

ORDINANCE NO. 1950

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-5, Article I, Chapter 10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 10 relates to ELECTRICITY, which Article I relates to IN GENERAL, and which Section 10-5 relates to SCHEDULE OF INSPECTION FEES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 10-5, Article I, Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 10-5. Schedule of inspection fees.

The fees charged for the inspection of electric wiring, fixtures, apparatus and appliances, shall be paid at the time the permit is issued and shall be as follows:

(a) For the inspection of circuit wiring for all classes of electrical fixtures, apparatus, appliances, utilization equipment, motors, signs and devices within the scope of this chapter: One to six branch circuits inclusive, one dollar each circuit; each additional branch circuit, fifty cents each. Three-wire branch circuits will be considered the same as two-wire branch circuits and will be charged for accordingly. No charge will be made for feeder circuits when installed in conjunction with branch circuits, but when installed without branch-circuit wiring the charge will be the same as that for branch circuits. When additional branch or feeder circuits are installed after the securing of permit, the fee for the work not covered by the original permit will be the same as for an original installation.

The fee for special circuits will be the same as though the special equipment for which this circuit is intended is in place.

(b) For the inspection of lighting fixtures, ceiling fans and heating devices or appliances of less than one kw. capacity which are not used jointly with other apparatus, each ten or fractional part thereof, one dollar. Lamp sockets and lamp receptacles, not an actual part of fixtures, and lamp sockets or receptacles on cord will, for the purpose of fixing the fee, be considered as individual lighting fixtures.

(c) For inspection of outline, decorative and trough lighting, each twenty-five lights or fractional part thereof, one dollar.

(d) For inspection of vacuum-tube lighting (not sign lighting), one-half kw., two dollars, each additional one-half kw., or fractional part thereof, one dollar.

(e) For inspection of arc lamps, vapor lamps and rectifier or rheostat charges for storage batteries, one, one dollar; each additional, twenty-five cents.

(f) For inspection of motors, generators, motor generators, rotary converters, and motor driven appliances not including wiring up to five horsepower inclusive, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar. Motors, etc. in excess of five but not more than twenty horsepower inclusive, one, three dollars; each additional, one dollar and fifty cents. Motors, etc. in excess of twenty but not more than fifty horsepower, inclusive, one, six dollars; each additional, three dollars. Motors, etc. in excess of fifty horsepower, one, twelve dollars; each additional, six dollars. Temporary motors, each motor, one dollar.

(g) For inspection of fixed or stationary heating devices, cooking devices, electric welders and ovens of over one kw., not including wiring, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar. For inspection of central electric furnaces not including the wiring, one to five kw. inclusive, two dollars; each additional five kw. or fraction thereof, one dollar. A fixed device, as applied to this rule, is one which is obviously intended by size, weight and service not to be frequently moved from place to place.

(h) For inspection of transformers, including primary wiring in excess of six hundred volts, two dollars. Bell ringing transformers of not over twenty-five watt capacity not included in this charge.

(i) For inspection of out-door electric signs, each sign, two dollars. Electric signs inside buildings will be considered the same as electric fixtures, and will be charged for as under subsection (b) of this section. No charge will be made for transformers used as part of sign equipment. The circuit fee is provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(j) For inspection of motion picture machines, stereopticon lamps and arc spotlights, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar.

(k) For inspection of X-ray machines, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar.

(l) Temporary service on pole or shed, five dollars. Temporary or permanent service, two dollars. Renewal of old services, two dollars. (Temporary services will be for ninety days, after which time it must be renewed. There will be no charge for renewal.)

Temporary service or a renewal of service may be withheld or revoked when a violation of chapter 7 or this chapter has been found to exist by either the electrical inspector or the director of building and mechanical inspections. Any such service that has been withheld or revoked may be restored when the violation has been corrected.

Permanent services inspection fees will be two dollars for two hundred amperes or less; three dollars for two hundred one to four hundred amperes; five dollars for four hundred one to eight hundred amperes; eight dollars for eight hundred one to twelve hundred amperes; and ten dollars for more than twelve hundred amperes.

(m) For inspection of temporary wiring and for wiring for lawn fetes, but not for carnivals, one hundred lights or less, two dollars.

(n) For inspection of wiring, motors and appliances for circuses and carnivals, ten dollars.

(o) For inspection of wiring for indoor exhibitions, expositions and the like, areas of three thousand square feet or less, two dollars.

(p) For inspection of radio transmitters, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar.

(q) For inspection of amplifiers for public address systems, sound moving pictures and the like, one, two dollars; each additional, one dollar.

(r) For inspection of television equipment, two dollars.

(s) Special fees when one unit and circuit serving it are the only installation:

1 circuit and range	\$3.00
1 circuit and gas furnace	3.00
1 circuit and oil burner with circulator or blower	3.75
1 circuit and oil burner	3.00
1 circuit and air conditioner 2 hp or less	3.00
over 2 hp including 15 hp	5.00
each additional air handler to 2 hp75
Floor sanding machines	1.00
1 circuit and clothes dryer	3.00
1 circuit and dishwasher	3.00
1 circuit and garbage disposal	3.00

(Commercial installations and new houses will use regular schedule instead of the above.)

(t) Additional inspections made necessary by undue delays in work, the use of improper materials or failure to be ready for inspection when ordered, three dollars.

(u) For fire alarm stations, one dollar for the first station and fifty cents for each additional station.

Fees collected under this section shall be paid to the director of finance.

(v) The minimum fee for each inspection shall be three dollars.

Notwithstanding anything in this section, there shall be no fees assessed for electrical work performed by or for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of rail rapid transit facilities such as rails, stations, substations, repair and storage yards, retaining walls, tunnel structures, and elevated rail structures.

Section 2. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1974