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CITY OF BELMONT IN BUILDING PERMIT REMINDER

The City of Belmont has reminded residents that while patios, sheds and carports do not require planning approval, a building permit is essential.

According to City of Belmont Chief Executive Officer John Christie, the City's Local Planning Scheme already exempts (under certain circumstances) patios, carports, sheds and the like, from requiring planning approval.

"However, while planning approval is not required for small projects, they still require a building permit before they are constructed," Mr Christie said.

"This is one aspect of the State Government's recently announced Planning Laws Reform already in place at the City of Belmont," he said.

"The City introduced a raft of other measures at the 28 April 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting aimed at providing financial relief and support to developers and businesses in our community as we recover from the impact of COVID 19."

A summary of the waivers and discounts from 1 July 2020 is outlined below:

Full waiver of fees for the following development applications:

- Change of Use applications (usual fee of \$295).
- Signage applications (usual fee of \$100).
- Development with an estimated cost up to \$50,000 (usual fee of \$147).

Fee discounts for development with an estimated cost greater than \$50,000:

- For applications subject to Design Review process – upfront discount of 30% to the application fee (fee rate outlined under category 1b to 1f of the City's fee schedule; there is no cost to applicants for the design review process); and

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- For all applications, a cash back discount of 50% of the full application fee (subject to application for a building permit within one year of receiving development approval).

This equates to a minimum discount of 50%, and a total discount of 80% for Design Review Panel applications (in recognition of the investment and commitment to design excellence).

Full waiver of fees for building permit applications:

- All Certified Building Permit Applications;
- Occupancy Permits (excluding s.51 unauthorised works); and
- Demolition Permits.

“The City of Belmont actively supports its business community and facilitates proposals that enable the creation of jobs and stimulates investment in the State’s economy,” Mr Christie said.

“Before proceeding with any development, proponents are encouraged to contact the City to seek advice on whether their development meets the exemption criteria.”

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