

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2004-047**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,  
Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits,  
Sec. 5-204, Fee schedule*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 10th day of November, 2004, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, Sec. 5-204, Fee schedule, is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 5-204. Fee schedule.**

(a) *Generally.* Permit fees for each category of work will be calculated on a per-building basis and shall be based on the total contract price or total value of work to be done or the per square foot values for construction as reported in the International Codes Council (ICC) Building Safety Journal for building valuation data, with one and two family dwellings calculated as follows: Average \$45.00, Good \$63.00, Best \$70.00, Garage \$25.00. The following dollar value schedule will be used in calculating permit fees for each category of work to be performed:

(1) Commercial construction and renovation: Building, plumbing, gas, mechanical, roofing, sign, building and fire protection, hood and/or fire suppression, electrical, communications, security, sound and telephone systems:

| Total Value                      | Fee  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| \$1.00 to \$5,000.00             | \$50.00  |
| \$5,001.00 to \$100,000          | \$50.00 for the first \$5,000.00 plus<br>\$9.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof                               |
| \$100,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00   | \$905.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus<br>\$4.00 for each additional \$1,000.00<br>or fraction thereof         |
| \$1,000,001.00 to \$5,000,000.00 | \$4,505.00 for the first \$1,000,000.00<br>plus \$3.00 for each additional<br>\$1,000.00 or fraction thereof     |
| Over \$5,000,000.00              | \$16,505.00 for the first<br>\$5,000,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each<br>additional \$1,000.00<br>or fraction thereof |

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- (2) One- and two-family dwelling construction and renovation: Building, plumbing, gas, mechanical, electrical, signs, building, and fire protection, communications, security, sound and telephone systems:

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| Total Value     | Fee                                       |
| \$1.00 \$5,000  | \$20.00                                   |
| Over \$5,000.00 | \$4.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof |

- (3) Driveways and curb cut permit \$20.00 per driveway

- (4) Construction trailer permit \$50.00

- (5) Construction and moving meters
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| a. Per day   | \$ 10.00 |
| b. Per week  | \$ 40.00 |
| c. Per month | \$100.00 |

- (6) Demolition permits:
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| a. Residential storage or garage attached or detached | \$25.00  |
| b. One-story residence                                | \$50.00  |
| c. Two-story residence                                | \$75.00  |
| d. Commercial building                                | 150.00   |
| e. Three-story or more                                | \$200.00 plus \$25.00 per story (basements count as a story) |

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| (7) Moving permits:    | Fee     | Vehicle Use (Per Hour) |
| a. Permit              | \$50.00 |                        |
| b. Police assistance   | \$80.00 | \$50.00                |
| c. Traffic engineering | \$80.00 | \$50.00                |

Objects over 18 feet in height must begin movement at 4:00 a.m. Rates for movements at times other than normal working hours are: (1) police assistance, \$170.00, and (2) traffic engineering assistance, \$170.00.

(b) *Reinspections.* The fee for any reinspection resulting from work not being ready for inspection or being disapproved shall be \$30.00 per inspection for the first reinspection and \$50.00 for each additional reinspection.

(c) *Commencing work without permit.* Where work for which a permit is required is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining the permit, the fee set forth in this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fee.

(d) Plan review fee. A plan review fee of \$25.00 for residential one and two family construction and fifteen percent of the permit fee for commercial construction and shall be paid in advance of permit issuance.

(e) Structures located within a flood plain. Elevation certificates and an inspection checklist fee of \$50.00 shall be required for new construction, additions, renovations, fences, pools, out-buildings, and similar structures.

(f) Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and HVAC Subcontractors. Permits are not required for new construction, additions and remodeling jobs permitted by a licensed residential home builder provided that the subcontractors are licensed, hold a city qualification card and are listed on the building permit application. Any subcontractor changes shall be reported before work commences. All other sub contractors working under the supervision of a licensed Residential Home Builder would not be required to have a business license to work the properly permitted job.

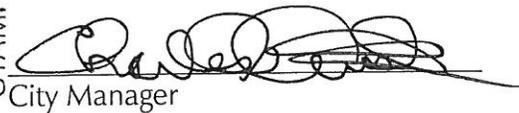
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Requested by:

  
MAYOR

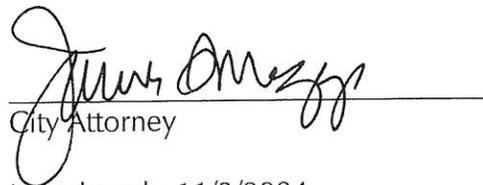
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Approved by:

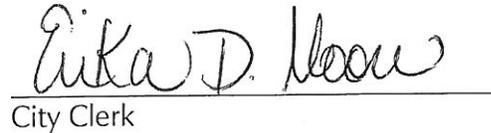
  
City Manager

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Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Introduced: 11/3/2004  
Final Reading: 11/10/2004