

Sec. 14.006. - Fees and exemptions from fees.

- (a) All fees in this chapter are established by City Council.
- (b) The following entities shall be exempt from all fees imposed under this chapter:
 - (1) Non-profit organizations receiving funds through the City's Community Development Block Grant or Human Services programs;
 - (2) The City when using City employees on a construction project of the City;
 - (3) Contractors hired by the City to work on construction projects of the City;
 - (4) San Marcos Reinvestment Corporation and San Marcos Habitat for Humanity when building new affordable single-family residential dwellings;
 - (5) The Housing Authority of the City of San Marcos, for construction projects on property owned by it, for low-income housing or administrative offices; and
 - (6) Any taxing unit as defined under Section 1.04(12) of the Texas Tax Code for construction projects having a permitted value of \$3,000.00 or less.
- (c) Residential home improvement exemption. A person making repairs or improvements to a residential dwelling requiring the issuance of a permit by the City is exempt from the payment of all applicable fees imposed under this chapter if:
 - (1) Such person owns and occupies the residential dwelling;
 - (2) The residential dwelling is designated as such person's homestead by the county appraisal district having jurisdiction; and
 - (3) Such person directly performs all work on the repairs or improvements independently or uses other persons to perform the construction work requiring the issuance of a permit by the City. Such persons performing work for the property owner shall, however, be subject to applicable licensing requirements under state law.

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