AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the State of Missouri declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the pandemic, many businesses have closed or significantly reduced their employees or the number of hours employees work resulting in difficult financial times; and

WHEREAS, like the rest of the country, the residents of Twin Oaks have been facing economic pressures and financial hardship as a result of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen, for the purpose of benefitting the public, wishes to stimulate reinvestment in its residential properties and improvements to the City's real property values by temporarily suspending the application fees for residential building permits and single-family residential appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWEN OAKS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby waives and temporarily suspends collection of all of the City of Twin Oaks' fees for building permits, Board of Adjustment variance applications, and similar fees placed on residentially zoned and used properties (not including multi-family residences or apartments) for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Nothing herein shall apply to or waive any fees assessed or charged by St. Louis County.

Section 2. Any payment for such fee paid to the City for the period of March 1, 2020 through the date of this ordinance shall be refunded to the applicant.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AFTER HAVING BEEN READ IN FULL OR BY TITLE TWO TIMES PRIOR TO PASSAGE BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI, THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

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Russ Fortune, Mayor

Attest:

Frank Johnson, City Clerk