

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEARCY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REVISION TO CERTAIN FEES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Searcy, Arkansas, has a need to provide for the revision of certain fees in connection with certain inspections and for other review on the part of the Searcy Inspection Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, to-wit:

Section 1. Section 31-3-3 of the Searcy Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 31-3-3. Fees for inspection. Fees for conducting the inspections contemplated by this Section shall be paid at the following rates:

- A. Building: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$2.50 per \$1,000.00 job cost
- B. Electrical: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$35.00 inspection fee.
- C. Plumbing: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$35.00 inspection fee.
- D. Heating and Air Conditioning: \$15.00 permit fee per unit plus \$50.0 inspection fee.
- E. Commercial Kitchen Vent Hood: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$35.00 inspection fee.
- F. Plan Review:

General Fees: Commercial plan review shall be equal to 40% of the building permit fee for the proposed project. This amount shall be estimated by the Inspection Department at the time of such review and such determination shall be conclusive as to the amount to be charged for plan review. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in no event shall the fee for plan review exceed the sum of \$10,000.00.

Large Scale Development Review as required by the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Searcy, Arkansas (which shall be in addition to any other cost, fee or expense required or specified by the City of Searcy, the State of Arkansas, or any other governing jurisdiction:

- i. For review of developments with an aggregate square footage of building less than 50,000 square feet: \$100.00.
- ii. For review of developments with an aggregate square footage of building of 50,000 square feet but less than 100,000 square feet: \$200.00

iii. For review of developments with an aggregate square footage of building amounting to 100,000 square feet or more: \$250.00.

G. Certificate of Occupancy: \$50.00

All permit and direct inspection fees shall be paid by the sub-contractor or tradesman or other person performing such work. All fees based upon the value of the contemplated improvement shall be paid by the general or prime contractor based upon the total value of the contemplated project, inclusive of all sub-contracts; provided, however, that in the event that there is no general or prime contractor for any specific site, said fee shall be paid by the tradesman or other person performing such work.

By way of example, in a project with a total value of \$1,000,000.00, the prime contractor shall pay to the City a fee in the amount of \$2,500.00, and the respective sub-contractors would pay an inspection fee for each relevant portion of the work to be performed such that, by way of example, a HVACR sub-contractor installing one air conditioning system would pay an inspection fee of \$65.00.

By way of further example, in the event there is no general or prime contractor or said contractor fails or refuses to pay such amount, in the event the HVACR portion of the project totals \$100,000.00, the HVACR contractor shall pay, in addition to the sum required for the inspection, the sum of \$250.00.”

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or other actions adopted by the City of Searcy in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Emergency Clause. The City Council finds that in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, that an emergency exists and that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk