



County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services

HOMEOWNER'S RELIEF ACT

BUILDING DIVISION

On October 11, 1995, the Board of Supervisors took action to reduce or eliminate building permit requirements and/or building permit fees for certain building permits associated with single-family dwellings and duplexes. Effective November 16, 1995 (**Homeowner's Relief Act**), the following are exempt from the permit process (no plan check or permit fees, no plan review or inspections):

- ☐ Carports of 300 square feet or less (must meet setback requirements)
- ☐ Patio covers of 300 square feet or less (must meet setback requirements)
- ☐ Driveways when associated with a residential building permit

The following building permits will not require fees for permits, plan review, and/or inspections. However, a no-fee permit must be obtained, and all applicable inspections are still required. In some cases, State and other local agency fees are applicable.

- ☐ Residential photovoltaic electrical systems (effective September, 2001) and solar water heaters
- ☐ Residential small wind turbine systems (effective April, 2008)

Elimination of the requirement for building permits for any construction work will not exempt you from complying with the zoning ordinance, Public Health and Safety Codes, or any other county, State, or Federal Regulations.

The policy of Planning & Development Services, Building Division, is that if you "turn yourself in" for a violation (meaning no enforcement action has been taken by our staff), the investigation fee is not imposed.