

The following amended Ordinance proposed by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, and after having been duly advertised for adoption as provided by law following public notification of same, on motion by Karl Weiss, seconded by Dr. Lock Boyce and carried by a 4 to 1 vote, is hereby adopted as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1973, AND AMENDED MAY 13, 1991, AMENDED JUNE 9, 1997, AMENDED MAY 14, 2003, AND AMENDED MARCH 27, 2006 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE (EFFECTIVE MAY 20, 1991) BY REFERENCE WITH AN EXCEPTION, PRESCRIBING BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CODE".

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, Virginia, that the aforesaid Ordinance be amended as follows:

SECTION ONE

Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority contained in section 36-97 *et seq.* of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

SECTION TWO

County Building Code

The Board hereby adopts by reference as the Building Code of Patrick County the *Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code*, as adopted and amended by the Board of Housing and Community Development as revised from time to time.

SECTION THREE
Permit and Inspection Fees

The Board may from time to time promulgate a schedule of permit and inspection fees as it deems appropriate. Any schedule so adopted shall be published in the meeting minutes of the Board of Supervisors and shall take effect upon adoption.

SECTION FOUR
Expiration of Permits

Any and all permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall expire two (2) years after the date of issuance. The applicant may, without additional fee, apply to extend such permit for an additional period, not to exceed two (2) years, provided that permits shall expire if no construction has commenced on site within six months from the date of issuance, or if the building or work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months or more after the work has been commenced. Before such work can be commenced or resulted, a permit extension or renewal shall be obtained.

All applicants for refunds of fees paid for the issuance of such permits, shall be made within two (2) years of the date of the initial issuance of the permit and not hereafter. An administrative fee of 15% shall be withheld from the refund. No refund will be granted on a permit where the Building Inspector has made an on site visit.

SECTION FIVE
Penalties for Violation

Any person, firm or corporation, whether as principal agent employed or otherwise, who shall violate a provision of the Building Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof, or who shall erect, construct, alter, or repair a building or structure in violation of an approved plan issued under the provisions of the Building Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Such an offense is punishable by a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars and such other enhanced and/or minimum fines and remedies as established in Section 6-106 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended from time to time.

SECTION SIX
Pre-Inspection Fee

Any person, firm or corporation failing to obtain a required building permit prior to initiation construction of a project shall be required to pay a pre- inspection fee of \$250.00. This fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit for a project already completed or in progress.

SECTION SEVEN
Inspection of Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code

A copy of the Virginia Statewide Building Code is on file in the County Administrator's Office of Patrick County, Virginia, where it is open to inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on Monday through Friday of each week. The County Administrator will provide information as to where additional copies may be obtained.

SECTION EIGHT
Exceptions

Exceptions:

1. Those exceptions as noted in Section 1403.0 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code shall be exempt from obtaining a permit.
2. Building permit fees shall not be assessed for work performed by the employees of governmental agencies and public schools.

PERMIT and INSPECTION FEES

All of the following fees shall include a surcharge as levied by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

1. **Building Construction:** For issuing permit.....\$ **5.00**
Inspection Fees as follows:

a. **New Residential Construction:** Thirteen cents (**\$0.13**) per square foot of floor area including living area, basement area, porches, garages, etc., as well as separate plumbing and electrical permits. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged.

b. **New Retail or Commercial Business Construction:** Eleven cents (**\$0.11**) per square foot of floor area including basement area, as well as separate plumbing and electrical permits. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged.

c. **New Manufacturing or Warehouse Construction:** Eleven cents (**\$0.11**) per square foot of floor area including basement area, as well as separate plumbing and electrical permits. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged per unit.

d. **Additions, Alterations, and Renovations to Existing Building (all types):** Eleven cents (**\$0.11**) per square foot of floor area included in the building undergoing addition, alteration, renovation, or repair, as well as separate plumbing and electrical permits. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged per unit.

e. **Swimming Pool:** Thirteen Cents (**\$0.13**) per square foot of surface area, as well as separate electrical and plumbing permits. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged.

f. **Re-roofing that consists of structural members:**

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| Job valuation..... | permit costs |
| 0 - \$50,000.00..... | \$200.00 |
| \$50,001.00 - \$100,000.00..... | \$400.00 |
| \$100,001.00 - \$500,000.00..... | \$600.00 |
| \$500,001.00 and up..... | \$1,000.00 |

g. **Cell towers and other miscellaneous towers:** Fee of **\$300.00** plus

[additional fees for electric, plumbing, and associated structures
(will need to be in compliance with Tall Structures Ordinance).

2. Modular Units: Fee for issuing permits.....\$5.00

a. An inspection fee shall be charged consisting of ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot for preassembled units and thirteen cents (\$0.13) per square foot for basements, additions, and decks or landing, etc., plus separate plumbing (Shall include charge for sewer and water connections only) and electrical (shall include charge for switch box only) permits. Additional plumbing permit fees will be assessed for fixtures or outlets installed which are not included within the original manufactured unit.

3. Mobile Homes: Fee for issuing permits.....\$5.00

a. Single Wide: Base fee of \$20.00 plus \$50.00 for electrical permit and \$25.00 for sewer connection permit.

b. Double Wide: Base fee of \$100.00 plus \$50.00 for electrical permit and \$25.00 for sewer connection permit.

c. Triple Wide: Base fee of \$120.00 plus \$50.00 for electrical permit and \$25.00 for sewer connection permit.

d. Temporary Recreational Dwelling (ex. Campers and RV's used for temporary dwellings): Base fee of \$20.00 plus \$50.00 for electrical permit and \$25.00 for sewer permit. The guidelines shall be the same as for a Singlewide mobile home installation, including well and septic approval by the Health Department, set-up, plumbing and electrical connection approval by the Building Inspections office.

4. Electrical Work Only: For issuing permit.....\$5.00
Inspection Fees as Follows:

a. New Service Installation Schedule:

- (1) 60-400 AMP.....\$50.00
- (2) 401-800 AMP.....\$100.00
- (3) 801-1200AMP.....\$140.00

(4) Over 1200 AMPS \$5.00 for each additional 50 amperes or fraction thereof.

For existing service reconnection, a minimum fee of **\$50.00** in addition to the state fee shall be charged.

b. Wiring or Rewiring:

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| 1-25 outlets..... | \$15.00 |
| 26-50 outlets..... | \$25.00 |
| 51-100 outlets..... | \$35.00 |
| 101-200 outlets..... | \$45.00 |
| Over 200 outlets..... | \$55.00 |

c. For the installation of fixed appliances and/or associated electrical connections or outlets installed, the inspection fee shall be \$5.00 for each electrical range, range top, oven, water heater, dishwasher, garbage disposal, furnace, clothes dryer, and baseboard heating unit.

d. Miscellaneous Sign Lighting: A minimum inspection charge of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars shall be made for neon, neon outline, incandescent, etc., signs. For large quantities, see schedule (a) above.

e. Guidelines for Farm Service: Legitimate "Farm Use Services" that are exempt under the *Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code* shall not be required to comply with codes and permits as excluded, but shall be verified by the Building Inspection Department to be legitimate "Farm Use Services". The appropriate form shall be completed by the applicant and signed by the Inspection Department before notification to the Utility provider.

5. Mechanical Work Only: For issuing permit **\$5.00**
Inspection Fees as Follows:

a. Fee for heating, ventilating, duct air conditioning and refrigeration systems shall be Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars.

- b. Repairs, alterations, and additions to an existing system where cost is over One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars shall be Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars.
 - c. Temporary Operation Inspection Fee: For inspecting a heating, ventilating, refrigeration, or air conditioning system, a fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be paid by the Contractor requesting such inspection. If the System is not approved for temporary operation on the first inspection of such purpose, the usual re-inspection fee will be charged.
 - d. In all buildings except one and two family dwellings using self-contained air conditioning units less than two tons, the fee charged shall be that for the total tonnage of all units combined (see paragraph (a) above for rate). Minimum fee shall be Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars.
 - e. Boilers based on BPU Input:
33,000BTU(IBHP) and above.....**\$50.00**
 - f. Commercial Cooking, Hood, Fire Suppression, and Ventilation systems: Base fee of **\$50.00**
6. Plumbing Work Only: For issuing permit.....**\$5.00**
- a. For each plumbing fixture, including water supply vent, drain, or additional separate trap..... **\$5.00**
 - b. For each house sewer connection to available system..... **\$25.00**
 - c. For each water heater..... **\$5.00**
 - d. For each gas piping system of 1 to 4 outlets.....**\$5.00**
 - e. For each gas outlet over 4 – each outlet.....**\$2.00**
 - f. Installation, alteration or repair of water piping and/or water treating equipment.....**\$5.00**

- g. For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping.....**\$5.00**
- h. For vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices installed subsequent to the installation of the piping or equipment served:
 - One to Five.....**\$5.00**
 - Over Five – Each **\$1.00**

7. Chimney Construction in Existing Building – per chimney.....**\$50.00**

8. A minimum fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars shall be charged for new construction or alteration valued at less than One thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, provided that no electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work is involved.

9. Moving Building: The fee for a building permit for the removal of a building or structure from one lot to another, or to a new location on the same lot shall be a base fee of Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars, plus additional building permit fees as applicable and required herein.

10. Demolition: The fee for a permit for the demolition of a building or structure with service connections shall be Fifty (**\$50.00**) Dollars. All other such building are exempt from this section.

11. Re-Inspection Fees: A fee of Sixty (**\$60.00**) Dollars shall be assessed for the first trip and **\$120.00** for the second and each subsequent trip, when extra inspections are necessary due to any one of the following reasons:

- a. Wrong address.
- b. Condemned work due to faulty construction.
- c. Repairs or corrections not made when inspection is called.
- d. Work not ready for inspection when Inspector is called.

12. Signs: (As defined in section 1401.0 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code). Schedule of Fees:

- a. Ground Signs:
 - (1) Bill Boards..... **\$50.00**
 - (2) Other ground signs..... **\$50.00**

- b. Roof Signs:
 - (1) Signs less than 3 square feet.....\$No fee unless inspected
 - (2) Signs greater then 3 square feet.....**\$50.00**

- c. Wall Signs:
 - (1) Wall signs smaller than 40 square feet.....\$No fee unless inspected
 - (2) Wall signs greater than 40 square feet.....**\$50.00**

- d. Projecting Signs
 - (1) Signs extending less than 15” from the face of a building.....\$No fee unless inspected
 - (2) Signs extending more than 15” from the face of a building..... **\$50.00**

- e. Marquee Signs:
 - (1) Signs less than 3 square feet.....\$No fee unless inspected
 - (2) Signs greater than 3 square feet.....**\$50.00**

- f. Miscellaneous and Temporary Signs:
 - (1) Signs less than 3 square feet.....\$No fee unless inspected
 - (2) Signs greater than 3 square feet.....**\$50.00**

- 13. Oil and gasoline underground tank removal or installation, per tank.....**\$50.00**

- 14. Rental Property:
 - a. Inspection requested by Tenant/Renter.....\$100.00

- 15. Sprinkler System: An Inspection fee of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars shall be charged for each sprinkler system.

- 16. Elevator Inspection: All elevators other than those located in single and multi-family dwellings shall have a valid permit issued and shall be registered in the Building Official’s Office. After said permit is issued, an

inspection report by a designated, certified third party inspection firm shall be registered in the Building Officials Office. No fee or charge shall be assessed by the Building Inspector for said permit.

17. **Structures not specified:** Structures not specifically addressed in this schedule will be assessed a fee based upon the structure type listed in this schedule that most closely resembles the proposed structure, as determined by the Building Official.

18. **Board of Appeals Determinations:** There shall be a \$250.00 fee payable upon filing an appeal hereunder.

19. Those exceptions as noted in Section 1403.0 of the *Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code* shall be exempt from obtaining a permit.

20. Building permit fees shall not be assessed for work performed by the employees of governmental agencies and public schools.

21. Building permit fees shall be assessed for Businesses in Enterprise Zones for County and/or Town.

22. No fees for County property, Public Schools, Fire and Rescue.