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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, BUILDING REGULATIONS,
ARTICLES I - VI**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-2. Permits, inspections and enforcement.

- (a) *Permit required; prerequisites for issuance.* No person shall commence or proceed with:
- (1) The construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, movement to another site, removal or demolition of any building or structure;
 - (2) The installation, extension or general repair of any plumbing system;
 - (3) The installation, extension, alteration or general repair of any heating or cooling equipment system; or
 - (4) The installation, extension, alteration or general repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment;

without first securing from the inspections division any and all permits required by the state building code and any other state or local laws applicable to the work. A permit shall be in writing and shall contain a provision that the work done shall comply with the state building code and all other applicable state and local laws. No permits shall be issued unless the plans and specifications are identified by the name and address of the author thereof. If the General Statutes of the state require that plans for certain types of work be prepared only by a registered architect or registered engineer, no permit shall be issued unless the plans and specifications bear the state seal of a registered architect or of a registered engineer. When any provision of the General Statutes of the state or of any ordinance requires that work be done by a licensed specialty contractor of any kind, no permit for the work shall be issued unless the work is to be performed by such a duly licensed contractor. No permit issued under G.S. 143-136 et seq. or G.S. 143-151.8 et seq. shall be required for any construction, installation, repair, replacement or alteration costing \$5,000.00 or less in any single-family residence or farm building unless the work involves the addition, repair or replacement of load-bearing structures; the addition (excluding replacement of same size or capacity) or change in the design of plumbing; the addition, replacement or change in the design of heating, air conditioning or electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment; the use of materials not permitted by the North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code; or the addition (excluding replacement of like grade of fire resistance) of roofing. A violation of this section, or any part thereof, shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor, as provided by G.S. 14-4, and shall subject the offender to a fine of not more than \$500.00.

- (b) *Action on permit by inspections director.* The application shall be approved, rejected or referred to the city council or the zoning board of adjustment by the inspections director within a reasonable period not exceeding two weeks from the date of the application.
- (c) *Limitations on rights granted by permit.* The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans or specifications shall not be deemed or construed to be a permit for or an approval of any violation of the provisions of this Code. The issuance of a permit upon approval of plans or specifications shall not prevent the inspections director from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in the plans or specifications, or from preventing building operations thereunder when in violation of this Code or of any other ordinance of the city.
- (d) *Modification of permit or plans.* If, after securing a permit, the applicant desires to alter or deviate in any manner from the terms of the application, plans or working drawings or specifications submitted at the time of securing the permit, notice of such intention shall be given to the inspections director and his written approval obtained.
- (e) *Expiration of permit; discontinuance of work.* If, after the issuance of a permit, the operations authorized thereunder are not commenced within six months after the date of the permit, or if, after the commencement of operations, the work is discontinued for a period of 12 months, such permit shall be void. Any work may not again be commenced until a new permit shall have been issued and fee paid as for the original work.
- (f) *Periodic inspections.* As the construction of the building or structure progresses, the inspections director shall make inspections as required by the state building code. All inspection fees shall be paid in advance.
- (g) *Final inspection; certificate of occupancy.* At the conclusion of all work done under a permit, the inspector shall make a final inspection, and, if he finds that the completed work complies with all applicable state and local laws and with the terms of the permit, he shall issue a certificate of compliance. No new building or part thereof may be occupied, and no addition or enlargement of an existing building may be occupied, and no existing building that has been altered or moved may be occupied, until the inspection division has issued a certificate of compliance. A temporary certificate of compliance may be issued permitting occupancy for a stated period of specified portions of the building that the inspector finds may safely be occupied prior to final completion of the entire building. A violation of this section, or any part thereof, shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor, as provided by G.S. 14-4, and shall subject the offender to a fine of not more than \$500.00.
- (h) *Stop work orders.* Whenever any building or structure or part thereof is being demolished, constructed, reconstructed, altered or repaired in a hazardous manner, or in substantial violation of any state and local building law, or in a manner that endangers life or property, the appropriate inspector may order the specific part of the work that is in violation or presents such a hazard to be immediately stopped. The stop order shall be in writing, directed to the person doing the work, and shall state the specific work to be stopped, the specific reasons therefor, and the conditions under which the work may be resumed. The owner or builder may appeal from a stop order involving alleged violation of the state building code, or any approved local modification thereof, to the state commissioner of insurance, within a period of five days after the order is issued. Notice of appeal shall be given in writing to the commissioner of insurance, with a copy to the local inspector. The

commissioner of insurance shall promptly conduct a hearing at which the appellant and the inspector shall be permitted to submit relevant evidence, and shall rule on the appeal as expeditiously as possible. Pending the ruling by the commissioner of insurance on an appeal, no further work shall take place in violation of a stop order. Appeals from a stop order based on violation of any other local ordinance relating to building shall be taken to the local official designated by that ordinance and shall be taken, heard and decided in the same manner as prescribed in this section for appeals to the commissioner. A violation of a stop order shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor, as provided by G.S. 14-4, and shall subject the offender to a fine of not more than \$500.00.

In addition to other requirements of this section, there shall be a fee of \$225.00 to lift a valid stop work order.

- (i) *Additional enforcement remedies.* Whenever any violation is denominated a misdemeanor under the provisions of this chapter, the city, either in addition to or in lieu of other remedies, may initiate any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation or to prevent the occupancy of the building or structure involved.
- (j) *Revocation of permit.* The appropriate inspector may revoke and require the return of any permit by notifying the permit holder in writing stating the reason for the revocation. Permits shall be revoked for any substantial departure from the approved application, plans or specifications; for refusal or failure to comply with the requirement of any applicable state and local laws; or for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing the permit. Any permit mistakenly issued in violation of an applicable state or local law may also be revoked.
- (k) *Permit fee refund policy.* Except as provided for in chapter 10, article II, subsection 10-31(b), permit fees may be refunded prior to the first inspection on the permit. The request for refund must be received within six months of the issue date of the permit. An administrative fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$75.00 will be charged for each permit refunded.
- (l) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, any permit fees due under articles I, II, III, IV, and VI of this chapter resulting from the purchase of a permit by a unit of local government (as defined by G.S. 160A-460(2)), may be paid under the terms of a line of credit agreement in a form approved by the city attorney.

(Code 1975, § 4-2; Ord. of 1-6-03, § 1; Ord. No. 4453, §§ 1, 2, 5-19-03; Ord. No. 4497, § 1, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 4526, § 1, 5-16-05; Ord. No. 4661, § 1, 7-20-09; Ord. No. 4793, § 1, 6-17-13; Ord. No. 4801, § 1, 9-16-13; Ord. No. 2022-16, § 1, 8-2-22)

Cross reference(s)—Obstructions, § 74-91 et seq.

Section 2: Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-31, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-31. Fee schedule; determination of cost of work; connection to public sewer.

(a) *Fee schedule.*

(1) *Nonresidential construction.* ** For all nonresidential construction, alterations, remodels, repairs, demolitions or expenditures for improvements on existing nonresidential buildings, other than painting, the superintendent of inspections shall charge for each and every building on which permits are granted the following fees for inspections, based on the value of the work:

Value	Fee
\$0.00 through \$5,000.00	\$ 65.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
\$5,000.01 through \$50,000.00	65.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
	Plus, for each \$1,000.00 of value or fraction thereof over \$5,000.00
	4.00
\$50,000.01 through \$100,000.00	232.00
	Plus, for each \$1,000.00 of value or fraction thereof over \$50,000.00
	3.00
\$100,000.01 through \$500,000.00	388.00
	Plus, for each \$1,000.00 of value or fraction thereof over \$100,000.00
	2.60
\$500,000.01 and above	1,425.00
	Plus, for each \$1,000.00 of value or fraction thereof over \$500,000.00
	2.40
Inspection of day care/adult day care/family group home facility	150.00
Inspection of existing commercial building or tenant space	250.00
Manufactured home permit	100.00
Modular home permit	100.00
Temporary certificates of occupancy (TCO)	50.00
	Plus, per unfinished trade
	35.00
Foundation only permits (added to cost of permit)	225.00
Parking lot permit (stand alone permit)	150.00

(2) *New residential construction.* The following fees shall be charged for permits on new construction/additions of residential dwelling units, including single-family dwellings, townhouses, condominiums, duplexes and apartment buildings. Fees for new construction/additions of single family/duplex units are based on gross square footage of building. Fees for townhouses, condominiums, twin home, urban home and apartments are calculated per unit:

	**Building	*Electrical	Plumbing	Mechanical Electrical	Mechanical Fossil Fuel	Gas Appliances as Separate Permit
Single-family residential (per sq. ft.)	\$0.15	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$100.00
Single-family additions (per sq. ft.) -\$100 min. bldg. -\$75 min.	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	100.00
Townhouse, condo, twin home, urban home per unit:	206.00	138.00	162.00	86.00	100.00	100.00
Duplex: (per unit)	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	100.00
Apartment						
First unit:	206.00	90.00	71.00	98.00	100.00	100.00
Each additional unit in building:	53.00	55.00	41.00	23.00	32.00	12.00

* Does not include temporary saw service.

Existing residential construction. The following fees shall be charged for permits on existing residential construction for alterations, remodels, repairs, demolitions, and improvements to existing single family residential structures.

	**Building	*Electrical	Plumbing	Mechanical	Gas Fireplaces
Single-family	\$0.08	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$100.00
Alt./repairs \$100.00 min. Bldg. — \$65.00 min. <u>\$75.00 min</u>					

****In addition to the above fees, a Homeowner's Recovery Fund fee is collected in accordance with G.S. 87-15.6 for all single family dwelling permits issued to North Carolina licensed contractor.**

- (b) *Permit fee based on total cost.* Upon application to the inspections director for a building permit for new nonresidential construction and nonresidential additions, the permit applicant shall pay a building permit fee based on the actual cost of construction, which shall be a cost not less than 66 percent of the square foot value for the type of construction and occupancy obtained from the most recent "Building Valuation Data" table for North Carolina published by the International Code Council Inc. Building permit fees for new residential construction and existing residential construction shall be as given in section 10-31(a)(2).
- (c) *Certificate of occupancy.* Upon completion of construction costing \$1,000.00 or more, a certificate of occupancy shall be issued. The inspections director shall not give approval for the permanent connection of electrical power to any structure to which this paragraph is applicable until the foregoing provisions have been complied with.
- (d) *Connection to public sewer.* Upon application to the inspections director for a building permit for the construction of a building on property within the corporate limits of the city which is not served by the city sewer system, the applicant shall be required to file a petition or letter with the city requesting that a public sewer connection be made available to the property. The petition or letter shall be submitted promptly to the department of public works for processing and reporting to the city council and the building permit applied for shall not be issued until action has been taken by the city council approving or rejecting the request for a sewer connection. However, the inspections director may proceed with the issuance of a building permit if it appears that there will be a delay in the construction of necessary public sewer facilities and the owner, desiring to proceed with construction immediately and to install a septic tank for temporary use, signs and files with the inspections director a statement agreeing to connect to the public sewer system as soon as a connection is made available to his property and acknowledging that he understands that his property will be assessed in connection with the sewer extension project required to make sewer service available to his property.
- (e) *Fee for extra inspections.* The fees shown for specific items shall entitle the permit holder to the appropriate number of inspection trips for the installation of those work items, and for one additional inspection trip per permit for reinspection of corrected work or disapproved work. For inspection trips required in excess of the one additional trip, a fee of \$40.00 shall be imposed for each additional trip a \$50.00 fee for a second trip, \$75.00 fee for a third trip, and \$100.00 fee for a fourth and all following trips shall be imposed.

- (f) *Plan review fee required.* Upon application to the inspections director for any proposed construction project for which a plans review is conducted prior to the issuance of a permit, a non-refundable plans review fee shall be paid at the time the permit application is submitted according to the following schedule:

Type of Project	Fee
Nonresidential, less than 4,000 square feet	\$100.00
Nonresidential, 4,000 to 15,000 square feet	125.00
Nonresidential, 15,001 to 40,000 square feet	325.00
Nonresidential, 40,001 square feet and greater	800.00
Condo/apartment projects	500.00
Townhomes (per unit)	65.00 <u>100.00</u>
Cell towers/co-locates	65.00 <u>100.00</u>
Code item point reviews, such as exterior lighting, magnetic locks, columbarium's, signs, etc.	50.00 <u>100.00</u>
Parking Lots	100.00

- (g) *Fee for after-hours inspections.* In addition to all other applicable permit and inspection fees, upon a request of the permit holder for any non-emergency inspection that is to be performed other than during the inspections division's regular business hours, such inspection shall be subject to the following fees:

- (1) For the first two hours, or part thereof—\$200.00 per inspector.
- (2) For each hour, or part thereof, beyond the initial two hours—\$100.00 per inspector.

Any such non-emergency after-hours inspection request is subject to approval by the inspections director based upon inspector availability. Nothing herein shall require or obligate the inspections division to perform inspections at any time other than during its regular business hours.

(Code 1975, § 4-2.1; Ord. No. 4224, §§ 1, 2, 6-17-96; Ord. No. 4307, § 1, 11-16-98; Ord. No. 4329, § 1, 6-8-99; Ord. No. 4401, §§ 1, 2, 9-17-01; Ord. of 1-6-03, § 1; Ord. No. 4453, §§ 1, 3—6, 5-19-03; Ord. No. 4497, §§ 2—4, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 4661, § 2, 7-20-09; Ord. No. 4687, § 1, 6-21-10; Ord. No. 4793, §§ 2—4, 6-17-13; Ord. No. 4801, §§ 2, 3, 9-16-13; Ord. No. 4838, §§ 1, 2, 6-15-15; Ord. No. 4868, § 1, 6-20-16; Ord. No. 4869, § 1, 6-20-16)

Section 3: Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-95, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-95. Fee schedule; bond for payment of fees.

- (a) *Fees for new residential construction established by section 10-31(a)(2) shall apply as applicable.*
- (b) *Fees for nonresidential construction and existing residential buildings.* For nonresidential construction and alterations and repairs to existing residential buildings, the following fees shall apply:
 - (1) *Heat-producing equipment.* Permit fees for installation, conversion or replacement of the following shall be in accordance with Schedule I:
 - a. Each boiler, furnace, or air handler with electric heat including the duct distribution system therefor when covered by the same permit, fired by fossil fuel, solid fuel, electricity or solar energy.
 - b. Each floor furnace, wall circulator or heater, circulating heater, direct-fired unit heater, gas radiator, blast furnace, rotary dryer, annealing furnace, duct heater or industrial oven fired by fossil fuel, solid fuel, electricity or solar energy.
 - c. Each domestic or commercial hot water system fired by fossil, solid or solar energy.
 - d. Nonresidential gas-fired cooking appliances.
 - e. Conversion or replacement of any of the equipment mentioned in this subsection.

Schedule I

Residential, per unit listed above:\$21.00

Nonresidential, per unit listed above:

0 to 150,000 Btu/hr or 0 to 45 kw25.00

Over 150,000 Btu/hr or over 45 kw108.00

Residential or nonresidential:

Fan coil units, unit heaters, variable air volume controls, infrared radiant heating units or heat strips in through-the-wall heat pumps having no duct work, each5.25

- (2) *Heat pumps; air conditioning.* Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be in accordance with Schedule II:
 - a. Each heat pump and air conditioning unit, including major components and the duct distribution system therefore when covered by the same permit, or major component only.
 - b. Installation or replacement of duct system only.

Schedule II

Residential, per unit listed above\$21.00

Nonresidential, per unit listed above (nominal compressor rating):

0 to 25 tons 25.00

Over 25 tons 108.00

Duct only 21.00

Residential or nonresidential:

Fan coil units, unit heaters, variable air volume controls, infrared radiant heating units or heat strips in through-the-wall heat pumps having no duct work, each 5.25

Residential Only – Mechanical changeout permits (includes electrical): Flat Fee \$100.00

- (3) *Nonresidential exhaust systems.* Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be in accordance with Schedule III:
- a. Each Type I or Type II hood over appliances (in other than residential use), such as dishwashers and appliances for frying, barbecuing, broiling and baking of foods, including the exhaust duct system therefor when covered by the same permit.
 - b. Each exhaust system (in other than residential use) including ducts and make-up air for hoods, commercial and industrial exhaust systems, measured by the cubic feet per minute listed on each unit.

Schedule III

Exhaust systems, each (cubic feet per minute):

0 to 2,000 CFM 86.00

2,001 to 3,000 CFM 123.00

3,001 to 5,000 CFM 154.00

Over 5,000 CFM 500.00

- c. Each through the wall or roof exhaust with no more than 10 feet of attached duct, individual bathroom exhaust 5.25
- (4) *Gas outlets.* Permit fees for installation or replacement of gas outlets shall be in accordance with Schedule IV:
- a. Each gas or fuel outlet for appliances in residential use, including but not limited to clothes dryers, ranges and gas lights.
 - b. Gas house connections.
 - c. Installation of medical gas.

Schedule IV

Gas or fuel outlets, each \$8.00

Gas house connections, each 8.00

Medical gas, per station outlet 10.00

- (5) *Refrigeration units.* Permit fees for installation, repair or replacement of refrigeration units and refrigerant lines shall be in accordance with Schedule V:

Schedule V

Refrigeration units:

0 to 10 horsepower, per system \$25.00

10.1 to 20 horsepower, per system 63.00

Over 20 horsepower, per system 270.00

Refrigeration line, per line 21.00

- (6) *Minimum fee.* The total of fees due for any permit shall be not less than ~~65.00~~ \$75.00
- (c) *Cash bond.* Licensed heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may deposit a cash bond with the director of finance in an amount not less than an average month's fees paid by such contractors during the previous year, and in no case shall it be less than \$100.00. Inspection permits may be issued against this bond up to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. If payment is not made within five days after submission by the inspection division of the bill for inspection fees for the previous period, the cash bond shall be forfeited and applied against the permits outstanding. Any balance left of the bond will be returned to the contractor.
- (d) *Surety bond.* Licensed heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may file with the director of finance a contractor's license bond written by a surety company approved by the department of insurance to do business in the state, to be held as surety for the payment of fees. Such bond shall be in an amount of not less than \$2,500.00. Inspection permits may be issued based on the posting of this bond up to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. Contractors will be billed monthly. Payment will be due in ten days and delinquent in 25 days. No further permits will be issued to delinquent accounts, regardless of the amount of the bond. If payment is not received in 60 days, the bond will be executed for the amount of the bill. This bond may also meet the requirement for the posting of a bond when required by section 10-131.
- (e) *Bonded account setup and maintenance fee.* Any account which is not paid within 30 days of the billing date will be charged a late fee of two percent of the outstanding balance.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed to establish a bonded account and a reasonable yearly maintenance charge for continuation of the account.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed for foreclosure of a delinquent bonded account.

(Code 1975, § 4-40; Ord. No. 4329, § 2, 6-8-99; Ord. No. 4401, § 3, 9-17-01; Ord. No. 4453, § 7, 5-19-03; Ord. No. 4497, § 6, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 4793, § 5, 6-17-13)

Editor's note(s)—The provisions of § 10-95 shall be effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Section 4: Chapter 10, Article IV, Section 10-163, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-163. Fee schedule; bond for payment of fees.

- (a) *Fee schedule.* Before a permit shall be granted for the construction or alteration of a plumbing or drainage system, the applicant shall pay to the city an inspection fee in accordance with the following schedule:
- (1) *Fees for new residential construction established by section 10-31(a)(2) shall apply as applicable.*
 - (2) *Nonresidential construction.* For nonresidential construction and alterations, additions and repairs to existing residential buildings the following fees shall apply:
 - a. Plumbed fixtures, appliances, interceptors and sewer ejectors to be installed or replaced, including but not limited to sinks, water closets, floor drains, dishwashers, disposals and water heaters, each \$10.00
 - b. Installation or replacement of building sewer or drains, per 200 feet or part thereof 16.00
 - c. Installation or replacement of building water lines when not in conjunction with one of the items listed in subsection (2)a or (2)b of this section ~~65.00~~ \$100.00
 - d. Installation or replacement of gas outlets or gas house connections, each ~~7.00~~ \$8.00
 - e. Installation of medical gas, per station outlet 10.00
 - f. Minimum fee: The total of fees due for any permit shall be not less than ~~65.00~~ \$75.00
 - g. Plumbing changeout permits (includes electrical): Flat fee of \$100.00
- (b) *Contractor's bond for payment of fees.*
- (1) *Cash bond.* Licensed plumbing contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may deposit a cash bond with the director of finance in an amount not less than an average month's fees paid by such contractor during the previous year, and in no case shall it be less than \$100.00. Inspection permits may be issued against this bond up to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. If payment is not made within five days after submission by the inspections division of the bill for inspection fees for the previous period, the cash bond shall be forfeited and applied against the permits outstanding. Any balance left of the bond will be returned to the contractor.
 - (2) *Surety bond.* Licensed plumbing contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may file with the director of finance a contractor's license bond written by a surety company, approved by the state department of insurance to do business in the state, to be held as surety for the payment of fees. Such bond shall be in an amount of not less than \$2,500.00. Inspection permits may be issued based on the posting of this bond up to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. Contractors will be billed monthly. Payment will be due in ten days and

delinquent in 25 days. No further permits will be issued to delinquent accounts, regardless of the amount of the bond. If payment is not received in 60 days, the bond will be executed for the amount of the bill. The bond may also meet the requirement for the posting of a bond when required by section 10-164.

- (3) *Bonded account setup and maintenance fee.* Any account which is not paid within 30 days of the billing date will be charged a late fee of two percent of the outstanding balance.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed to establish a bonded account and a reasonable yearly maintenance charge for continuation of the account.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed for foreclosure of a delinquent bonded account.

- (c) *Applicability of fees to work on existing installations.* The fees prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall apply to all old work as well as new, and to inspections made necessary by moving any house or structure from one location to another, or by razing the house or structure, and shall apply when it is necessary for any reason to set, reset or replace any fixture, hot water storage tank or water heater.

(Code 1975, § 4-70; Ord. No. 4401, § 4, 9-17-01; Ord. No. 4453, §§ 9, 10, 5-19-03; Ord. No. 4497, § 7, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 4793, § 6, 6-17-13)

Editor's note(s)—The provisions of § 10-163(a) shall be effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Section 5: Chapter 10, Article VI, Section 10-243, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-243. Fee schedule; bond for payment of fees.

(a) *Fee schedule.* Before any permit is granted for the installation or alteration of electrical equipment, the person making application for such permit shall pay to the city a fee in the following amount:

Schedule I. Fees for new residential construction established by Section 10-31(a)(2) shall apply as applicable.

Schedule II. Nonresidential construction and additions, alterations and repairs to existing residential buildings.

(1) Rough hot outlets and fixtures:

1—50\$ 24.00

51—10047.00

101—500 outlets122.00

Over 500 outlets, each additional 100 outlets or part thereof26.00

(2) Appliances and equipment, (including but not limited to ranges, furnaces, dishwashers, subpanels, etc.) each appliance7.50

(3) General:

Temporary saw service~~65.00~~ \$75.00

Change of service:

Residential84.00

Commercial102.00

Reconnect current:

Residential~~65.00~~ \$75.00

Commercial84.00

Temporary current:

Individual meters75.00

Gang meters, per gang100.00

Manufactured homes or trailers, and modular homes~~65.00~~ \$75.00

Swimming pools138.00

Bonding only~~65.00~~ \$75.00

Signs:

Freestanding, off/on premises, each sign~~70.00~~ \$75.00

Christmas tree lots~~70.00~~ \$75.00

Transmission towers~~70.00~~ \$75.00

(4) Other (each):

CATV amplifiers7.50

Gasoline dispensers7.50

Welding machines7.50

Generators7.50

Control wiring, per device7.50

Room air conditioners7.50

Heat cables, wall or baseboard heat7.50

Electric signs, wall, roof, or projecting, each7.50

Outdoor lighting, each circuit7.50

Duct banks, per 50 feet or part thereof7.50

(5) Electric heat and air conditioning:

a. Residential:

Each heating unit24.00

Each air conditioning unit24.00

b. Commercial:

Each heating unit42.00

Each air conditioning unit42.00

(6) Motors and horsepower (not a component of a listed unit): Each motor19.00

(7) Minimum fee: The total of fees due for any permit shall be not less than~~65.00~~ \$75.00

(b) *Contractor's bond for payment of fees.*

(1) *Cash bond.* Licensed electrical contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may deposit a cash bond with the director of finance in an amount not less than an average month's fees paid by such contractors during the previous year, and in no case shall it be less than \$100.00. Inspection permits may be issued against this bond up to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. If payment is not made within five days after submission by the inspection division of the bill for inspection fees for the previous period, the cash bond shall be forfeited and applied against the permits outstanding. Any balance left of the bond will be returned to the contractor.

(2) *Surety bond.* Licensed electrical contractors, in lieu of paying their inspection fees daily, may file with the director of finance a contractor's license bond written by a surety company approved by the department of insurance to do business in the state, to be held as surety for the payment of fees. Such bond shall be in an amount of not less than \$2,500.00. Inspection permits may be issued based on the posting of this bond up

to the full amount, but in no case will credit be extended beyond the amount of the bond. Contractors will be billed monthly. Payment will be due in ten days and delinquent in 25 days. No further permits will be issued to delinquent accounts, regardless of the amount of the bond. If payment is not received in 60 days, the bond will be executed for the amount of the bill.

- (c) *Bonded account setup and maintenance fee.* Any account which is not paid within 30 days of the billing date will be charged a late fee of two percent of the outstanding balance.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed to establish a bonded account and a reasonable yearly maintenance charge for continuation of the account.

There will be a reasonable charge assessed for foreclosure of a delinquent bonded account.

(Code 1975, § 4-116; Ord. No. 4307, §§ 2, 3, 11-16-98; Ord. No. 4401, § 5, 9-17-01; Ord. No. 4453, § 13, 5-19-03; Ord. No. 4497, § 8, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 4793, § 7, 6-17-13)

Section 6: This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2024.