ORDINANCE NO. C-15-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, CODE ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE II SECTION 11-3, JURISDICTION OF BOARD AND SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance C-15-16 adopted on April 21, 2015, amended Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and established the authority of the special magistrate and a quasi-judicial board to hear and decide code violation cases and to impose fines and liens; and

WHEREAS, Section 1(c)(1)e of said Ordinance provides for an administrative fee;

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Chapter 11, Code Enforcement, Article II, Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrate Procedures, Section 11-3. Jurisdiction of board and special magistrate, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-3. Jurisdiction of board and special magistrate.

- (a) There shall be one (1) board and one (1) or more special magistrates. The board and special magistrates shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide cases in which violations of any provision of the Code are alleged.
- . . .
 - (c) The special magistrate is authorized to reduce fines and penalties established by a special magistrate or by the City Code Enforcement Board as follows:
- . . .
- e. Payment of the administrative fee <u>of \$175.00 for the initial case with an</u> <u>additional \$25.00 for any additional case on the same property and filed</u> <u>at the same time as the initial case.</u>

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(d) The City Commission may grant relief conditioned upon compliance within specified time period, for a property that is not in, or cannot be placed in, compliance, in exceptional circumstances.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this the 18th day of August, 2015. SECOND READING this the 1st day of September, 2015.

Mayor JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

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