

ORDINANCE 0-04-09

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 CITY 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. Fees include both application fee and permit fee.

- (b) *Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Building Official or his/her authorized agent and obtain the required permit. Work exempt from permit shall be according to 2000 International Residential Code, Section R105.2, excluding Building: Item 1. Said fee is to be on a per thousand basis for all commercial, industrial, and multi-family structures, and on a square footage basis for all single-family and duplex-family residences as below mentioned. The application fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per permit and the minimum permit fee for any permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00).*
 - (1) For a permit for the construction or alteration of all commercial, industrial, and multi-family (three or more units) buildings or structures, including accessory structures and for the construction of swimming pools, the application fee shall be \$10.00 and the building permit fee shall be \$2.00 per thousand of the valuation based on the building valuation data furnished by the International Code Council or the contract amount, whichever is greater.
 - (2) For a permit for the construction or alteration of single-family residences and duplex-family residences, including accessory structures, the application fee shall be \$10.00 and the building permit fee shall be based upon the square footage of the building at \$.08 per square foot of the building area as defined in the Residential Code.

- (c) 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.

- (d) 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 permit fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (e) See Section 5. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.
- (f) See Section 6. Expiration.
- (g) See Section 7. Suspension or Revocation.
- (h) See Section 8. Adjustments.
- (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. 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 and 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 and including 5 HP-	\$5.00
6 HP and up -----	\$ 5.00 + .25 per HP
- (b) See Section 5. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.
- (c) See Section 6. Expiration.
- (d) See Section 7. Suspension or Revocation.
- (e) See Section 8. Adjustments.
- (f) 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 Contractor, for not being ready for a requested inspection, for re-inspection of a corrected installation or for the convenience of the Contractor.

SECTION 3. 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 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) See Section 5. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.
- (c) See Section 6. Expiration.
- (d) See Section 7. Suspension or Revocation.
- (e) See Section 8. Adjustments.
- (f) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the Plumbing 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 4. Fees for applying for and obtaining Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) 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) See Section 5. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.
- (c) See Section 6. Expiration.
- (d) See Section 7. Suspension or Revocation.
- (e) See Section 8. Adjustments.
- (f) An inspection fee of \$7.50 shall be charged for each trip on the part of the HVACR 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 5. 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 permits required by this code shall be subject to a penalty of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) or 100% of the usual permit fee, whichever is greater, in addition to the required permit fees.

SECTION 6. Expiration. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced. The Building Official or his/her agent is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 180 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

SECTION 7. Suspension or Revocation. The Building Official or his/her agent is authorized to suspend or revoke a permit issued under the provisions of this code wherever the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.

SECTION 8. Adjustments:

- (a) Refunds will not be granted for invalid permits as set forth in Section 6.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 9. Severability - If any section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or unlawful, only that section of the ordinance shall be affected and all other provisions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED this 2ND day of September, 2004.

APPROVED: C. T. Hollingshead
C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

ATTEST: Rendi Currey
Rendi Currey, City Clerk