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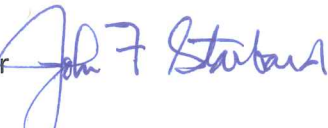
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Subject: Fee Waivers—Homeless Encampments

Recently, the County Executive declared a state of emergency concerning homelessness. This is not the same kind of declaration as there would be for a natural disaster, but is more a statement of crisis and that efforts at every level—both within government and from non-government agencies—need to pull together to meet current needs and find long-term solutions.

From time to time, our department receives applications for homeless encampments in the unincorporated areas. They are temporary use permit applications, and they have an associated fee.

While the Executive's state of emergency concerning homelessness is in effect, our department will not assess or collect fees for temporary use permit applications for homeless encampments in unincorporated areas. This is one of the ways our department can meet the Executive's call for action.

This fee waiver authorization shall cease at the time the Executive lifts the state of emergency.