

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF APPENDIX A "FEE SCHEDULE" OF THE BRIDGEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING CERTAIN BUILDING AND TRADE PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the master fee schedule of the City of Bridgeport has been codified as Appendix A of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances establishing various fees for City services and permits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend various sections of the fee schedule relating to certain building and trade permit fees in order to offset costs associated with the administration, investigation and implementation of ordinances and regulations applicable to development and other activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1

That Section A4.001 "Building Permit Fees" of Appendix A, "Fee Schedule" of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. A4.001 Building Permit Fees

(a) Permit Fees

Total Valuation	Fee
\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$55.00
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$55.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$100.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00
\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$100.00 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$12.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$376.00 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$9.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and

	including \$50,000.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$613.50 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$6.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$913.50 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$2,713.50 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
\$1,000,001.00	\$4,713.00 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$3.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 valuation, or fraction thereof

(b) Other inspections and fees:

(1) Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge - two hours): \$50.00 per hour.⁽¹⁾

(2) Reinspection fees assessed under provisions of section 305.8 [of the building code]: \$50.00 per hour.⁽¹⁾

(3) Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge - one-half hour): \$50.00 per hour.⁽¹⁾

(4) Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans (minimum charge - one-half hour): \$50.00 per hour.⁽¹⁾

(5) For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both: Actual costs.⁽²⁾

(6) Plan review fees on all new construction or major additions, as determined by the building official, shall be 65% of the building permit fee.

⁽¹⁾ Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is the greatest. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

⁽²⁾ Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs."

SECTION 2

That Section A4.003 (a), (b) and (c) "Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Swimming Pool Permit Fees" of Appendix A, "Fee Schedule" of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. A4.003 Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Swimming Pool Permit Fees

(a) Electrical permit fees.

Options	Fee Each
Base permit fee	\$30.00
Residential electric under 500 sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$10.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.05
Residential electric over 500 sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$25.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.05
Temporary pole	\$30.00
Electrical openings	\$3.00
Branch circuits	\$4.00
Feeder amps	\$15.00 + _____ x \$0.10
Service amps	\$15.00 + _____ x \$0.10
Swimming pool/hot tub/spa	\$35.00
Commercial electric from 1 to 1,000 sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$20.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.05
Commercial electric from 1,001 to 10,000 sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$30.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.04
Commercial electric from 10,001 to 50,000 sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$75.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.03
Commercial electric from 50,000 + sq. ft. (figured in sq. ft.)	\$400.00 + _____ sq ft x \$0.03
Temporary utilities (letter required)	\$40.00

(b) Plumbing permit fees.

Options (minimum fee \$30.00)	Fee Each
Base residential per bathroom	\$46.00
Residential wet bar	\$8.00
Water heater	\$10.00
New water line	\$20.00

Water pipe repair	\$25.00
New sewer line	\$20.00
Drainage pipe repair	\$25.00
Gas line/test	\$30.00
Gas pipe system (1 to 4) outlets	\$5.00
Gas piping system (add-on outlets over 4)	\$1.00
Commercial plumbing fixture	\$8.00
Commercial rainwater systems	\$8.00
Commercial interceptors	\$30.00
Irrigation/backflow protection (1 to 4 devices)	\$45.00
Backflow protection (add-on devices over 4)	\$1.00
Apartment 1 bedroom	\$30.00
Apartment 2+ bedroom	\$40.00
Private sewage disposal fee	\$500.00

(c) Mechanical permit fees.

Options (minimum fee \$30.00)	Fee Each
Residential heat/air up to 1 ton	\$30.00
Residential heat/air over 1 ton	_____ x \$3.00 + \$30.00
Miscellaneous equipment	\$25.00
Exhaust hoods	\$25.00
Commercial tonnage from 1 to 5 tons	\$45.00
Commercial tonnage (additional over 5 tons)	_____ x \$3.00 + \$45.00
Apartment heat/air (per apartment)	\$25.00
Manufactured home heat/air	\$35.00

Sec. A4.003(d) "Swimming Pool Permit Fees" is not amended hereby.

SECTION 3

That Section A4.006(j) "Other Inspections and Fees" of Appendix A, "Fee Schedule" of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. A4.006 Other Inspections and Fees

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"(j) Curb, driveway approach: \$30.00"

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The remaining subsections of Sec. A4.006 are not amended hereby.

SECTION 4

That Section A4.007 "Parkway Contractor Registration and Permit Fee" of Appendix A, "Fee Schedule" of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. A4.007 Parkway Contractor Registration and Permit Fee

It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to perform the work of a parkway contractor, as defined in division 3 of article 3.12 of the Code of Ordinances, without first having registered with the city annually. The fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), payable at the time of registration. Further, for each job the parkway contractor shall obtain a permit, from the director of public works, the fee for which shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) to do such work."

SECTION 5

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bridgeport, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if a phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted

by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of the unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 7

All rights and remedies of the City of Bridgeport are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances governing building and trade permit fees as of the effective date of this ordinance; and any accrued violations, or pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not under such ordinances, shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 8

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained. The rates will become effective on October 1, 2017.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 0, ON THIS THE 28 DAY OF August, 2017.

APPROVED:



Randy Singleton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erika McComis, City Secretary

