

ORDINANCE NO. 169 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE CHAPTER 22 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL" SEC 22-1 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: TAYLOR

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Code Chapter 22, Article I titled "Regulations" Sec 22-1 is in need of revision with regard to permit fees associated with commercial and residential construction permits.; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City revise its ordinance so as to adjust for the year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 22, Article I, Sec 22-1 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances shall be modified as follows:

Sec. 22-1. Schedule of permit and inspection fees.

The schedule of permit fees for any person approved to receive a permit for all construction shall be:

- (1) *Commercial construction (new construction and new additions).*
 - a. New construction permit fee will be calculated at \$5.25 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the contract price up to \$5,000,000.00; thereafter, \$2.62 per \$1,000.00 of contract price.
 - b. Contract prices will be rounded to the next \$1,000.00 when between \$1,000.00's.
 - c. In the absence of a contract for new construction, the permit fee will be calculated at \$0.53 per square foot for all occupancies except storage occupancies, which will be \$0.21 per square foot.
 - d. The minimum permit fee will be \$31.50.

e. Permit fees for repairs, alterations, or renovations will be \$5.25 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof. In the absence of a contract or affidavit, the permit fee will be calculated at \$0.53 per square foot.

f. The permit fees for miscellaneous construction (fences, paving, retaining walls, fire sprinklers, etc.) will be calculated at the \$5.25 per \$1,000.00 and will not require a separate permit when included in initial plans and permit. This needs to be noted on the permit application when applying for the permit; otherwise, a separate permit and fee will be required.

g. Twenty-five percent of the permit fee will be added for new construction, remodels and additions plan reviews.

(2) *Residential construction.*

a. Permit fees for new construction will be calculated at the following rates per square foot:

Dwelling (one, two, or three units): \$0.13.

Townhouses and patio homes: \$0.21.

Accessory uses: \$0.06.

All other residential uses: \$0.21.

b. Residential occupancies with three or more units will be considered commercial and the permit fee will be calculated accordingly.

c. Permit fees for repairs, alterations, and renovations will be calculated at the rate of \$4.20 per \$1,000.00 of contract value.

d. The contract will be rounded to the next \$1,000.00.

e. The owner or contractor must submit a copy of the signed contract or an affidavit stating contract price on all work other than new construction, which is calculated on square footage. A contract cover sheet indicating location, type of work, contract price, and the signatures of owner and contractor without all the general or special conditions may be used. Also, an itemized work order with a total contract price, signed by the owner and contractor, is acceptable.

f. The minimum permit fee is \$31.50.

g. Miscellaneous construction (fences, paving, retaining walls, swimming pools, etc.) permit fees will be calculated at the rate of \$4.00 per \$1,000.00 of contract amount, Note that fencing, paving, and retaining walls have a special provision in the absence of a contract or affidavit.

h. The gross footage of the structures will be used in calculating the fee for new construction.

i. No extra fee will be charged for the driveway when constructed with the dwelling initially.

(3) *Working without a permit.*

a. Any person, firm, or corporation commencing work which requires a permit as described in this section without first obtaining the required permit shall be assessed double the cost of the applicable permit fee plus a penalty of \$100.00.

b. Any structure moved into the City of Shreveport without first obtaining a permit shall be immediately moved offsite at the owner's expense prior to applying for a permit and a penalty of \$500.00 plus the permit fee shall be assessed.

c. No permit shall be issued to any person firm, or corporation who, at the time of application, has an outstanding permit that is in violation of any of the requirements of that permit until such time as the violation has been corrected.

(4) *Inspections outside the city limits.* There shall be a fee in the amount of \$68.25 per inspection for inspections performed for all building permits issued outside the city limits.

(5) *Inspections inside the city limits.* There shall be a fee in the amount of \$68.25 per inspection for inspections performed for all new commercial projects, commercial remodel projects, commercial additions, new residences, residential remodels, and residential additions with respect to all building, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing permits issued inside the city limits with the exception of stand-alone permits.

(6) *Reinspection fees.* If for any reason an inspection is not approved and a reinspection is required, then a fee of \$68.25 will be charged for each reinspection performed inside the city limits and a fee of \$68.25 will be charged for each reinspection performed outside the city limits.

(7) *Work or service for the city.* No permit fee shall be assessed to or collected from any contractor engaged in the performance of any work or service for the city pursuant to a contract, work order or other authority. The provisions of this section shall not relieve the contractor from the obligation to obtain all permits or other approvals required for the performance of the work or service. As used herein the term "contractor" shall include sub-contractor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Article shall be effective January 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Chapter 22, Article I of the Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

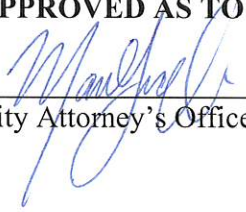
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



City Attorney's Office

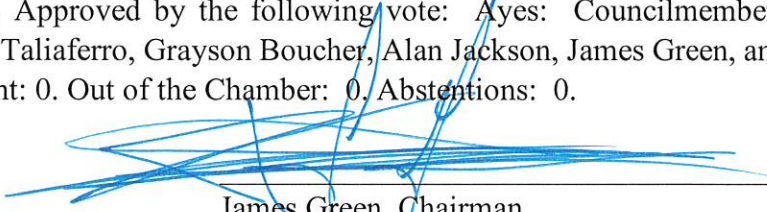
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November 28, 2023

Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Bowman for introduction

December 12, 2023

Having passed first reading on November 28, 2023 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor seconded by Councilman Jackson for adoption. Approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Tabatha Taylor, Gary Brooks, Jim Taliaferro, Grayson Boucher, Alan Jackson, James Green, and Ursula Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Abstentions: 0.


James Green, Chairman

Approved:


Tom Arceneaux, Mayor

Approved by the City Council DEC 12 2023

Approved by the Mayor DEC 20 2023

And Effective on DEC 28 2023

at 12:01 O'clock A.M."


LaTonya Bogan, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council

FACT SHEET**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

An ordinance to revise Chapter 22 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I "In General" Sec 22-1 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to commercial and residential construction permit fees, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

11/27/2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

SPONSOR

No Sponsor

PURPOSE

To revise Chapter 22, Article I of the Shreveport City Code relative to permit fees associated with commercial and residential construction permits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2024 budget assumes that permit fees increase by 5% as of January 1, 2024.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 11/28/2023
Final Passage: 12/12/2023

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

\$ INCREASE
COMMERCIAL
AND
RESIDENTIAL
PERMITS FEES
BY 5%

SOURCE OF FUNDS

PERMIT FEES

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

Stephen Terese