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An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to provide a uniform re-inspection fee; to provide minimal increases to electrical permit and other fees; to provide minimal increases to electrical contractor registration fees; to provide minimal increases to electrical sign contractor registration fees; to increase the minimum permit fee and align with other sections of the contractor ordinance, and to align local and state mechanical appeal board criteria.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Sec. 6-92 of Chapter 6, Article III, Electrical Code, Division 3. Inspections of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 6-92. Reinspection; fee.

If any reinspection is necessary, due to faulty, incorrect or defectively installed work, on any building, structure, or any construction or repair requiring permits, an additional fee of \$50.00 per additional inspection will be charged.”

SECTION 2: Sec. 6-111 of Chapter 6, Article III, Electrical Code, Division 4. Permits of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 6-111. Fees - Schedule.

Before any permit is granted for the installation or alteration of electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment, the person making application for such permit shall pay to the electrical inspection department a fee in the amount specified below:

ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDULE

- (1) Circuits, per circuit\$2.00
- (2) Added outlets to existing circuits, per outlet \$1.00
- (3) Service change and service equipment \$20.00
- (4) Temporary pole, service equipment and wiring \$20.00
- (5) Signs, per sign\$20.00
- (6) Minimum permit, electrical work\$25.00
- (7) Minimum permit-commercial electrical work exceeding \$20,000 in cost\$50.00
- (8) Reinspection fee \$50.00
- (9) Inspection. Inspection of a house, building or structure of any kind or an inspection for a firm, corporation, lending institution or any other person shall be a minimum permit fee of \$20.00 per hour with a one-hour minimum charge.
- (10) Additional fees. If any required inspection of a successive step of construction is not requested as required by section 6-89 then a fee computed on the basis of \$20.00 per hour for time spent due to such inspection or reinspection, subject to a minimum of \$50.00 will be required. This fee shall be in addition to any other fees or charges required by this chapter. Failure to promptly pay this or any other fee required herein shall be grounds for issuance of a stop-work order in addition to other remedies.
- (11) Double fee. Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of the Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

(12) Examination fees and renewals.

Electrical examination fees:

Master electrician\$100.00
 Limited service license100.00
 Sign contractor100.00

License fees:

Renewal of master electrician license50.00
 Renewal of limited service license50.00
 Renewal of sign contractor's license50.00
 Journeyman electrician\$10.00
 Apprentice \$5.00

(13) Technology/computer fees. Each applicant applying for a permit under this article shall pay a \$5.00 technology/computer fee in addition to any permit fees."

SECTION 3: Sec. 6-129 of Chapter 6, Article III, Electrical Code, Division 6. Qualification and Registration of Journeyman Electricians and Helpers, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"6-129. Same-Fees

Journeyman electricians registered under the provisions of this division shall pay to the city electrical inspector a fee of \$10.00 per year and each helper registered under the provisions of this division shall pay to the city electrical inspector a fee of \$5.00 per year. The fees collected under this section shall be turned over to the finance department for deposit in the general fund."

SECTION 4: Sec. 6-163 of Chapter 6, Article III, Electrical Code, Division 8. Qualification and Registration of Journeyman Electrical Sign Electricians and Helpers, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"6-163. Same-Fees.

Journeyman electrical sign electricians registered under the provisions of this division shall pay to the city electrical inspector a fee of \$10.00 per year and each helper registered under the provisions of this division shall pay to the city electrical inspector a fee of \$5.00 per year. Fees collected under this section shall be turned over to the finance department for deposit in the general fund."

SECTION 5: Sec. 6-177 of Chapter 6, Article IV, Plumbing Code, Division 1. Generally, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 6-177. Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule.

(A) Each applicant applying for a permit under this article shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Water:

One, first or only fixtures, appliances, backflow preventer, etc.10.00
 All additional plumbing fixtures2.00
 New service or change out existing5.00
 Lawn sprinkler systems-Inspect for backflow preventer10.00

(2) Sanitary sewer:

New sanitary sewer10.00
 Sewer replacement10.00
 Sewer extension10.00
 Sewer tap10.00

(3) Storm sewer:

New storm sewer within building line10.00
 Change out existing storm sewer within building line10.00
 Each roof drain within building line3.00

(4) Minimum permit \$25.00

Property owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance from the building to the city sewer main including the "tap".

- (B) Re-inspection fees and additional fees. If any re-inspection is made necessary by faulty, incorrect or defectively installed work on any building or structure, or if any inspection of a successive step of construction is not requested as required by the Plumbing Code prior to commencement of further construction or occupancy, a fee computed on the basis of \$20.00_per hour for time spent due to inspection or re-inspection, subject to a minimum of \$50.00. This fee should be in addition to any other fees or charges required by this chapter. Failure to promptly pay this or any other fee required herein shall be grounds for issuance of a stop work order, in addition to other remedies as provided by law.
- (C) Double fee. Where work for which a plumbing permit is required by this code is started prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled. The payment of such double fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of the code, the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.
- (D) Technology/computer fees. Each applicant applying for a permit under this article shall pay a \$5.00 technology/computer fee in addition to any permit fees.”

SECTION 6: Sec. 6-391 of Chapter 6, Article VII, Standard Mechanical Code, Division 1. Generally, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 6-391. Inspections.

If any reinspection is made necessary by faulty, incorrect or defectively installed work on any building or structure, or if any inspection of a successive step of construction is not requested as required by the Mechanical Code prior to commencement of further construction or occupancy, a fee computed on the basis of \$20.00 per hour for time spent due to inspection or reinspection, subject to a minimum of \$50.00. This fee shall be in addition to any other fees or charges required by this chapter. Failure to promptly pay this or any other fee required herein shall be grounds for issuance of a stop work order, in addition to other remedies as provided by law.

Double fee. Where work for which a plumbing permit is required by this code is started prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled. The payment of such double fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of the code, the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

Technology/computer fees. Each applicant applying for a permit under this article shall pay a \$5.00 technology/computer fee in addition to any permit fees.”

SECTION 7: All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this section, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

I, Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance number 17570 passed by the City Council on 5/18/2016.