

ORDINANCE NO. 10- 035

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 07-018, THE POLK COUNTY AMENDED, RESTATED AND CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE COLLECTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) IMPACT FEES, TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, LIBRARY IMPACT FEES, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES, FIRE RESCUE IMPACT FEES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPACT FEES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUNSET OF SUCH MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, a deep economic recession has gripped the United States and Polk County for over two years; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the economic downturn, Polk County adopted reduced Transportation Impact Fees and cut all other fees, except for Educational System Impact Fees effective April 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County imposed EMS Impact Fees, Correctional Facilities Impact Fees, Library Impact Fees, Parks and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees, Fire Rescue Impact Fees and Law Enforcement Impact Fees recommended by Duncan and Associates at 50% of the recommended rates, effective November 1, 2009 for a period of one year, unless otherwise amended by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued recession has resulted in unprecedented rates of unemployment in Polk County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has determined that putting its citizens back to work is a high priority for every level of government; and

**WHEREAS**, prior actions by the BoCC in reducing impact fees across the board by up to 50% have not produced the necessary economic stimulus; and

**WHEREAS**, building permits for single-family homes have fallen from a high of over 8,000 to a low of under 1,000 between 2005 and 2010 and the collection of impact fees has fallen by over 80% during that same time frame; and