

ORDINANCE NO. 1958

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by repealing Section 118.0 of Section 7-8, and by adding thereto a new section numbered 7-8.1; which Chapter 7 relates to BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, which Section 7-8 relates to CHANGE IN BOCA CODE, which repealed Section 118.0 thereof relates to FEES, and which new Section 7-8.1 relates to FEE SCHEDULE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 118.0 of Section 7-8, Chapter 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is repealed.

Section 2. That Chapter 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 7-8.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 7-8.1. Fees.

Before any permit for the construction of a new building, addition or enlargement is issued, the owner or the person, firm or corporation doing the work shall pay to the director of finance a fee based on the superficial area of all floors, including basements and roofs as follows:

The minimum fee for any permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

The fee for non-fireproof buildings shall be six cents (\$.06) per superficial square foot.

For fire-proof or noncombustible buildings, the fee shall be eight cents (\$.08) per superficial square foot.

In computing the fee for industrial buildings over twenty-four (24) feet high, the vertical height shall be divided by twelve (12) and the quotient shall be the number of stories, but this method of computation shall not apply to church or similar buildings having auditoriums which exceed twenty (20) feet in height. Height shall be defined as the vertical distance between the finished floor and the finished ceiling or the bottom of the ceiling joists.

Before any permit for the repair or alteration of any building or structure where there is no addition or enlargement or for the installation of an air conditioning system in an existing building or structure is issued, the owner or the person, firm or corporation doing the work shall pay a fee calculated at the rate of one and two-tenths per cent (1.2%) of the actual cost of the work, including labor and material.

The fee for a permit for excavation and/or foundation work pertaining to any building that is issued prior to the permit for the construction of the building shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each building.

When a fee is payable due to the submission of revised drawings, said fee shall be not less than five dollars (\$5.00).

The fee for a certificate of occupancy shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

Before issuing any permit for the demolition of a building or structure, a bond in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be posted which shall be returned to the permit holder upon satisfactory completion of the work, leaving the premises free from all unsafe and hazardous conditions.

The fee for the installation permit for each freight elevator and for each passenger elevator shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the total costs of installation, including labor and material.

There shall be no fee charged for semi-annual inspections of existing elevator installations. However, the fee for reinspection of such installations necessitated by improper conditions shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each elevator.

The fee for the installation permit for each dumbwaiter shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the total costs of installation, including labor and material.

Before any permit for the erection of any sign or for repainting an existing sign which has at some time been legally authorized is issued, the owner or the person, firm or corporation doing the work shall pay a fee scheduled as follows:

The minimum fee for any permit to erect a neon sign shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

For signs with an area over one hundred square feet, the fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00), plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the actual cost, including labor and material; for signs with an area of seventy-five to one hundred square feet, the fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the actual cost, including labor and material; for signs with an area of twenty-five to seventy-five square feet, the fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00), plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the actual cost, including labor and material; and for signs with an area of less than twenty-five square feet, the fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00), plus seven-tenths of one per cent (0.7%) of the actual cost including labor and material. For repainting an existing sign over sixteen square feet in size, which has at some time been legally authorized, the permit fee shall be three dollars (\$3.00), and no permits are required for repainting signs less than sixteen square feet.

Any permit issued by the building official pursuant to the provisions of this section, under which no work is performed within three months, may be cancelled upon the application of the owner and the city manager shall refund ninety per cent (90%) of the fee paid for such permit, except that when the cost of services as computed by the director of building and mechanical inspections, performed by the city in connection with such permit exceeds ten per cent (10%) of the permit fee, the city manager shall deduct from said refund the cost of such services that exceed ten per cent (10%).

Notwithstanding anything in this section, there shall be no fees assessed for the erection or alteration of a building or structure 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 3. 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.

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Mayor