

ORDINANCE NO. C-23-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 9-48. THROUGH SECTION 9-54. AND SECTION 25-325 - ENGINEERING PERMIT FEES BY AMENDING BUILDING PERMIT FEES RELATED TO LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITTING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale contains fees for development review, permitting and other services to cover the costs of implementing the regulations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, in September 2022, the City Commission approved an ordinance increasing the master building permit fee to align revenues to the incurred costs for permit review; and

WHEREAS, fees for permits require additional adjustment for fund revenue sufficiency and to cover operational expenses; and

WEHEREAS, increases for landscape, tree removal, fire safety, and engineering permit fees are also required to cover increases in operational expenses due to increases in the Consumer Price Index;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9 – Buildings and Construction, Article II. Permits and Inspections, Division 2. – Fees, Section 9-48. through Section 9-54. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 9-48. - General permit fees.

- (a) Beginning October 1, 2024, and on each October 1st thereafter, general permit fees covered in this Section (9-48) shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of doing business, measured by fluctuation in the Consumer Price index (CPI) (All Urban Consumers, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Florida) as

published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor, Statistics or its successor agency based on their percentage change in the CPI from the previous June to June of the year in which the adjustment is affected. The rate schedule shall be adjusted annually unless otherwise amended by an action of the City Commission. It shall not be necessary to amend this article or any part thereof by ordinance or resolution, nor to cause publication or conduct a public hearing prior to the annual adjustment of the rate schedule pursuant to this subscription. The annual adjustment for general permit fees as authorized above shall be kept on the file in the City Clerk's office.

~~(a)~~(b) General permit fees shall be in accordance with the following schedule of rates. Other fees, as referenced throughout this division are also applicable before, during and after permit issuance. If the Building Official questions the cost of construction attested to and believes it does not accurately reflect the cost of construction for the scope of work covered by the permit, he or she may request and utilize a copy of the signed and executed contract for work to be completed under requested permit; apply the values in the most current edition of the RS Means Construction Valuation system; Building Construction Cost Data or other relevant information, at the Building Official's discretion.

~~(b)~~(c) Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly stated in the Florida Building Code, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings.

- (1) Master permit means a permit that has associated trade permit(s) in order to complete the scope of work. A master permit's total estimated construction cost (including labor and materials) shall include the construction costs of any associated trade permits.
- (2) Private provider means a person who can provide alternate plan review and inspection services under Section 553.791, Florida Statutes, and is licensed as an engineer under Chapter 471, Florida Statute or as an architect under Chapter 481, Florida Statutes, as amended.
- (3) Stand-alone permit means a permit where a master permit is not required.
- (4) Trade permit means a subsidiary electrical, mechanical, plumbing or

structural permit that is associated with a master permit.

~~(c)~~(d) Permit and Fee Schedule.

- (1) Inspections of vacant, boarded-up structures or buildings.

Residential or commercial buildings (fee may be charged no more than once every thirty (30) days) \$79.00

- (2) Presale inspection, after-hours inspection, expedited plan review service, forty-year building safety inspection program, business tax inspections and Go Solar - Rooftop Photovoltaic Solar System, permit by affidavit inspection only, permit by affidavit plan review and inspection, and premium fee (engineering, landscape, and zoning).

	Minimum/Base Fee	Value charge (Percent of Construction Value)
a. Presale, inspection, after-hours inspection and business tax inspections	\$105.00 per hour	
b. Expedited plan review service	\$105.00 per hour	
c. Forty-Year Building safety inspection program (BSIP)	\$300.00 \$375.00 flat fee	
d. Go SOLAR Rooftop Photovoltaic Solar System	\$552.00 Permit Fee \$52.00 Re-inspection Fee including Credit Card Convenience Fee Flat fee	
Permit by affidavit (Provider Completes) Inspection	\$105.00	1.10% 18% reduction from the master permit fee.
Permit by affidavit (Provider Completes) Plan Review and Inspection	\$105.00	0.95% 36% reduction from the master permit fee
Premium Fee (Engineering, Landscaping, Zoning Plan Review and Inspection)	\$88.00 \$93.00	0.06% 0.12% of construction value

- (3) Minimum permit fee. Any permit regardless of construction cost shall be assessed a minimum fee of ~~one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred and thirty-one (\$131.00), unless otherwise specified in this section.
- (4) Master permit. Any master permit shall be assessed the greater of ~~one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred and thirty-one (\$131.00), or ~~1.50 percent (1.50%)~~ 1.75 percent (1.75%) of a project's total estimated construction cost (including labor and materials), plus any other applicable fees in accordance with this section.
- (5) Stand-alone permit. Any stand-alone permit shall be assessed the greater of) ~~one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred and thirty-one (\$131.00), or ~~1.50 percent (1.50%)~~ 1.75 percent (1.75%) of the estimated construction cost (including labor and materials), plus any other applicable fees in accordance with this Section.
- (6) Any permit for Outdoor Dining, Sidewalk Café; Temporary Construction Barrier and thirty (30) day Temporary for Test shall be assessed the minimum permit fee of one hundred five dollars (\$105.00), plus any other applicable fees in accordance with this section.
- (7) Trade permit. Any trade permit shall be assessed the greater ~~one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred and thirty-one (\$131.00), or ~~1.50 percent (1.50%)~~ 1.75 percent (1.75%) of the estimated construction cost (including labor and materials), plus any other applicable fees in accordance with this section, if such construction costs are not already included in a master permit associated with the trade permit.
- (8) A Premium Fee shall be assessed on all permits that include more than one trade. The fee shall be the greater of ~~eighty-eight dollars (\$88.00)~~ ninety-three dollars (\$93.00) or ~~.06 percent (0.06%)~~ .12 percent (0.12%) of a project's total estimated construction cost (including labor and materials).
- (9) At time of application submittal, up to fifty percent (50%) of the fee

assessed shall be required. Any remaining fees shall be required at time of permit issuance.

- (10) Under special circumstances as approved by the City Commission or City Manager, the collection of permit fees excluding impact fees and fees associated with other agencies, may be waived until issuance of certificate of occupancy.
- (11) Reexamination. Any reexamination of initial plans or review of replacement plans shall be assessed a fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per hour or twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26.25) per 15-minute increment thereof.
- (12) Plan revision. Any review of revised plans shall be assessed a fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per hour or twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26.25) per 15-minute increment thereof.
- (13) Shop drawings. Any review of shop drawings shall be assessed a fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per discipline.
- (14) Expedited plan review service shall be assessed a fee above the normal assessed fees of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per hour or twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26.25) per 15-minute increments thereof per discipline.
- (15) Permit renewal. Any permit may be extended by the Building Official if requested prior to the permit expiration date. When an active permit is renewed prior to expiration with no change in plans, the fee shall be fifty percent (50%) of the fee assessed at time of application submittal. Once the permit has expired, the fee shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the fee assessed at time of application submittal. Permit life is automatically extended with each approved inspection for the permit or any related master or sub permits, as per Chapter 1 of the Broward County edition of the Florida Building Code.
- (16) Surcharges. For all permits issued, the following surcharges will be collected.
 - a. State of Florida Department of Business and Professional

Regulation (DBPR). A building permit surcharge fee for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to administer the Florida Building Code shall be assessed pursuant to Section 553.721, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. The minimum amount collected on any permit issued shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

- b. State of Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund (BCAI). A building permit surcharge fee for the enforcement of the Florida Building Code shall be assessed pursuant to Section 468.631, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. The minimum amount collected on any permit issued shall be two dollars (\$2.00).
- c. Construction lien law. A fee will be collected in accordance with Section 713.135(4), Florida Statutes for each permit issued to process a construction lien law statement to each property owner, as may be amended.
- d. Board of Rules and Appeals fee. All permits shall be accompanied by a fee assessed on construction value as per the most current Broward County Commission Resolution, as amended.
- e. Debris fee. Per City Code of Ordinances, Section 24-100 and Section 24-101, as may be amended.
- f. Any other fees legally mandated by state or county law.

(17) Miscellaneous inspection fees.

- a. Inspections of vacant, boarded-up structures or buildings shall be assessed a fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per inspection. Inspection fees may be charged no more than once every thirty (30) days.
- b. Presale inspection, after-hours inspection and business tax inspections: one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per hour. Weekday inspections shall be assessed a minimum fee of two

- (2) hours. Weekend inspections shall be assessed a minimum fee of three (3) hours.
- c. Forty-year building safety inspection program shall be assessed a flat fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
 - d. Reinspection (all disciplines): ~~one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$131.00)~~ one hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$164.00). All permit fees shall include initial required inspections. If an inspector, upon a requested inspection, finds the work does not conform to, or comply with the approved plans, or comply with the provisions of Florida law, the Florida Building Code, or the city code of ordinances, the inspector shall provide a written notice indicating the corrections required. If corrections to a failed inspection are not corrected on the first reinspection, then a reinspection fee will be assessed.
- (18) Change of contractor: one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00).
- (19) Certificates of occupancy (including certificate of occupancy, partial certificate of occupancy, expansion of partial certificate of occupancy, and temporary certificate of occupancy and extension of temporary certificate of occupancy): four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00). An additional four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00) will be charged for each expansion of a partial certificate of occupancy. A fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) will be charged for an extension of partial certificate of occupancy, or extension of a temporary certificate of occupancy.
- (20) Certificate of Completion: one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00).
- (21) Property records request per Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. Records research, including from a digital source, shall be assessed a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour or five dollars (\$5.00) per 15-minute increment thereof and does not include reproduction of records. Reproduction of records shall be charged by page as follows:
- a. 8.5 x 11: \$0.15
 - b. 8 x 14: \$0.50

- c. 11 x 17: \$1.00
- d. 24 x 36: \$3.00
- e. 36 x 48: \$4.00
- f. Microfiche copy: \$2.00
- g. True copy: \$1
- h. USB flash drive to scan files without printing: \$3.00
- i. Digital copy - shall be charged based on hourly and incremental rates

Sec. 9-49. - Landscape and tree removal/relocation permit fees.

- (a) Beginning October 1, 2024, and on each October 1st thereafter, landscape and tree removal/relocation permit fees covered in Section 9-49, shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of doing business, measured by fluctuation in the Consumer Price index (CPI) (All Urban Consumers, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Florida) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor, Statistics or its successor agency based on their percentage change in the CPI from the previous June to June of the year in which the adjustment is affected. The rate schedule shall be adjusted annually unless otherwise amended by an action of the City Commission. It shall not be necessary to amend this article or any part thereof by ordinance or resolution, nor to cause publication or conduct a public hearing prior to the annual adjustment of the rate schedule pursuant to this subscription. The annual adjustment for landscape and tree removal/relocation permit fees as authorized above shall be kept on the file in the City Clerk’s office.
- (b) When application for a landscape and/or tree removal/relocation permit is approved and before a permit is issued, a fee shall be paid based on the following fee schedule of rates. Other fees, as referenced throughout this division, are also applicable before, during, and after permit issuance.

LANDSCAPE AND TREE REMOVAL/RELOCATION FEE SCHEDULE	
Permit Type	Fee
PL-AFTER-THE-FACT Applies to tree removal/relocation, includes plan review and inspection	4X permit at \$50 \$53 per tree removed (4x \$50 \$53 = \$200 \$212) plus, Flat rate as applicable
PL-CONSTRUCTION (New Tree) Applies to tree removal/relocation, includes	\$250 \$265 Flat rate plus, \$50 \$53 per tree

plan review and inspection	
PL-JOBCHECK	\$250 <u>\$265</u>
PL-LANDSCAPING This fee includes the initial review and an inspection. Additional reviews prior to obtaining a pass may be subject to an additional PL-MINIMUM fee per review	\$350 <u>\$371</u>
PL-MINIMUM	\$150 <u>\$159</u>
PL-REINSPECTION	\$250 <u>\$265</u>
PL-RENEWT-ODS Applies to Permit Renewal (Includes all other Development Sites) includes plan review and inspection	50% Before the permit expires or 100% After the permit expires plus \$250 <u>\$265</u> Flat rate
PL-RENEWT-SF (Single Family Development Site) includes plan review and inspection	50% Before the permit expires or 100% After the permit expires
PL-REVISE-LI (Landscape Installations) This fee includes initial plan review of revised plan and an inspection. Additional reviews prior to obtaining a pass may be subject to an additional PL- MINIMUM fee per review	\$350 <u>\$371</u>
PL-REVISE-TR Applies to tree removal/relocation, plan review and inspection (Includes All Sites other than single family developed sites). Single Family developed sites are subject to PL- MINIMUM fee plus \$50 per tree	\$250 <u>\$265</u> Flat rate plus, any tree removal @ \$50 <u>\$53</u> per tree
PL-TREE-ODS Applies to tree removal/relocation (Includes All Other Developed Sites) includes plan review and inspection	\$250 <u>\$265</u> Flat fee and \$50 <u>\$53</u> per tree
PL-TREE-SF (Single Family Developed Site) Applies to tree removal/relocation, includes plan review and inspection	\$150 <u>\$159</u> Flat rate includes the first 2 trees/Any additional trees after the first two @ a rate of \$50 <u>\$53</u> per tree

Sec. 9-50. - Fire safety fee schedule.

(a) Beginning October 1, 2024, and on each October 1st thereafter, fire safety fees covered in this Section 9-50 shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of doing business, measured by fluctuation in the Consumer Price index (CPI) (All Urban Consumers, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Florida) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor, Statistics or its successor agency based on their percentage change in the CPI from the previous June to June of the year in which the adjustment is affected. The rate schedule shall be adjusted annually unless otherwise amended by an action of the City Commission. It shall not be necessary to amend this article or any part thereof by ordinance or resolution, nor to cause publication or conduct a public hearing prior to the annual adjustment of the rate schedule pursuant to this subscription. The annual adjustment for fire fees as authorized above shall be kept on the file in the City Clerk's office.

~~(a)~~(b)When application for a building permit or a fire safety permit is approved and before a permit is issued, a fee for fire safety features shall be paid based upon the following schedule. Other fees, as referenced throughout this division, are also applicable before, during and after permit issuance.

(1) *Plans examination.*

- a. Minimum fee (see exception below)
plus 0.10 percent of construction value ~~\$105.00~~\$123.90
- b. Plans examination fee, per square foot includes all new construction, additions, alterations, remodeling, renovations, and similar type work requiring a permit (except single-family, duplex, townhouse and parking garages.) ~~\$0.0625~~\$0.07375
- c. Single-family structure (single-family dwelling, duplex, townhouse) ~~\$48.13~~\$56.79
- d. Parking garages under fifty (50) feet in height fee, per square foot ~~\$0.0065~~\$0.00767
- e. Parking garages over fifty (50) feet in height fee, per square foot ~~\$0.02065~~\$0.0175

- f. Plans examination fee for early warning systems or devices, installed in existing structures and used for the reporting and/or detection of fire or its byproducts ~~\$107.43~~\$126.77
 - g. Exception to minimum fee household fire warning equipment as defined in NFPA 74, family living units, and those systems previously charged in subsection (a)(1)b., per unit ~~\$9.45~~\$11.15
 - h. If plans must be reexamined because of major changes or alterations, a reexamination fee equal to fifty (50) percent of the original examination fee shall be charged.
- (2) *New construction inspections.* Fire safety and fire extinguishing apparatus-inspection testing fees for new buildings, additions, alterations and repairs, modifications of occupancy and presale inspection and tests.
- a. Fire standpipe, per test:
 - 1. Minimum fee ~~\$211.41~~\$249.46
 - 2. Fee per residential unit or per one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area ~~\$10.60~~\$12.51
 - b. Fire sprinkler system, per test:
 - 1. Minimum fee ~~\$271.64~~\$320.54
 - 2. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area up to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet ~~\$17.45~~ \$14.79
 - 3. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet ~~\$10.60~~\$12.51
 - c. Smoke control system testing and inspection, per square foot ~~\$0.02~~\$0.236

- d. Each automatic fire extinguisher system (excluding sprinkler systems) such as carbon dioxide, dry chemical, etc., per test:
 - 1. Minimum fee ~~\$25.19~~\$29.72
 - 2. Each ten (10) pounds of extinguishing agent ~~\$16.79~~\$19.81
 - 3. Halon, each ten (10) pounds of extinguishing agent ~~\$10.60~~\$12.51
- e. Single-family structure (duplex, townhouse, single-family dwelling) ~~\$54.14~~\$63.88
- f. Early warning devices or systems installed in existing structures and used for the reporting and detection of fire or its byproducts (per test):
 - 1. Minimum fee (see exception below) ~~\$107.43~~\$126.77
 - 2. Fee per device ~~\$2.16~~\$2.55

(Device smoke or heat detectors, manual pull stations, flow switches, tamper switches.)
 - 3. Exception to minimum fee. Household fire warning equipment as defined in NFPA 74, Family living units, and those systems previously charged in subsection (a)(2), per unit ~~\$9.45~~\$11.15
- g. Permit reinspection fee ~~\$75.00~~\$88.50

A permit reinspection fee will be assessed on all inspections after the first inspection.

Reinspection. All permit fees shall include initial required inspections. If an inspector, upon a requested inspection, finds the work does not conform to or comply with the approved plans or comply with the provisions of the state law, building code, or City

Code of Ordinances, he or she shall provide a written notice indicating the corrections required. After corrections have been made, a reinspection fee shall be paid and a reinspection of work requested.

The payment for reinspection fees shall be made before any further permits will be issued to the person owing same. No further inspections will be made until all outstanding reinspection fees have been paid.

- h. All other inspections required for a certificate of occupancy shall be charged at the periodic inspection rate, to be paid at time of permit issuance.
- (3) *Periodic fire inspection fees (for existing occupancies, structures, or systems).*
- a. Fire standpipe, per test:
 - 1. Minimum fee ~~\$169.21~~ \$241.46
 - 2. Fee per residential unit or one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in nonresidential occupancies ~~\$8.48~~ \$12.10
 - b. Fire sprinkler system, excluding buildings with standpipe systems, per test:
 - 1. Minimum fee ~~\$217.31~~ \$310.10
 - 2. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area up to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet ~~\$11.83~~ \$16.88
 - 3. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet ~~\$8.48~~ \$12.10
 - c. Occupancies:

- 1. Hotels, apartments, multiple dwelling units (three (3) units or more), regardless of the form of ownership, and boardinghouses renting furnished or unfurnished rooms or apartments: three (3) or more rooms, apartments or units, apartment or unit as shown on certificate of occupancy issued by city:

Fifty (50) units or less and first fifty (50) units if entire building complex is more than fifty (50) units, fee per unit~~\$9.45~~\$16.25

If building complex has more than fifty (50) units, fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100) units, fee per unit~~\$7.31~~\$12.57

If building complex has more than one hundred (100) units, over one hundred (100) units, fee per unit~~\$3.88~~\$6.67

- 2. Restaurants, cafes and public eating places where food is served in connection with or separate from other business. Capacity of:

One (1) to fifteen (15) persons, both inclusive~~\$67.14~~\$115.48

Sixteen (16) to fifty (50) persons, both inclusive~~\$104.08~~\$179.02

Fifty-one (51) to one hundred ninety-nine (199) persons, both inclusive ~~\$144.35~~\$248.28

Over one hundred ninety-nine (199) persons~~\$161.14~~\$277.16

- 3. Assembly, educational, lodging or, mercantile and business occupancies, health care, detention and residential board and care occupancies:

Up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet
..... ~~\$63.79~~\$109.72

Two thousand five hundred one (2,501) square feet to
five thousand (5,000) square feet ~~\$104.08~~\$179.01

Each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet or part
thereof ~~\$7.39~~\$12.71

4. Storage and industrial:

Up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet
..... ~~\$104.08~~\$179.01

Two thousand five hundred one (2,501) square feet to
five thousand (5,000) square feet ~~\$147.69~~\$254.03

Each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet or part
thereof ~~\$10.50~~\$18.06

5. Parking garages:

a. Parking garage without any type of fire protection
system (i.e., fire standpipe, fire sprinkler, dry
standpipe or any combination) fee calculated,
minimum plus square feet

Minimum fee ~~\$83.01~~\$84.73

Per one thousand (1,000) square feet
~~\$0.63~~\$1.08

b. Parking garage with fire protection system i.e.,
fire standpipe, fire sprinkler, dry standpipe or any
combination) fee calculated, minimum plus
square feet.

Minimum fee ~~\$371.76~~\$639.43

Per one thousand (1,000) square feet
~~\$0.74~~\$1.27

- 6. All other occupancies which cannot be classified above, initial inspection ~~\$83.94~~\$144.33
- 7. Reinspection fee ~~\$42.98~~\$73.93

Reinspection fee will be assessed on all inspections after the first inspection.

Reinspection. Periodic fire inspection fees shall include initial required inspections. If an inspector, upon a requested inspection, finds the work does not conform to or comply with the approved plans or comply with the provisions of the state law, building code, or City Code of Ordinances, he or she shall provide a written notice indicating the corrections required. After corrections have been made, a reinspection fee shall be paid and a reinspection of work requested.

Exemption: All occupancies, structures or systems that are charged a periodic fire inspection fee under subparagraphs (a)(3) a., b. or c.1. and c.2. will not be charged an additional fee under subparagraphs (a)(3) c.3., c.4. and c.5.

~~(4) Fumigation.~~

~~Single family and duplex \$51.56~~

~~Commercial and multifamily dwellings up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet \$68.75~~

~~For each one thousand (1,000) square feet above two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet \$4.81~~

~~Maximum fee shall not exceed \$171.88~~

- (4) *Miscellaneous inspections.* The performance of a required inspection at a special event and/or a required inspection that must take place outside of normal inspection hours and/or a required fire watch ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ one hundred forty five dollars (\$145.00) per inspector per hour (two-hour minimum).
- (b) After the initial periodic fire inspection, all occupancies, structures or systems requiring more than one (1) inspection per year, excluding reinspections, shall be charged fifty (50) percent of the initial inspection fee, but not less than ~~forty five dollars and seventy eight cents (\$45.78)~~ seventy eight dollars and seventy four cents (\$78.74).
- (c) Occupancy, structure and system classification shall be in accordance with the current adopted edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code or any other fire prevention code adopted pursuant to Florida Statutes. Single-family and duplex occupancies are exempt from periodic fire inspections.
- (d) Properties annexed into the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be required to pay inspection fees provided herein after the first year following the date of annexation.

Secs. 9-51 – 9.53. – Reserved.

Sec. 9-54. - Engineering permit fees.

This section is hereby created to establish permit fees for engineering reviews and engineering inspections, separate and apart from the fees established in Sections 9-46—9-53 for the building disciplines.

Additional engineering fees shall be paid for building permit applications that require civil engineering review. The fee amounts shall be based on the rates established in this section. Unless otherwise stated herein, all engineering fees shall be paid prior to acceptance of building permit application.

At no time shall the total review fee for a permit (building and engineering fees combined) exceed fifty (50) percent of the cost of material and labor required to complete the job. Proof of actual cost of material and labor shall be submitted to the building official and approval obtained for this exception

to be granted.

The fixed fees shall include three cycles of reviews and/or inspections, as applicable. Should the review or inspection for a Permit exceed three cycles due to noncompliance with engineering standards, governing laws or permit conditions, final written comments itemizing same, along with any necessary corrective actions, shall be provided to the Applicant. At the discretion of the City Engineer, a mandatory staff meeting may be scheduled with Applicant and/or Applicant's representatives as a prerequisite to any further reviews or inspections. The hourly rates for re-reviews, reinspections, and staff meetings established in Section 9-54(6) shall apply.

Beginning October 1, 2024, and on each October 1st thereafter, engineering permit fees covered in Section 9-54 shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of doing business, measured by fluctuation in the Consumer Price index (CPI) (All Urban Consumers, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Florida) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor, Statistics or its successor agency based on their percentage change in the CPI from the previous June to June of the year in which the adjustment is affected. The rate schedule shall be adjusted annually unless otherwise amended by an action of the City Commission. It shall not be necessary to amend this article or any part thereof by ordinance or resolution, nor to cause publication or conduct a public hearing prior to the annual adjustment of the rate schedule pursuant to this subscription. The annual adjustment for engineering permit fees as authorized above shall be kept on the file in the City Clerk's office.

~~The engineering permit fees established in this section shall be effective October 21, 2020. A fee analysis by City staff or a hired contractor shall be conducted periodically, not to exceed five (5) years, and fees adjusted accordingly to ensure that the rates are reflective of the actual costs to the City.~~

- (1) Permits for Residential - Single Family
 - a. New Construction ~~\$275~~\$292
 - b. Alterations, additions and site modifications that affect

- paving/driveways/swales, grading, drainage, docking facilities and seawalls ~~\$230~~\$244
- c. Accessory Structures, fences, equipment or other improvements adjacent to public utilities or in easements ~~\$244~~ \$230
- d. Seawall Waiver Requests ~~\$175~~\$186
- e. Demolition ~~\$230~~\$244
- f. Final Survey ~~\$230~~\$244
- (2) Permits for Residential Construction – Two Family Dwelling, Duplex or Triplex
 - a. New construction ~~\$1,360~~\$1,442
 - b. Alterations, Additions and Modifications that affect on-site civil improvements such as Water and Sewer Mains, Paving, Driveways, Grading, Stormwater Management, Docking Facilities and Seawalls and Capital Expansion/Impact Fees ~~\$550~~\$583
 - c. Accessory Structures, fences, equipment or other improvements adjacent to public utilities or in easements ~~\$230~~\$244
 - d. Seawall Waiver Requests ~~\$175~~\$186
 - e. Early Start (Clearing, Grading & work prior to first inspection) ~~\$115~~\$122
 - f. Demolition ~~\$230~~\$244
 - g. Phase Permit (Foundation and Shell to specified height) ~~\$680~~\$721
 - h. Final Survey (CO, TCO, PCO) ~~\$470~~\$498

- (3) Permits for Small Commercial Construction - (10 parking spaces or less)
 - a. New Construction ~~\$1,360~~\$1,442
 - b. Alterations, Additions and Modifications that affect on-site civil improvements such as Water and Sewer Mains, Paving, Driveways, Grading, Stormwater Management, Docking Facilities and Seawalls and Capital Expansion/Impact Fees ~~\$550~~\$583
 - c. Accessory Structures, fences, equipment or other improvements adjacent to public utilities or in easements ~~\$230~~\$244
 - d. Early Start (Clearing, Grading & site work prior to first inspection) ~~\$115~~\$122
 - e. Demolition ~~\$440~~\$466
 - f. Phase Permit (Foundation and Shell to specified height) ~~\$680~~\$721
 - g. Final Survey (CO, TCO, PCO) ~~\$470~~\$498
- (4) Permits for Large Commercial Construction (Greater than 10 parking spaces)
 - a. New Construction ~~\$3,736~~\$3,960
 - b. Alterations, Additions and Modifications that affect on-site civil improvements such as Water and Sewer Mains, Paving, Driveways, Grading, Stormwater Management, Docking Facilities and Seawalls and Capital Expansion/Impact Fees ~~\$1,500~~\$1,590
 - c. Early Start (Clearing, Grading & site work prior to first inspection) ~~\$240~~\$254

- d. Demolition ~~\$836~~\$886
- e. Phase Permit (Foundation and Shell to specified height) ~~\$1,160~~\$1,230
- f. Final Survey (CO, TCO, PCO) ~~\$1,070~~\$1,134

(5) Miscellaneous Fees

a. Outdoor Dining	\$115 <u>\$122</u>
b. Sidewalk Café	\$115 <u>\$122</u>
c. Temporary Construction Barrier	\$115 <u>\$122</u>
d. Change of Use	\$115 <u>\$122</u>

(6) Re-reviews, Reinspections, and Expedited Reviews. The permit fees in this section shall be based on the actual review and inspection times, at the rates established herein. Review and inspection times shall be charged in 15-minute increments and rounded to the nearest 15-minute increment.

a. Permit Revisions	\$120 <u>\$127</u> per hour
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The fees for permit revisions shall be paid prior to any further reviews or prior to issuance of permit, whichever occurs first.

b. Re-reviews and Reinspections

Re-review	\$120 <u>\$127</u> per hour
Reinspection	\$110 <u>\$117</u> per hour
Meetings	\$115 <u>\$122</u> per hour/staff member

Re-review fees shall be paid prior to any further reviews or prior to issuance of permit, whichever occurs first. Reinspection fees shall be paid within ten (10) business days after inspection or prior to final inspection, whichever occurs first. Meeting fees shall be paid within ten (10) business days of the meeting, prior to final inspection or prior to issuance of permit, as applicable. No further plan reviews or inspections will be conducted when fees are past due. Plan reviews

and inspections will resume when all outstanding fees are paid.

(7) Expedited Permit Review – After Hours

Expedited Review - After Hours:	
Minimum Fee/First Three Hours	\$305 <u>\$323</u>
Each Additional Hour	\$80 <u>\$85</u>

Upon request by the Applicant an expedited review may be provided subject to the availability of resources at the time of the request. The minimum fee shall be paid prior to Permit Application Acceptance by the City and will cover up to three (3) hours of review. Any remaining balance shall be paid prior to issuance of the Permit.

(8) Inspection After Hours

Minimum Fee/First Three Hours	\$270 <u>\$286</u>
Each Additional Hour	\$70 <u>\$74</u>

Upon request by the Applicant, After Hours Inspections may be provided for Building Permits subject to the availability of resources at the time of the request. The minimum inspection fee shall cover up to three (3) hours of inspection and be paid prior to the inspection. Any remaining balance shall be paid within ten (10) business days after the inspection. No further inspections will be conducted when fees are past due. Inspections will resume when all outstanding fees are paid.

(9) Miscellaneous Permits - Permit fees for construction or activities that are not defined by any of the permit categories in this article shall be based on actual review time.

Miscellaneous Permit Fee	\$160 <u>\$170/hour</u>
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A \$40 fee for the first 15-minute increment shall be paid at the time of building permit application and any remaining balance shall be paid prior to issuance of the building permit.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 25 – Streets and Sidewalks, Article XIII. - Fees, Division 1. – Fees,

Section 25-325. – Engineering permit fees of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 25-325. - Engineering permit fees.

- (a) The fee amounts for Permits and services provided by the Engineering Division in the Development Services Department shall be based on the rates and fee calculation methodologies established herein.
- (b) Permit Fees Based on Percentage of Estimated Construction Value.
 - (1) The Permit fees in this subsection shall be based on the percentage of Estimated Construction Value as indicated in the fee schedule herein. Applicant shall submit the Estimated Construction Value with the Permit Application for review and acceptance by the Plans Reviewer. The estimates shall be based on commonly accepted cost estimating practices in the industry and may include additional documentation such as an executed contract for construction for the Permit work. Should there be a disagreement between the Plans Reviewer and the Applicant, the City Engineer shall have final authority in determining the Estimated Construction Value.
 - (i) Exception: At no time shall the permit fee in this category be less than \$120.
 - (2) The Permit fees based on the Estimated Construction Value shall be paid prior to the second cycle of review comments or prior to issuance of permit, whichever occurs first.
 - (3) Fee Schedule: Authority in determining the Estimated Construction Value.
 - (i) Sidewalk and Curb - Installation, repair and restoration of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, concrete flatwork, decorative streetscape improvements and similar construction: 2% of Estimated Construction Value.
 - (ii) Paving Installation, repair and restoration of surfacing, base, subbase for any public transportation facility, restoration of pipe

trench and similar construction: 2% of Estimated Construction Value.

- (iii) Stormwater Design and construction of stormwater management facilities and the installation, repair, maintenance of stormwater collection systems, including piping, manholes, junction structures and similar construction: 2% of Estimated Construction Value.
- (iv) Water Main System Extensions and Connections, fire hydrants, water services and similar construction: 3% of Estimated Construction Value.
- (v) Sanitary Sewer - Gravity and Force Main Extensions and Connections, manholes, pump stations, lift stations, force and similar construction, but not including installation of sanitary sewer service laterals: 3% of Estimated Construction Value.

(c) Fixed Permit Fees.

- (1) The Permit fees in this subsection shall be based on the fixed fee amounts established herein.
 - (i) Exception: At no time shall the review fee for a permit exceed fifty (50) percent of the cost of material and labor required to complete the job. Upon request by the Plans Reviewer, proof of the actual cost of material and labor shall be submitted to the City Engineer and approval obtained for this exception to be granted.
 - (ii) The fixed Permit fees shall be paid prior to Permit Application Acceptance.
 - (iii) The fixed fees shall include three cycles of reviews and/or inspections, as applicable. Should the review or inspection for a Permit exceed three cycles due to noncompliance with engineering standards, governing laws or permit conditions, final written comments itemizing same, along with any necessary corrective actions, shall be provided to the Applicant. At the discretion of the City Engineer a mandatory staff meeting may be

scheduled with Applicant and/or Applicant's representatives as a prerequisite to any further reviews or inspections. The hourly rates for re-reviews, reinspections and staff meetings established in Section 25-325(e)(3) shall apply.

(2) Fee Schedule:

- (i) Landscaping Small Project ~~\$175~~\$186
- (ii) Landscaping Large Project ~~\$590~~\$625
- (iii) Monitoring Well ~~\$145~~\$122
- (iv) Transit/Bus Shelter Permit ~~\$175~~\$186
- (v) Sidewalk Waiver Request ~~\$175~~\$186
- (vi) Seawall Elevation Waiver Request ~~\$175~~\$186
- (vii) Street Lighting ~~\$295~~\$313
- (viii) Application for water service - (Fire Hydrant, Fire Service, Domestic/Irrigation 4" and Larger) ~~\$270~~\$286
- (ix) Sanitary Sewer Laterals in accordance with Sections 28-51 through 28-59 ~~\$725~~\$769
- (x) FDEP and Broward County permits for water and sewer
 - Small Project ~~\$340~~\$360
 - Large Project ~~\$685~~\$726
- (xi) Water and Sanitary Sewer Capacity Allocation Letter
 - Small Projects ~~\$960~~\$1,018
- (xii) Modifications to small projects that require capacity re-analyses ~~\$960~~\$1,018

Large Projects ~~\$2,400~~\$2,544

(xiii) Modifications to large projects that require capacity re-analyses ~~\$2,400~~\$2,544

(xiv) Bond Processing - Construction Value \$40,000 or less ~~\$105~~\$111

(xv) Bond Processing - Construction Value more than \$40,000 ~~\$370~~\$392

(xvi) Easement Dedication ~~\$655~~\$694

(xvii) Maintenance Declaration ~~\$680~~\$721

(xviii) Change of Contractor ~~\$25~~\$27

(xix) Permit Renewal or Extension ~~\$25~~\$27

(xx) Expired Permit Renewal ~~\$25~~\$27

(xxi) Lost Plans ~~\$100~~\$106

(d) Permit Fees Based on Fixed Amount Plus Inspection Time

(1) The Permit fees in this section shall be based on the fixed fee amounts plus a variable Inspection fee, as established herein. The added Inspection fee shall be calculated by multiplying the number of Days by the Inspection Rate per Day, as set forth below.

(2) The fixed amount plus Inspection fee Permit fees shall be paid prior to Permit Application Acceptance.

(3) Inspection Rate Per Day ~~\$30~~\$32

(4) Fee Schedule:

(i) Site Preparation and Erosion Control ~~\$165~~\$175 plus Inspection Fee

- (ii) Dewatering ~~\$188~~\$199 plus Inspection Fee
- (iii) Temporary Traffic Control/Maintenance of Traffic ~~\$210~~\$223 plus Inspection Fee
- (iv) Crane Operation ~~\$960~~\$1018 plus Inspection Fee
- (v) Revocable License ~~\$4,200~~ \$4,452 plus Inspection Fee
- (vi) Revocable License Extension ~~\$1,000~~\$1,060 plus Inspection Fee

(e) Permits Fees Based on Hourly Review and Inspection Rates

(1) The permit fees in this section shall be based on the actual review and inspection times, at the rates established herein. Review and inspection times shall be charged in 15-minute increments and rounded to the nearest 15-minute increment.

(2) Fee Schedule:

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SECTION 2. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2023.

PASSED FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN