

ORDINANCE 0-97-23

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FEES AND PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS; FOR FEES AND PERMITS FOR ELECTRICAL, GAS, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL WORK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Fees for applying for and obtaining building permits: All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms and shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) No permit as required by Ordinance 158 shall be issued until the fee prescribed by this ordinance shall have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be approved until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated size of the building or structure shall have been paid.
- (b) Permits shall be required for all new construction, alterations to outside dimensions and modifications of weight bearing walls; said fee to be on a per thousand basis as below mentioned. The application fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per permit, and the minimum fee for any permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (c) For a permit for the construction of all commercial and residential buildings or structures, including accessory structures and swimming pools, the application fee shall be \$10.00, and the building permit fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00) per thousand (\$1,000.00) of the valuation based on the Building Valuation based on the Building Valuation Data furnished by the Southern Building Code Congress International or the contract amount, whichever is greater.
- (d) For a permit for the removal of a building or structure to a new location, whether on the same or a new lot, the application fee shall be \$10.00 and the permit fee shall be \$15.00.
- (e) For a permit for the demolition of a building or structure, the application fee shall be \$10.00 and the permit fee shall be one cent (.01) for each square foot of floor area. For the purpose of this section, the term "floor area" shall be the sum of the areas of all floors of the building, measured to the exterior face of the building walls. The minimum fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (f) In case of abandonment or discontinuance, the cost of work performed under a permit may be estimated, and adjustment of the fee made and the portion of the fee for uncompleted work returned to the permit holder— provided that no refund of a prescribed minimum fee shall be made. If any such discontinuance is due to revocation of a permit, a similar adjustment

and return may be made; provided that no refund shall be made until all penalties incurred or imposed by the Building Official have been collected. After such a refund has been made, no work shall be resumed until a new permit has been issued.

- (g) Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fees shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.
- (h) Any Building permit issued under the provisions of this Ordinance will remain valid only for a period of six months from its date of issue, and become void if construction/ demolition has not commenced within that period, or unless the permit is renewed within that period.
- (i) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the Building Inspector caused by the negligence of the Contractor, for not being ready for a requested inspection, for re-inspection of a corrected installation or for the convenience of the Contractor.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with Section 1 are hereby repealed and specifically repealed is Section 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Ordinance B-395; and Section 1, paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of Ordinance B-312.

Section 3. Fees for applying for and obtaining electrical permits: All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms and shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) Application fee \$10.00 per permit plus
  - Minimum permit fee \$5.00
  - First 10 Outlets at .75 each
  - 11-100 Outlets at .40 each
  - 101 to 500 Outlets at .25 each
  - 501 up .15 each
  - Service To and Including 100 Amps-- \$10.00
  - Service To and Including 200 Amps-- \$15.00
  - Service To and Including 400 Amps-- \$25.00
  - Service To and Including 600 Amps-- \$40.00
  - Over 600 Amps----- \$60.00
  - Motors 1 Hp. Up to & including 5 HP -\$5.00
  - 6 HP up to and including 200 HP ---\$5.00 + .25 per HP
  - 200 HP & above --\$27.50 + .25 per HP
- (b) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the Electrical Inspector caused by the negligence of the Electrician, for not being ready for a requested inspection, for re-inspection of a corrected installation or for the convenience of the Electrician.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with Section 3 are hereby repealed, and specifically Section 3 of Ordinance B-395.

Section 5. Fees for applying for and obtaining plumbing permits: All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms and shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) Application fee \$10.00 per permit plus  
Minimum permit fee \$5.00

Each plumbing fixture outlet or appliance, grease and/or water and/or waste discharging device \$ 3.00 each

Each Sewer Connection \$10.00

Each Septic Tank \$25.00

Each Clearance \$10.00

Each Gas Connection \$10.00

Each Lawn Sprinkler System \$25.00

- (b) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the Building Official caused by the negligence of the Plumber, for not being ready for a requested inspection, for re-inspection of a corrected installation or for the convenience of the Plumber.

Section 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with Section 5 are hereby repealed and specifically repealed is Section 5 of Ordinance B-395.

Section 7. Fees for applying for and obtaining Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) permits: All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms and shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) Application fee \$10.00 per permit plus  
Minimum permit fee \$5.00  
Permit fees shall be \$10.00 for the first \$1,000.00 of the valuation of the installation or job, or fraction thereof, plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

- (b) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the Building Official caused by the negligence of the Contractor, for not being ready for a requested inspection, for re-inspection of a corrected installation or for the convenience of the Contractor.

Section 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with Section 7 are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Adjustment:

- (a) In case of abandonment or discontinuance, the cost of work performed under a permit may be estimated, and adjustment of the fee made and the portion of the fee for uncompleted work returned to the permit holder, provided that no refund of a prescribed minimum fee shall be made. If such discontinuance is due to revocation of a permit, a similar adjustment and return may be made; provided that no refund shall be made until all penalties incurred or imposed by due authority have been collected. After such a refund has been made, no work shall be resumed until a new permit has been issued.
- (b) The term "estimated cost" as used in this section, means the reasonable value of all services, labor, materials, and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work ready for occupancy; provided that the cost of excavation or grading, and of painting, decorating or other work that is merely for embellishment or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of the building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.

Section 10. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance:

- (a) Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100% of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of October, 1997.

CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

BY: 

Mayor Mike Kolb

ATTEST:

  
Nancy Anderson, City Clerk