

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GALAX, VIRGINIA, PART II, CHAPTER 56, ARTICLE II: CITY OF GALAX BUILDING AND TRADESMEN CERTIFICATION FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 36-105 permits the City of Galax to levy fees to defray the fair and reasonable costs incurred by the City to administer and enforce the Building Code and any appeals; and

WHEREAS, after a duly advertised public hearing held on July 10, 2023, the City Council of the City of Galax, Virginia believes it is appropriate and in the best interests of the citizens and businesses of the City to revise the City Code of the City of Galax, Virginia, Part II, Chapter 56, Article II: City of Galax Building and Tradesmen Certification Fee Schedule, by amending and replacing § 56-6; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALAX that Section 56-6 of the City Code of the City of Galax is hereby amended and replaced, and henceforth shall read as follows:

§ 56-6. Determination of fees.

The permit fees shall be determined from one or more of the following rates.

- A. Building construction, including residential and commercial buildings, additions, and remodeling.
 - a. Thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per square foot, including all floors, basements, carports, decks, and garages; or
 - b. For modular or industrialized buildings, ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot, including all floors, basements, carports, decks, and garages.
 - c. Minimum fee shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00).
 - d. Projects started without a permit will be one-hundred fifty percent (150%) of the total cost of a permit had one been obtained prior to beginning the project.
- B. Reinspection. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each reinspection, payable in advance.
- C. Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing.
 - a. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus five dollars (\$5.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of contract value.
 - b. The minimum fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- D. Nonresidential solar installations shall be five cents (\$.05) per square foot of solar panels.
- E. Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each of the following:

- a. Annual backflow / cross connection test
- b. Water or sewer line replacement
- c. Swimming pools
- d. Signs
- e. Flag Poles
- f. Retaining walls
- g. Demolition/ and underground fuel tanks
- h. Asbestos removal
- i. Certificate of occupancy for existing structures/ change of use
- j. Residential solar panels

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective July 10, 2023.

Date of Public Hearing: July 10, 2023

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Council member Mike Larrowe offered the foregoing ordinance, which was seconded by Council member Travis Haynes.

Thereupon, the ordinance was put to a vote upon its final adoption, the results as follows:

For: 6 Greene, White, Haynes, Ritchie, Larrowe, Henck
 Against: 0
 Absent: 1

Dated: 7-10-23

Approved: Willie Greene
 Willie Greene, Mayor

Attest: Gavin Blevins
 Gavin Blevins, Acting City Manager