

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 35

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEARCY CODE OF ORDINANCES;
AMENDING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMITS;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council has received reports from the Searcy Inspection Department in connection with building permitting within the City of Searcy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Searcy is authorized to administer regulations concerning building permits and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council has reviewed the existing building permit application and has identified the need to amend this application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 7-4 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas is hereby amended as follows:

“Sec. 7-4. Application for Building Permit; Schedule of Fees.

No building shall be erected, constructed, remodeled or substantially altered unless the owner thereof, or his agent, shall have first made application for and received a building permit and paid all fees for such Building Permit, which such fees shall be fixed, from time to time by resolution of the City Council. No building permit shall be issued by the City’s building permit office until said building permit has been approved by the appropriate City Representatives; the Searcy Fire Department and the Searcy Board of Public Utilities. Lots or tracts within a residential subdivision which has been approved by the Searcy Planning Commission only require approval by the building permit officer.

Notwithstanding any of the above, no building shall be erected, constructed, remodeled or substantially improved in any Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) without a preliminary Floodplain Development for construction. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until a final Floodplain Development Permit has been approved. Such Floodplain Development Permit(s) may only be issued by the Floodplain Administrator.”

EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The Searcy City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the immediate adoption and enforcement of this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the provisions hereof shall be in full force and effect from and after this passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

/s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk