ORDINANCE NO. 21,677

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE 1988 LITTLE ROCK
CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULES FOR
BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FIRE AND
RELATED WORK PERFORMED IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK,
ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, permit fee schedules for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and other
related work performed in the City were last established pursuant to Little Rock, Ark. Ord. No.
20,972 (December 16, 2014), and

WHEREAS, the City Board of Directors has determined that due to increased costs for
administration and inspection under the Building and Safety Codes over the past decade, the
permit fee schedules should be revised as recommended by the Planning and Development
Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Section 1. The language in Section 8-31(c) of the 1988 Little Rock Code of Ordinances is
hereby deleted and replaced within the following language:

(c) Fees. The following are hereby established as permit fee schedules for building,
electrical, plumbing, mechanical and other related work in the City.

I. Building Permit Fees, Miscellaneous Fees and General Regulations

A. Permit Fees. Permits are required for any work that exceeds Five Hundred Dollars
($500.00), including material and labor, or that requires an inspection, but
painting, floor coverings and cosmetic changes are excluded. Proper
documentation, i.e., copy of contract or letter of affidavit from applicant, must be
presented when obtaining a permit. If documentation is not present or cannot be
obtained, the latest building valuation data chart as published by the International
Code Council will be used in determining permit fees. Fees on work requiring a
building permit as set forth in the Building and Safety Codes adopted by the City shall be paid as required at the time of filing an application.

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<td>$1,268.73 for the first $500,000.00, $1.75 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.</td>
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B. **Minimum Fee.** Minimum fee for any Building permit, except as otherwise specified, shall be Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55).

C. **Commercial Plan-Checking Fee.** When the valuation of the proposed construction exceeds Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) and a plan is required to be submitted in accordance with the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, a Plan-Checking Fee shall be paid to the Building Codes Division at the time of submitting plans and specifications for checking. Said Plan-checking Fee shall be equal to one-half of the Building Permit Fee. Minimum fees shall be Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($52.50) for new construction (added square-feet) repair, remodels and miscellaneous permits requiring plan review. Such plan-checking fee is in addition to the Building Permit Fee and is non-refundable.

D. **Data processing fee.** The following is hereby established as the data processing fee schedule for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and other related work in the
City. Collected fees shall be placed in a separate account and shall be used for the
purpose of purchasing and maintaining data processing equipment, software and to
provide general training for Planning and Development staff or as determined by the
Director of Planning and Development. All purchases shall not be made without prior
written approval from the director of planning and development. The data processing
fee is in addition to the permit charge and is non-refundable.

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E. Act 474 of 1999 Surcharge. As required by Act 474 of 1999, a surcharge of $0.50 per
each One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) of construction authorized on any non-
residential construction permit issued by the City will be imposed to financially
support the craft training education program, with a maximum surcharge to be One
Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

F. Inspection Fees for Moving of Houses, HUD-Certified Manufacture Homes, and
Modular Buildings:

| Moving structure off lot | $100.00 |
| Moving structure on same lot | $50.00 |
| Required inspection before move inside City | $35.00 |
| Required inspection before move from City | $50.00 |
| Required inspection for move to City from Pulaski County of adjacent County | $100.00 |
| Required inspection for move to City from outside adjacent Counties, but in the State of Arkansas, or from out of State (plus $0.35 per mile round trip plus expenses) |

G. Demolition of Structure. $0.0875/square-foot of floor area. Minimum Fee of Thirty-
Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55). Demolition Permit shall expire one (1)-
year from issuance date except in cases where structure is declared to be an imminent
danger.
H. Blasting Fee. In addition to insurance and bond as required in Ordinance No. 11,361, a
permit fee of One Hundred Five Dollars ($105.00) for the first day and Fifty-Two
Dollars and Fifty Cents ($52.50) for each additional day shall be charged.

I. Parking Lot Fees. A minimum routing fee of Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents
($52.50) shall be charged and permit fees shall be assessed as set forth in subsection 8-31 (c) I.A.

J. Construction Shack or Field Office. Fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents
($32.55) with site plan. Fee waived if included with permit applications.

K. Tent Permit. Fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55) upon proper
completion of Fire Department Approval Form.

L. Swimming Pools. Fees Assessed per Subsection 8-31 (c) I.A., but minimum fee shall
be Fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55).

M. Fuel Tank or Pump. Each (new or replacement) will be Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-
Five Cents ($32.55).

N. Miscellaneous Permit Fees. Satellite dishes, towers and cell sites, fire alarm systems,
fences and any other miscellaneous permit, unless previously outlined, shall be
assessed as set forth in Subsection 8-31 (c) I.A.

Retaining walls four (4) feet or more in height specifically used for retaining dirt or fill
shall be designed, approved and stamped by a licensed design professional at time of
application in accordance with the current City-adopted Building Codes. Fees shall be
as set forth in Subsection 8-31 (c) I.A.

O. Fire Department Permits and Inspection Fees

1. The permit fee for new installations and/or replacement of fire sprinklers shall
be assessed as follows:

A. Buildings or structures with 1 to 5,000 sq. feet shall be assessed $.04
cents per sq. feet.

Buildings or structures with 5,001 sq. feet and up shall be assessed
$200.00 for the first 5,000 sq. feet plus $.02 for each additional sq. feet
and up.

*In no case shall a permit fee be less than $50.00
2. The permit fees for other various fire suppression systems shall be as follows:
   A. The permit fee for a standpipe system shall be $200.00 (On combination standpipe and sprinkler systems the sprinkler permit fee includes the standpipe fee.
   B. The permit for a carbon dioxide fire suppression system shall be $200.00 for the first 200 pounds of agent plus $.02 for every pound in excess of 200 pounds.
   C. The permit fee for a clean agent suppression system shall be $200.00 for the first 35 pounds of agent plus $.06 for each pound of agent in excess of 35 pounds.
   D. The permit fee for a foam suppression system shall be $.50 per gallon of foam concentrate where the system is not part of an automatic sprinkler system. Foam suppression system that are submitted as part of an automatic sprinkler system shall be reviewed under the sprinkler fee schedule. The minimum fee shall be $200.00; the maximum fee shall be $1,500.
   E. The permit for a range hood suppression system shall be $200.00
   F. The permit fee for a dry chemical suppression system shall be $200.00 for the first 30 pounds of agent plus $.25 for each pound in excess of 30 pounds.

3. The inspection fee for various fire alarm and other misc. fees shall be as follows:
   A. Fire alarm test (4) stories and above
      Inspection fee: $200.00
      Re-inspection fee: $100.00
   B. Fire alarm test up to (3) stories
      Inspection fee: $100.00
      Re-inspection fee: $50.00
   C. Tent Inspection: $50.00
   D. Ansul System Inspection: $100.00
   E. Knox-box Lock Inspection: $50.00
   F. Investigative fee: $50.00
G. Re-inspection fee: $50.00

4. Collected fees shall be distributed as follows:
   A. Fire Marshals Office: 50% of total fees collected to Education and
      Training Account.
   B. Building Codes Division: 50% of total fees collected to Education and
      Training Account.

P. Investigative Fee. In those instances wherein the information submitted to obtain a
permit is inadequate or incomplete, or work has begun without a permit, or an
inspection is required to determine the “on-site” conditions prior to issuance or denial
of a permit, the Building Codes Division may charge the owner an investigative fee of
Forty-Three Dollars and Five Cents ($43.05). The payment of the investigative fee
shall not exempt any person from compliance with the provisions of the code, or from
any penalty prescribed by law.

Q. Re-Inspection Fee. A re-inspection fee of Forty-Three Dollars ($43.00) will be
charged
when an additional trip is made by an inspector due to rejections, lockouts, insufficient
information as to location of building or structure, work not ready for inspection, or
any other cause due to neglect or failure on the part of the applicant.

R. Penalties (Working Without a Permit). Where work for which a permit is required by a
current City-adopted Building or Safety Code or a provision of the City Code is
started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fee herein specified shall be
tripled; however, payment of such triple fee shall not relieve any person from fully
complying with the requirements of the such codes in the execution of the work nor
from any penalties prescribed herein and no additional permits shall be granted until
all fees have been paid.

S. Copy Fees.

1. Duplicate permit card (lost, stolen, misplaced, etc.) $5.00 per card
2. Permit background computer readout $1.00 per copy
3. Copier fees $0.25 per copy
4. Duplicate copy of certificate of occupancy $10.00 per copy
S. Construction Board of Appeals and Adjustments Applications (Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical). A fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) shall be included with each Construction Board of Appeals and Adjustments application.

T. Expiration of Permits/Permit Refunds.
1. All permits issued by the building codes division with a valuation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (150,000.00) or less shall expire one (1)-year from the date of issuance. Extensions of up to ninety (90) days after the expiration date may be granted for each permit. The request for extension must be in writing to the Building Codes Division and must show just cause. A fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55) shall be assessed for each ninety (90)-day extension.
2. All permits issued by the Building Codes Division with a valuation of over One Hundred Fifty Thousand ($150,000.00) shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance. Extensions of up to ninety (90) days after the expiration date may be granted for each permit. The request for extension must be in writing to the Building Codes Division and must show just cause. A fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55) shall be assessed for each ninety (90)-day extension.
3. All permits shall become invalid if work authorized is not commenced within six (6) months of permit issue date, or if the work authorized is suspended or abandoned for a period of six (6) months after work is commenced. Before work can be resumed, a new permit must be obtained. The permit fee shall be one-half the amount required for a new permit, provided no changes have been made in the original plans and specifications for such work, and provided that suspensions or abandonment have not exceeded six (6) months.
4. A permittee holding an unexpired permit may apply for a one-time extension, provided he can show good and satisfactory reason, and beyond his control the work cannot be commenced within the six (6)-month period from the issue date. In order to renew work on a permit after it has expired, the permittee shall pay a fee in accordance with Subsection 8-31 (c) I.T.1 or 8-31 (c) I.T.2.
5. In cases where a change in contractor is made prior to completion of the job. The permit fee shall be assessed based on the stage of approval of inspections. The fee assessment shall be prorated in accordance with the number of remaining inspections. Inspections consist of the following:
Building: Footing, Framing, Final
Electrical: Pipe-In Wall, Rough, Final
Plumbing: Slab, Rough, Final
Mechanical: Duct Work, Rough, Final

6. Permit refunds issued in accordance with Finance Department guidelines.

U. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Ninety (90) Days
A. Commercial. $52.50

Single buildings, apartments, motels, hotels and multi-tenant occupancies when permitted under same contractor or owner shall be assessed as follows: Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($52.50) for the first five (5) units and Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each additional unit. A one-time extension of thirty (30) days may be granted if applicant can show just cause for temporary certificate of occupancy to be extended. Applicant shall pay extension fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55) for each extension request.

B. Residential. $32.55

Temporary certificate of occupancies issued for residential occupancies shall expire ninety (90) days from date of issuance. A one-time extension of thirty (30) days may be granted if applicant can show cause for temporary Certificate of Occupancy to be extended. Applicant shall pay extension fee of Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55) for each extension request.

Failure to obtain a permanent Certificate of Occupancy after expiration of a temporary certificate of occupancy may result in issuance of a citation for appearance in Little Rock District Court. This may also include disconnection of utilities. Fines for occupying a structure without a permanent certificate of occupancy may be assessed up to Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250.00) per day for each occurrence.

II. Electrical Permit Fees
A. New Construction.

1. One- and Two (2)-Family Dwelling: 0.0875/square-foot under roof
2. All other occupancies: As set forth in the unit cost schedules in Subsection 8-
B. Repair/Alteration/Addition to Existing Construction.

1. As set forth in the unit cost schedules in Subsection 8-31(c) II.C.

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1. **Meter Loops**
   
a. First $14.95

b. Additional $7.55

2. **Load Centers, Regardless of Voltage**
   
Up to 60 amps $8.65
Up to 100 amp $17.30
Up to 150 amp $25.95
Up to 200 amp $35.70
Over 200 $5.40 per 100 amp over 200 amp

3. **Openings**
   
1 to 20 $10.85
21 to 60 $27.05
61 to 100 $32.45
101 to 200 $54.00
201 to 300 $70.30
301 to 400 $86.50
For each 25 over 400 $5.40

4. **Motor and Generator Wiring**
   
Up to 1 hp $5.40
2 to 4 hp or kW $8.65
5 to 10 hp or kW $12.95
11 to 15 hp or kW $16.20
16 to 20 hp or kW $19.50
21 or over hp or kW $23.75
Fraction horsepower motors can be grouped for their total horsepower and paid for as one (1)-unit.

5. Temporary Power to Building $21.65
6. Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Detectors
   (1-4) $10.85
   Each smoke detector over 4 $4.30
For inspection purposes smoke detectors may be grouped in a ratio of five (5) detectors to one (1)-inspection provided that all detectors are ready for inspection at the same time and are located in the same structure.

7. Pool Bonding $16.25
8. Pool Pump (each) $10.85
9. Hydro Massage Tub $8.65
10. Hot Tub or Spa $12.95
11. Miscellaneous. Special circuits such as window air conditioners, baseboard heaters, rectifiers, motion picture machinery, x-ray machines, special equipment, outdoor lighting or any circuits not already covered.
   $16.25
12. Dishwashers or Trash Compactor $5.40
13. Disposal/Ceiling Fan, Vent Hood, Bath Fan, Exhaust Fan (each) $5.40
14. Electric Heat
   1 to 15 kW $7.55
   16 to 25 kW… $14.10
   Motor/No Electric Heat (Gas-Fired Furnace) $5.40
15. Construction Meter
   (Owner or Contractor) $26.25
16. Range $15.75
17. Dryer $15.75
18. Water Heater $15.75
19. Sign $32.50
20. Investigation $43.05
21. Inspection (each) $21.55
22. Re-Inspection (each) $43.00

D. Temporary Power Requirements. Before any power is supplied to the permanent
distribution system of a building under construction, written notice must be
submitted to this office noting the length of time the temporary power will be
needed before the final electrical inspection is made, the understanding that the
structure will not be occupied until after the final inspection, and that the party
submitting the request will assume liability of any damage incurred as a result of
disconnection of power from the building as a result of a violation of this
ordinance. The time limit on temporary power being furnished to the building will
be determined on the basis of need, not to exceed thirty (30) days. An extension of
time may be granted only by special permission.

After release for connection to electrical service, if connection is not made within
six (6) months, a new meter loop permit and inspection approval will be required
before release.

E. Expiration of permits shall be assessed as provided in Subsection 8-31(c) I.T.

F. Minimum fee for permit for electrical work shall be Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-
Five Cents ($32.55).

G. Work with No Permit. In case it shall be discovered that any electrical work has
been installed or put into use for which no permit has been issued, the violator
shall pay a fee equal to three (3) times the permit fee which shall have been paid
for work done in violation thereof and no additional permits shall be granted until
all fees have been paid.

III. Plumbing Permit Fees

A. New Construction.
   1. One-and Two (1)-Family Dwellings: $0.0875/square-foot under roof
   2. All other occupancies:
      As set forth in the unit cost schedules in Subsection 8-32(c) III.B.

B. Repair/Alterations/Addition to Existing Construction.
   1. Unit Costs – Each Plumbing Fixture Outlet or Appliance $5.40
Shall include each water closet, urinal, bidet, sink, lavatory, basin, laundry sink, wash tray, beer or soda fountain, bath tub, hot tub, shower, sauna, drinking fountain, wet bar, washing machine, hose cabinet or hose rack, fire pump, sewer ejector, cooling tower, sill cock, dental unit, hub drain, floor, area or roof drain, sand trap, grease trap, sump pump or any other plumbing element commonly known as plumbing fixture.

2. Water Service $26.95
3. Water Housepiping $26.95
4. Water Standpipe $26.95
5. Backflow Prevention Device $26.95
6. Sump $7.55
7. Swimming Pool $12.95
8. Renew Soil Line $7.55
9. Renew Gas Vent $7.55
10. Gas Housepiping $26.95
11. Additional Opening $5.40
12. Floor Furnace $16.25
13. Unit Heater $16.25
14. Wall Furnace $16.25
15. Commercial Dryer $16.25
16. Commercial Range $16.25
17. Water heater $16.25
18. Miscellaneous $16.25
19. Inspection $21.55
20. Investigative Inspection $43.05

(As per conditions of Subsection 8-31(c) I.O.)

21. Re-Inspections $43.05

C. Expiration of permits shall be addressed as per conditions of Subsection 8-31(c) I.T.

D. Work located out of City limits shall be charged a surcharge of 50% of total permit charge.
E. Minimum fee for any permit for plumbing work shall be Thirty-One Dollars ($31.00)

F. Work with No Permit. The penalty for failure to obtain a permit for work as called for in City Code shall be as described in the penalty section of this code, and in addition to any such fine or imprisonment as may be imposed pursuant to said penalty section, the violator shall pay a fee equal to three (3) times the permit fee that was paid for work done in violation hereof.

IV. Heating/Air Mechanical Permit Fees

   a. New Construction.
      1. One-and Two-Family Dwelling: 0.0875/square-foot
      2. All other occupancies. As set forth in the cost schedules in Subsection 8-31(c)

   b. Commercial and Residential Replacements, Repairs, Alterations and Additions.
      1. Total Valuation Mechanical Fee Schedule
         $500 and less No fees, unless inspection required, in which case a $21.55 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
         $500.01 to $500,000 $32.55 for the first $500.00 up to $1,000.00, plus $5.40 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including $500,000.00.
         $500,000.01 to $1,000,000 $2,727.15 for the first $500,000.00, plus $4.30 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including $1,000,000.00.
         Over $1,000,000.01 $4,877.15 for the first $1,000,000.00, plus $3.25 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

Boiler Permits are issued only with proof of special boiler license.

   2. Inspection (each) $21.55
   3. Re-Inspection (each) $43.00
   4. Investigative Inspection (each) $43.00

C. Minimum Fee for any Hearing/Air or Mechanical Permit shall be Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($32.55).

D. Expiration of permits are addressed as per conditions of Subsection 8-31(c) I.S.
E. Work located out of City limits shall be charged a surcharge of 50% of total permit charge.

F. Penalties (Working Without a Permit). Where work for which a permit is required by the Arkansas Mechanical Code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fee herein specified shall be tripled; however, payment of such triple fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of the Arkansas Mechanical Code in the execution of the work nor from any penalties prescribed herein and no additional permits shall be granted until all fees have been paid.

Section 2. Repealer. The provisions of all technical codes, ordinances and codes of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Emergency; effective date. The ability to properly inspect and permit construction related work in the city and to assure proper funding for such inspections is essential to the public, health, safety and welfare. The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 2019.

PASSED:

ATTEST:                     APPROVED:

________________________________  ________________________________________
Susan Langley, City Clerk        Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney