft, Auditor  
Delaware County, Indiana