

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 33-19

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 7-14, FEES, SECTIONS 7-14-2, 7-14-3, 7-14-5, 7-14-12, AND 7-14-13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION FEES; AMENDING PERMIT FEES; AMENDING FIELD INSPECTION FEES; ADDING A LIEN SEARCH REQUEST FEE; AMENDING PROVISION FOR REFUNDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the services provided by the City of Pensacola include the use of updated technology to more efficiently implement and enforce the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the costs of certain building inspection services have changed for the City of Pensacola in its efforts to carry out its responsibilities in enforcing the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola has determined that the proposed adjustments in fees reflect the actual labor and administrative costs incurred for plans review, inspections, and allowable activities to ensure compliance with the Florida Building Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Section 7-14-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-14-2. - Permit fees.

The following permit fees to be charged by the city for buildings, signs, manufactured buildings, mobile homes, swimming pools, television and radio antennas, roofing, moving or demolition of buildings or structures, electrical, plumbing, gas, mechanical, fire suppression and alarm system installations, penalties for starting work without a permit, and field inspection for business license certificate of occupancy shall be collected by the building inspection division for all work done within the city, as outlined below, and said fees shall be paid before the beginning of any construction or alteration as hereinafter set forth:

The applicant for any permit shall pay an administrative application fee of ~~twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) for residential and thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) for commercial~~

~~purposes~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) in addition to the building, electrical, gas, mechanical, fire protection/prevention, and plumbing permit fees specified below. Fences, tents, temporary signs and banners shall be exempt from this fee.

(a) *Building permit fees:*

- (1) The applicant for a permit for any new building or structure, for any additions to an existing building or structure or portion thereof, shall, at the time of having made application and issuance of the permit, pay for each and every building or structure ~~ten-fifteen~~ cents (\$0.10-0.15) per square foot based on the square footage of gross floor area of such work. Minimum permit fees will also be based upon the number of required inspections times the minimum inspection fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) when the square footage is such that the square footage cost will not cover the cost of inspections.
- (2) For remodeling, repairs or modifications of existing buildings or structures for which a gross floor area cannot be measured and for which a specific fee is not indicated, the fee shall be at the rate of seven dollars fifty cents (\$7.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the estimated total cost of labor and materials for the work for which the permit is requested, i.e., excluding only subcontractor work that will be permitted separately.
- (3) Antennas, dish and tower, roof and ground installations:
 - a. Residential, including amateur "ham" units \$50.00
 - b. Commercial: Fee to be calculated in accordance with subsection 7-14-2(a)(2).
- (4) Window and door installation:
Fee to be calculated in accordance with subsection 7-14-2(a)(2).
- (5) Demolition of buildings or structures 100.00
Plus one dollar (\$1.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet of total gross floor space, or portion thereof, over five thousand (5,000) square feet.
- (6) Fences and tents 35.00
- (7) Manufactured buildings and mobile homes:
 - a. For plan review, foundation rough-in and final inspection, per unit 140.00

- b. Each additional inspection 50.00
- (8) Moving of buildings or structures:
- a. From one (1) location to another within the city limits: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each mile within the city in excess of five (5) miles.
 - b. From outside the city limits to a location inside the city: Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each mile within the city in excess of five (5) miles.
 - c. For moving a building or structure through the city or from the city: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each mile within the city in excess of five (5) miles.
- (9) Siding or residing structures including pre-inspection 100.00
- Structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work required in conjunction with siding installation shall be permitted and fees charged in accordance with appropriate subsections of this chapter.
- (10) Roofing, re-roofing:
- a. Residential . . . \$100.00
Plus fifty (\$50.00) for each additional; inspection in excess of two (2) inspections.
 - b. Commercial, 140.00
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- (11) Signs (including plan review):
- a. Accessory . . . 100.00
 - b. Non-accessory--Billboard-type signs, including pre-inspection . . . 210.00
 - c. Temporary--Portable signs and banners . . . 35.00
- (12) Swimming pools/spas:
- a. Residential . . . 150.00
 - b. Commercial . . . 300.00

Plus fifty (\$50.00) for each inspection in excess of three (3).

(13) Minimum permit fee ~~50.00~~ 35.00

(14) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.

(b) *Electrical permit fees:*

(1) Temporary or construction pole service . . . 50.00

(2) Minimum fee, per inspection unless noted otherwise . . . 50.00

(3) Electrical service: (residential and commercial, including signs, generators, and service changes:

0--100 amperes . . . 90.00

101--200 amperes . . . 95.00

201--400 amperes . . . 125.00

401--600 amperes . . . 175.00

601--800 amperes . . . 275.00

801--1,000 amperes . . . 375.00

1,001--1,200 amperes . . . 475.00

1,201--1,600 amperes . . . 675.00

1,601--2,000 amperes . . . 875.00

2,001--2,400 amperes . . . 1075.00

Over 2,401 amperes . . 1275.00

Plus fifty cents (\$0.50) per ampere over two thousand four hundred one (2,401)

~~(4) For new construction five cents (\$0.05) per gross square foot. Group S (warehouse and storage buildings) shall be exempt from square foot computation with fee based upon service size.~~

- (54) For sub-meters derived from main service, per meter 50.00
 - (65) For swimming pools, spas and hot tubs 100.00
 - (76) Commercial computer and communications systems including fire/security alarm systems ("system" defined as detection devices connected to a control panel), including alterations:
 - a. Base fee (includes two (2) inspections) 100.00
 - b. Each additional inspection 50.00
 - (87) Residential fire and security systems 50.00
 - (98) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.
- (c) *Gas installation permit fees:* The following fees shall be charged for both natural and liquid petroleum gas installations:
- (1) Permit fee based upon number of inspections, per inspection . . . 50.00
 - (2) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.
- (d) *Mechanical permit fees:*
- (1) For heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per inspection plus three dollars (\$3.00) for each ton or fraction thereof in excess of fifteen (15) tons.
 - (2) All other mechanical work, including, but not limited to, installation, replacement or alteration of duct work, hydraulic lifts, pumps, air compressors, refrigeration equipment, high-pressure washers, medical gas systems, extractors, boilers, incinerators etc., for each inspection . . . 50.00
 - (3) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.
- (e) *Fire protection/prevention permit fees:*
- (1) Fire sprinkler systems (includes plan review):
 - a. Residential (one- or two-family dwelling . . . 170.00
 - b. Commercial; small, six (6) heads or less . . . 170.00
 - Large . . . 500.00

- (2) Fire suppression systems (includes plan review):
 - a. Small, single hazard area . . . 35.00
 - b. Large . . . 210.00
 - (3) Fire alarm systems (includes plan review):
 - a. New installation, one (1) pull . . . 35.00
 - b. New installation, multi-pull . . . 85.00
 - c. Fire alarm inspection; small, six (6) or fewer initiating devices . . . 90.00
 - d. Fire alarm inspection; large . . . 250.00
 - (4) Installation of pollutant/hazardous material storage tanks:
 - a. Aboveground . . . 250.00
 - b. Underground . . . 250.00
 - (5) Removal of pollutant/hazardous material storage tank . . . 100.00
 - (6) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.
- (f) *Plumbing permit fees:*
- (1) Base fee (includes final, inspection) . . . 50.00

Plus:

 - a. Additional fee for each outlet, fixture, floor drain or trap in excess of ten (10) . . . 2.00
 - b. Each additional inspection . . . 50.00
 - c. Sewer connection, in conjunction with new single-family dwelling . . . 50.00
 - All others . . . 50.00
 - (2) Plumbing permit fees for manufactured buildings/factory-built housing:
 - a. Base fee (including final inspection) . . . 50.00
 - b. Sewer connection (each) . . . 50.00
 - c. Rough-in for joining together of all components, including stack-out, for each inspection required . . . 50.00

- (3) Lawn sprinkler system installation fees:
 - a. Installation of valves, vacuum breakers and/or back-flow preventers and sprinkler heads to a maximum of fifty (50) . . . 50.00
 - b. For each head in excess of fifty (50) add . . . 2.00
 - c. Each additional inspection . . . 50.00
- (4) Solar heating system . . . 50.00
- (5) Penalty fee for work which commences prior to securing the appropriate permit or permits computed in accordance with section 7-14-6.

SECTION 2. Section 7-14-3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-14-3. - Renewal of expired permits.

- (a) A permit once issued, expires if work is not commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days of issuance or if construction or work is suspended or abandoned for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days at any time after work is commenced. To avoid permit expiration, a progress report (showing progress toward the permit) needs to be submitted in writing or an extension request needs to be submitted in writing showing justifiable cause to extend the permit prior to one hundred eighty (180) days of inactivity, otherwise the permit will expire. Extensions may be granted for one hundred eighty (180) days. The fee for renewal of expired permits shall be seventy-five (75) percent of the original fee paid if the fee is paid within thirty (30) days of the expiration date. After thirty (30) days, the full original fee is due. ~~Minimum renewal fee is sixty-six dollars (\$66.00).~~ Beginning with the second permit renewal and subsequent renewals a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) penalty will be assessed in addition to permit fees due for renewal.

SECTION 3. Section 7-14-5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-14-5. - Field inspection fees.

- (1) Reinspection fee \$50.00
- (2) Inspection for temporary power prior to final inspection (includes electrical and mechanical) 50.00 for one- and two-family dwellings, and 95.00/100.00 for commercial and multi-family dwellings.
- (3) Special inspection conducted outside of normal working hours . . . 200.00
- (4) Contractor assistance: Fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- (5) Reinspection of temporary and construction electrical services . . . 50.00
- (6) Pre-inspection survey service . . . 50.00
- (7) Partial certificate of occupancy inspection . . . \$100.00 for 30 day Temp C.O.
- (8) Business certificate of occupancy inspection . . . 100.00
- (9) A fifty dollar (\$50.00) permit fee shall be charged for tree removal and/or tree trimming in the public right-of-way or canopy road tree protection zones.
- (10) Engineering "as-built" inspection fee four hundred dollars (\$400.00) plus one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per acre in the development site. Each fractional acre shall count as an acre. When an as-built inspection fails because improvements do not comply with approved engineering plans a re-inspection fee of one-half (1/2) the initial fee shall be paid. When an erosion control compliance inspection fails because erosion control measures do not comply with approved plans a re-inspection fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be paid.
- (11) Zoning compliance inspection fees:
 - (a) Zoning compliance inspection fee for one- and two-family dwellings shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - (b) Zoning compliance inspection fee for accessory structures and buildings and additions to existing single family dwellings shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 - (c) Zoning compliance inspection fee for all other developments shall be four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) plus three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per acre in the development site. Each fractional acre shall count as an acre.
 - (d) When a zoning compliance inspection of landscaping, signage, parking, building features, and similar improvements fails because improvements do not comply with approved plans a re-inspection fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be paid.
- (12) Overgrown lot inspection (to be added to lot cutting fee) . . . \$30.00

SECTION 4. Section 7-14-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-14-12. - Miscellaneous other fees.

- (1) A three dollar (\$3.00) fee shall be charged for each document notarized.

(2) The fee for processing lien search requests for building permit information, building code violations, and demolition liens shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per tax parcel identification number.

SECTION 5. Section 7-14-13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-14-13. - Refunds.

- (1) All fees will be refunded if a permit is issued in error by the inspection department. Otherwise, the maximum refund will exclude an amount equal to all plan review fees, an administrative fee of ~~twenty forty~~ forty dollars (~~\$20.00~~ 40.00), plus a ~~thirty five~~ fifty dollar (~~\$35.00~~ 50.00) fee for each completed inspection.
- (2) There will be a ten (10) percent service charge on all materials such as maps which are returned in useable condition within five (5) working days of purchase. No refunds on materials after five (5) working days.
- (3) Refunds will be made by check and will not be credited toward purchase of new permit or material.
- (4) No refund will be made without a receipt.

SECTION 6. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provision or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided, pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk