

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 18

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 31-2-3 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 \$.30 per square foot under roof
- B. Add-on or remodel: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of the estimated cost of such improvement; provided, however, that no permit or inspection fees shall be assessed, levied or collected for any project estimated to cost less than \$5,000.00 for all work to be performed.
- C. Electrical: \$15.00 permit fee, plus \$35.00 inspection fee.
- D. Heating and Air Conditioning: \$15.00 permit fee per unit plus \$35.00 inspection fee.
- E. Certificate of Occupancy: \$25.00

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the minimum total aggregate of the permit fee and inspection fee for any trade required to obtain an inspection as required by this Article shall be \$50.00.”

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resolutions or other actions adopted by the City of Searcy in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

/s/ Kyle Osborne  
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
City Clerk