

Tornado Relief Program (TRP) *Deadline Extended* Dayton Permitting and Inspection Waiver and Refund Guidelines

The Department of Economic Development established a Tornado Relief Program (“TRP”) to facilitate the economic recovery and rebuilding of the neighborhoods impacted by the May 27, 2019 tornadoes. This program will provide a tangible cost savings for any residential and commercial construction projects that may be necessary due to the tornado damage.

Permitting and Inspection Fee Waivers and Refunds:

Eligibility: In order to receive a permitting or inspection fee waiver or a reimbursement, an existing property must have been impacted by the May 27, 2019 tornadoes, and be:

1. Located in a neighborhood identified as being impacted by the severe weather, and
2. Constitute an existing structure listed on the City’s tornado damaged property inventory list.

Any such property is ineligible if any of the following were true as of May 27, 2019:

1. Property has delinquent property taxes and/or other fees due (including, but not limited to street light assessments, mowing charges, etc.).
2. Property has outstanding zoning or housing citations.

Benefits: For all types of existing structures (residential or commercial), all fees charged by Zoning Administration and Building Inspection may be waived for each eligible property, or if already paid, reimbursed. These fees include without limitation:

- Zoning Certificates
- Applications for zoning variances and/or conditional uses
- Plan Review (provided there are no more than two re-submittals)
- Building Permits
- State of Ohio Building Fee Surcharges
- Zoning Certificate of Use and Occupancy (CUO)
- Building CUO
- Building Inspections (Structural, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, etc.)
- Wrecking Permits

Process: Each project is subject to complete all of the customary planning and permitting regulatory steps. The property owner may submit a written application for the permitting and inspection fee waiver upon applying for a permit. In the event fees have already been paid, an application for a permitting and inspection refund may be submitted. These applications require the property owner to certify that the proposed repairs are directly related to May 27, 2019 tornado damage.

Each application for waiver or reimbursement will be reviewed by the appropriate City staff prior to approval. The charges that would normally be incurred or that would be refunded will be recorded in the City’s official records and inspections database.

Timeframe: Applications for a waivers or reimbursement must be filed with the Division of Business Services no later than December 31, 2020. The property owner or contractor must start construction on or before June 30, 2021.