

CITY OF ABSECON

ORDINANCE 23-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABSECON,
CHAPTER 160-CONSTRUCTION CODE, UNIFORM, SECTION 2 – CERTIFICATE
OF CONTINUING OCCUPANCY AND SECTION 4 - FEES

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABSECON CITY, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 160 – Construction Code, Section 2 – Certificate of Continuing Occupancy and Section 4 - Fees be amended as follows:

SECTION 160-2: Certificate of Continuing Occupancy:

A. Certificate Required

- (4) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to individual guest rooms or suites of residential hotels or motels as identified in the building subcode for Residential group R-1.
- (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to buildings or structures undergoing a change of use pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.6(b).

B. Application

- (3) An application fee for a certificate of continuing occupancy, made payable to the City of Absecon City, shall be in the amount of **\$75.00** for each single-family residence or commercial building. The fee for hotels and motels shall be **\$75.00** plus an additional ten (\$10.00) dollars per unit (not to exceed **\$450.00**). The application fee shall be payable at the time of application and prior to the initial inspection.
 - (b) Additional re-inspections. Beginning with the third and continuing for each subsequent inspection, the applicant will be responsible for an additional fee, made payable to the City of Absecon City, in the amount of **\$35.00**. This fee shall be payable prior to scheduling the re-inspection.

SECTION 160-4: Fees

The basic construction fee shall be the sum of the parts computed on the basis of the volume or cost of construction, the number of plumbing fixtures and pieces of equipment, the number and size of electrical fixtures and devices and the number of fire protection and fire suppression devices at the unit rates provided herein plus any special fees. The minimum for a basic construction permit covering all subcodes, except for elevator, shall be **sixty-five(\$65.00)**, all fees shall be rounded to next highest dollar amount.

A. Building Volume or Cost. The fees for new construction or additions are as follows:

- (1) Fees for new construction shall be based upon the volume of the structure. Volume shall be computed in accordance upon N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28. The new construction fee shall be in the amount of **\$0.035** per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures

of all groups and types of construction as classified and defined in the building subcode and one and two family dwelling subcode;
Except that the fee shall be **\$0.025** per cubic foot for open volume buildings over 100,000 cubic feet that are used exclusively for storage or warehouses. **The minimum fee for new construction shall be \$300.00.**

(2) Fees for renovation, alterations and repairs shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be in the amount of **\$30.00** per \$1,000.00 up to \$50,000.00. From \$50,000 to and including \$100,000.00, the additional fee shall be in the amount of **\$20.00** per \$1000.00 of estimated cost above \$50,000.00. Above \$100,000.00 the additional fee shall be in the amount of **\$15.00** per \$1000.00 of estimated cost above \$100,000.00 For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to the department such cost data as may be available produced by the architect or engineer of record, or by a recognized estimating firm, or by the contractor. **The Department shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost. The minimum fee shall be \$65.00**

- (a) The fee for pre-manufactured construction, all external connections and site work shall be based on estimated cost of construction at a rate of \$40.00 per \$1000.00. **The minimum fee shall be \$300.00.**
- (b) The fee for minor work for roofing and siding for group R3 and R5 shall be calculated in accordance with subsection A.(2) above, with a maximum fee of **\$200.00.**
- (c) The fee for an in-ground swimming pool shall be **\$200.00.** The fee for installation of an above ground pool shall be **\$100.00.**
- (d) The fee for construction of towers, antennas shall be **\$150.00.**
- (e) The fee for retaining walls for group R3/R5 shall be **\$75.00** for walls of less than 550 square feet area, **\$150.00** for walls greater than 550 square feet. The fee for retaining walls for all other groups shall be calculated in accordance with subsection A. (2) above.
- (f) The fee for the installation of underground storage tanks for group R3/R5 shall be **\$75.00**, the fee for all other groups shall be **\$200.00.**
- (g) The fee for a permit for asbestos abatement work, including a certificate of occupancy shall be **\$150.00.**
- (h) The fee for a permit for lead hazard abatement work, including a clearance certificate shall be **\$150.00.**
- (i) The fee for tents in excess of 900 sf. or more than 30 ft. in any dimension shall be **\$125.00.**

(3) Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis as for new construction for the added portion.

(4) Fees for combination renovations, alterations and additions shall be computed as the sum of the fees computed separately in accordance with subsection A (1) and (2) above.

B. Plumbing Fixtures and Equipment.

(1) All fixtures, appliances and equipment, **\$18.00** each, except for Special Devices listed below.

(2) Special Devices.

- (a) Hot water boiler, steam boiler, **cross connection**, backflow preventer, water and sewer connection, grease traps, sewer pump, interceptor/separators refrigeration units, **gas and oil piping shall be \$65.00** each.
- (b) **The fee for non-depletable, alternative energy, solar heating systems shall be \$100.00 for group R/3/R/5, \$1000.00 for all other groups.**

C. Electrical Fixtures and Devices.

- (1) Devices between 1 and 10 horsepower and/or 1 and 10 kilowatts, **\$18.00** each
- (2) Devices in excess of 10 horsepower/kilowatts but less than or equal to 50 horsepower/kilowatts, **\$65.00**
- (3) Devices in excess of 50 horsepower/kilowatts but less than or equal to 100 horsepower/kilowatt, **\$125.00** each.
- (4) Devices over 100 horsepower/kilowatt, **\$500.00** each.
- (5) Service panels, entrances and sub panels:
 - (a) Up to 125 amps, **\$65.00**
 - (b) Between 125 and 250 amps, **\$100.00**
 - (c) Over 250 amps, **\$475.00**
- (6) Fixtures and Devices:
 - (a) From 1 to 50 fixtures and devices, the fee shall be in the amount of **\$65.00**; for each additional 25 fixtures or devices, the fee shall be in the amount of **\$15.00**; for the purpose of computing this fee, fixtures and devices shall include lighting outlets, switches, fluorescent fixtures, convenience receptacles, smoke and heat detectors, or similar fixtures, motors and devices of less than or equal to 1 horsepower or kilowatt.

D. Fire Protection and Other Hazardous Equipment. Sprinklers, standpipes, detectors (smoke and heat) pre-engineered suppression systems, gas and oil fired appliances **not connected to the plumbing system**, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators, crematorium, fire pumps and **all other fire protection devices**:

- (1) The fee for 20 or fewer sprinkler heads or detectors shall be **\$75.00**; for 21 and including 100 heads or detectors, the fee shall be **\$150.00**; for 101 to and including 200 heads or detectors, the fee shall be **\$275.00**; for 201 to and including 400 heads or detectors, the fee shall be **\$650.00**; for 401 to and including 1000 heads or detectors, the fee shall be **\$800.00**; for over 1000 heads or detectors, the fee shall be **\$1,000.00**. In computing fees for heads, detectors and fire protection devices the number of each shall be counted separately and a **separate fee for each type** shall be charged.
- (2) The fee for each standpipe shall be **\$225.00**.
- (3) The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be **\$100.00**.
- (4) The fee for each gas or oil fired appliance shall be **\$75.00**.
- (5) The fee for each kitchen exhaust system for group R2/R3/R5 shall be **\$45.00**; the fee for all other groups shall be **\$125.00**.
- (6) The fee for each incinerator or crematorium shall be ~~\$260.00~~ **\$400.00**.
- (7) The fee for each fire pump shall be ~~\$150.00~~ **\$250.00**

(8) The fee for each woodstove, pre-fabricated fireplace or chimney or chimney lining system for group R3 or R5 shall be \$75.00; the fee for other groups shall be computed in accordance with subsection A. (2).

E. The fees for elevator device inspections and tests shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-12 et al.

(1) The fee for plan review for elevator devices shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)6,7.

F. Certificates and Other Permits. The fees are as follows:

- (1) The fee for demolition or removal permit shall be \$100.00 for a structure of less than 5000 square feet in area and less than 30 feet in height, for one or two family dwellings (group R3/R5), and \$200.00 for all other groups. The fee for underground storage tank removal/abandon in place shall be \$100.00.**
- (2) The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be in the amount of \$4.00 per square foot surface area of the sign, computed on one side only for double faced sign. The minimum fee shall be \$65.00.**
- (3) For a certificate of occupancy, the fee shall be \$150.00 except for one or two family dwellings, group R3/R5, and dwelling units in group R2, the fee shall be \$75.00.**
- (4) The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:23-6.(b), change of use shall be \$150.00.**
- (5) The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(e) shall be \$150.00.**
- (6) The fee for the first issuance and renewal of a temporary certificate of occupancy shall be \$50.00.**
- (7) There shall be no fee for a certificate of approval or certificate of compliance certifying the work done under a construction permit has been satisfactorily completed.**
- (8) The fee for an application for a variation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.10 shall be \$500.00 for Class 1 structures and \$100.00 for Class 2 and 3 structures. The fee for resubmission of an application for a variation shall be \$200.00 for Class 1 structures and \$60.00 for Class 2 and 3 structures.**
- (9) The fee for review of an amendment or change to plan already released shall be \$35.00 per hour, with a minimum fee of \$35.00.**
- (10) The fee for reinstating a lapsed permit shall be 50 percent of the total sum of the original permit.**
- (11) The fee for inspections pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.35 shall be set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(e) and N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.35 (a)2.**
- (12) The fee for a Mechanical permit for replacement or conversion of heating equipment or appliances in Group R-3 and R-5, except for electrical sub-code, shall be a fee of \$90.00**

G. Periodic Inspections. Fees for the periodic re-inspection of equipment and facilities granted a certificate of approval for a specified duration in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23 shall be as follows:

- (1) For cross connections and backflow preventers that are subject to testing, requiring re-inspection every three (3) months, the fee shall be \$43.00 for each device when tested (thrice annually) and \$111.00 for each device when broken down and tested(once annually).
- (2) **The fee for an electrical certificate of compliance for annual bonding and grounding shall be \$50.00; the fee for renewal of a 5 year certification shall be the minimum fee for an electrical permit.**

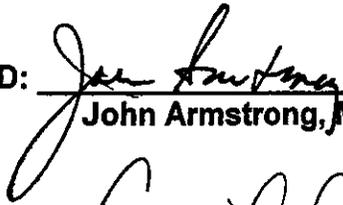
H. In order to provide for the training, certification and technical support programs required by the Uniform Construction Code Act and the regulations, the enforcing agency shall collect in addition to the fees specified above, a surcharge fee as specified in N.J.A.C.5:23-4.19 et al.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. Any Ordinance or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by Law.

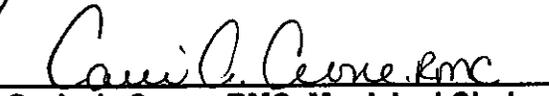
DATED: November 20th, 2014

SIGNED:



John Armstrong, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carie A. Crone, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on November 6th, 2014. Laid over and advertised for public hearing and final adoption on November 20th, 2014. Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Municipal Council of the City of Absecon at a regular meeting held on November 20th, 2014.

