

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-00039**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS WITH REGARD TO PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the best interests of the citizens of the City of Lubbock would be served by the adjustment of permit fees to assist in the cost recovery of expanded public safety programs within the Building Inspection and Fire Prevention Departments ; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT Chapter 6, Article I, Sections 6-74 and 6-75 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock are hereby deleted in their entirety and the following substituted therefore:

Sec. 6-74. New Construction permit fees.

- a) One and two family dwellings: Building permit fees shall be ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot of gross building area under roof, inclusive of all stories but excluding unheated attached garages and covered porch or balcony areas. Building permit fees for detached accessory buildings associated with one and two family dwellings shall be ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot of gross building area under roof, including unheated areas. Building permit fees for additions to existing floor area shall be as for new construction except that the gross floor area of the addition alone shall be used to determine appropriate fees. The minimum fee shall be \$30.00; however, where more than one inspection is required an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each such additional inspection.
- b) New construction other than one and two family dwellings: Building permit fees shall be twenty cents (\$0.20) per square foot of gross building area under roof, inclusive of all stories and covered unenclosed areas. Building permit fees for additions to existing floor area shall be as for new construction except that the gross floor area of the addition alone shall be used to determine appropriate fees. The minimum fee shall be \$30.00; however, where more than one inspection is required an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each such additional inspection.
- c) Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Systems: Permit fees for plumbing, mechanical, electrical and other systems associated with new construction shall be as set forth in the applicable Article III-IX.

Sec. 6-75. Renovation and Remodeling permit fees.

- a) One and two family dwellings: Building permit fees for renovation and remodeling of one and two family dwellings, as well as buildings accessory thereto, shall be set at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 construction valuation or fraction thereof. The minimum fee shall be \$30.00; however, where more than one inspection is required an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each such additional inspection.
- b) Other than one and two family dwellings: Building permit fees for renovation or remodeling of buildings other than one and two family dwellings shall be set at \$2.25 per \$1,000.00 construction valuation or fraction thereof. The minimum fee shall be \$30.00; however, where more than one inspection is required an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each such additional inspection.
- c) Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Systems: Permit fees for plumbing, mechanical, electrical and other systems proposed for alteration, rehabilitation or remodel shall be as set forth in the applicable Article III-IX.
- d) Stated construction valuations for purposes of determining applicable permit fees are subject to verification by the Building Official. Toward that end, the Building Official may require contracts, invoices, or other proof as necessary in order to determine the appropriate valuation. Where such proof cannot be readily obtained, the Building Official may assign a reasonable valuation for the proposed work, or may refuse to issue permits pending receipt of acceptable proof.

SECTION 2. THAT violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable as provided herein.

SECTION 3. THAT should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. THAT the City Secretary is hereby authorized to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative method provided by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Passed by the City Council on first reading this 23rd day of March, 2006.

Passed by the City Council on second reading this 13th day of April, 2006.

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MARC MCDOUGAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

/s/ Steve O'Neal  
Steve O'Neal, Chief Building Official

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ John Knight  
John Knight, Assistant City Attorney