

ORDINANCE #O-2021-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF POWHATAN, VIRGINIA, APPENDIX A (FEE SCHEDULE) TO ADD A CREDIT TO APPLICANTS OF \$500 FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS UNDER 1,500 SQUARE FEET AND \$750 FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS 1,500 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER, WHEN THE APPLICANTS CHOOSE TO UTILIZE PRE-APPROVED THIRD PARTY TO REVIEW BUILDING PERMIT PLANS.

WHEREAS, §15.2-1427 and §15.2-1433 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as may be amended from time to time, enable a local governing body to adopt, amend, and codify ordinances or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Building Department is charged with reviewing plans for new construction to ensure compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the volume of permit activity may exceed the resources of the department, resulting in unusually long times to review plans and issue permits; and

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to use qualified third-party plan reviewers to handle all or a portion of the plan review; and

WHEREAS, offering a credit for a portion of the cost of utilizing a third-party would incentivize more applicants to take advantage of such a service, reducing the permit issuance times; and

WHEREAS, when review times have stabilized to a reasonable time period, the credit may be deactivated; and

WHEREAS, the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors caused to be published a notice of public hearing on this matter in *Powhatan Today* on August 11, 2021 and August 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the full ordinance was available for public inspection in the Powhatan County Administrator's Office, County Administration Building, 3834 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, Virginia 23139; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2021, the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on this matter and all of those who spoke on this topic were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with §83-123(f)(4) of the *Code of the County of Powhatan*, public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good practice, that Code of Powhatan is amended as follows:

APPENDIX A - FEE SCHEDULE

POWHATAN COUNTY
FEE SCHEDULE

Chapter	Code Section	Department	Description	Current Fee
Development Review Fees		Building	Third Party Plan Review Fee Credit *	\$500 for Single Family dwellings under 1,500 square feet and \$750 for Single Family dwellings 1,500 square feet or greater

* This credit may be put in place when the County Administrator, in consultation with the Building Official, has determined review times for building plans are expected to exceed a reasonable turnaround time.

In all other respects said the Code of the County of Powhatan shall remain unchanged and be in full force and effect.

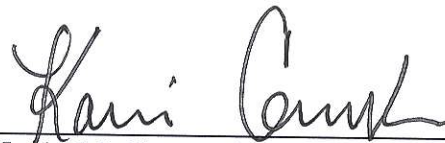
This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED BY THE POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON AUGUST 23, 2021.

ATTEST:



Ned Smither, Clerk
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors



Karin M. Carmack, Chair
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

Recorded Vote:

<i>David T. Williams</i>	AYE
<i>Thomas E. Berry</i>	AYE
<i>Michael W. Byerly</i>	AYE
<i>Bill L. Cox</i>	AYE
<i>Karin M. Carmack</i>	AYE