

Ordinance No. 522

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9 of the Building Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, said Code being an ordinance adopted May 23, 1939, which section relates to fees and permits.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

Section 1. That Section 9 of the Building Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, said Code being an ordinance adopted May 23, 1939, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 9. Fees and Permits.

1. All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance requiring the payment of a fee shall be issued by the Building Inspector on proper forms showing the date, purpose, description, measurements, and time limits, if any, and shall not be finally signed or approved by him until the applicant for the permit presents the City Treasurer's signature on the permit form, stating the permit fee has been received. All fees for permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance are to be paid to the City Treasurer of Alexandria for the use of the City of Alexandria.

2. 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 City Treasurer a fee based on the superficial area of all floors, including basements and roofs as follows:

The minimum fee for any permit shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

The fees for non-fireproof buildings shall be one cent (\$.01) per superficial square foot.

For fireproof buildings the fee shall be one and one-half cents (\$.015) per superficial square foot

In computing the fee for loft-type industrial buildings over twenty feet high, the vertical height shall be divided by twelve and the quotient shall be the number of stories; but, this method of computation shall not apply to churches or similar buildings having auditoriums which exceed twenty feet in height.

Before any permit for the repair or alteration of any building or structure where there is no addition or enlargement, is issued, the owner or the person, firm or corporation doing the work shall pay a fee calculated at the rate of five-tenths of one per cent (.5%) of the actual cost of the work.

3. The fee for the installation permit for each freight elevator and for each passenger elevator shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

The fee for the installation permit for each dumbwaiter shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

4. 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); for signs with an area of seventy-five to one hundred square feet the fee shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00); for signs with an area of twenty-five to seventy-five square feet the fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00); and for signs with an area of less than twenty-five square feet the fee shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00).

For repainting an existing sign which has at some time been legally authorized, the permit fee shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00).

5. Any permit issued by the Building Inspector pursuant to the provisions of this section, under which no work is commenced within three months, may be cancelled upon the application of the owner and the City Council shall refund Fifty per cent (50%) of the fee paid for such permit.

6. For an inspection and report of any building made upon application of the owner, occupant or prospective purchaser the actual cost of the inspection as determined by the Building Inspector shall be paid by the applicant.

Before such an inspection is begun a deposit of Fifty Dollars will be required of the applicant. This amount, less the cost of the inspection, will be refunded upon completion and on acceptance of the report.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in the Alexandria Gazette, and it shall become effective the day after its publication.