

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO  
TO ADOPT CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR THE USE OF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY FIXTURES**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Legislature adopted SB 07-145 during the 2007 legislative session and such bill is entitled "Concerning the Authority of Certain Local Governments to Offer Incentives for the Use of Renewable Energy Fixtures, and, in connection therewith, Enacting the 'Renewable Energy Incentives Act'"; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 07-145 provides that a county government may offer an incentive, in the form of a county property tax or sales tax credit or rebate to a residential or commercial property owner who installs a renewable energy fixture on his or her residential or commercial property; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 07-145 defines "renewable energy fixture" as any fixture, product, system, device or interacting group of devices that produce electricity from renewable resources, including, but not limited to, photovoltaic systems, solar thermal systems, small wind systems, biomass systems or geothermal systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado ("Board") has been requested by citizens of Ouray County to consider adopting the types of incentives that are authorized by SB 07-145; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the possible incentives that could be provided to property owners who install renewable energy fixtures on their residential or commercial properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that encouraging owners to utilize renewable energy fixtures is desirable and will serve the interests of the citizens of Ouray County by reducing the carbon footprint of some commercial and residential properties in Ouray County as well reducing energy costs for the owners of such properties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. On and after \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, a refund equal to one percent (1%) of the sales tax paid by a qualified property owner will be made for installation of qualified renewable energy fixtures on commercial or residential properties in the unincorporated areas of Ouray County.
2. To qualify for the refund, a property owner shall fill out an application form and provide the appropriate documentation of the type of renewable energy fixture installed and proof that Ouray County sales tax was paid on the renewable energy fixture. The Ouray County Planner shall review and approve or deny the refund within thirty days of the receipt of a completed application. If the refund is approved, a copy of the refund application shall be forwarded to the Finance Department for payment of the refund to the owner. If the refund application is denied, the owner may appeal such denial and request that the Board review the application.
3. In addition to the incentives provided by SB 07-145, the Board authorizes the refund of building permit fees associated with the installation of any renewable energy fixture that requires a building permit pursuant to the provisions of the Ouray County Land Use Code. The refund shall be for the permit fee only and not for the plan check fee. To qualify for the refund of building permit fees, the owner shall follow the same procedure as is set out in

paragraph 2 above. The refund of permit fees shall be capped at a total of \$350.00 per building permit application.

4. The Board may adopt additional administrative policies and procedures to implement the incentive programs set forth herein.
5. On an annual basis, during the budget preparation process for the ensuing year, the incentive program for renewable energy fixtures shall be reviewed, with such review addressing, among other things, the amounts refunded under the program and whether any modifications to the program should be made.
6. For purposes of the incentive program described herein, the term "renewable energy fixture" shall be interpreted as broadly as possible and shall include, but not be limited to, photovoltaic systems, solar thermal systems, small wind systems, biomass systems and geothermal systems.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

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K. Keith Meinert, Chair

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Don Batchelder, Vice Chair

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Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder  
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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