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Sponsor: Dave Woerpel
5th District CouncilmanORDINANCE NO. 9660

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 3601, 3947, 4304, 4307, 4678, 4880, 4951, 8383, 8435, 8552, 8602, 8779, 8781, 8814, 8821, 8887, 8888, 8889, 9197, 9201, 9206, 9208, and 9446 ALSO KNOWN AS SECTIONS 32.49, 94.061, 94.062, 150.025, 150.045, 150.058, 151.51, 150.125, 150.058, 154.40, and 156.20 OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO CERTAIN FEES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND WASTEHAULING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HAMMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond Common Council must at times amend the Hammond Municipal Code with respect to certain sections that have not been updated, in some instances for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the sections listed above pertain to permit procedures and fees for building contractors, waste haulers, and administrative services provided by the Hammond Police Department which need to be amended for clarification and to continue to align with similar nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Common Council now deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt this ordinance in order to keep the Hammond Municipal Code up to date, accurate, and reflective of current City practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that the following sections of the Hammond Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows with the changes/additions appearing in bold and redactions with strikethrough:

§ 32.49 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR VEHICLE INSPECTION.

Whenever the Police Department performs a vehicle inspection for an application for a certificate of title, a fee of \$5 shall be collected for each vehicle as allowed under I.C. 9-17-2-12(e).

§ 94.061 PERMITS AND FEES.

(A) Permits and fees for the inspection of waste- hauling vehicles shall be as set forth below.

(1) Waste-hauling vehicles used to dispose of waste such as, but not limited to compactor trucks, dump trucks, pick-up trucks, tank trucks, vacuum trucks, roll-off container trucks, flatbed trucks and other vehicles that haul waste to be disposed of shall be assessed a fee of \$250 per waste-hauling vehicle.

(2) Replacement for lost or damaged sticker shall be \$20.

(B) All permits issued under this chapter shall be on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31 of each year. ~~Any permit issued for less than a calendar year shall have the fee prorated on a quarterly basis.~~ **A waste hauler that fails to renew a permit by January 31 each year shall be required to pay a \$200 late fee in addition to the annual \$250 permit fee per waste-hauling vehicle.** All fees paid shall be nonrefundable. Permits shall be nontransferable.

(C) No permits shall be required or charged to any federal, state, county or municipally-owned and operated waste-hauling vehicles.

(D) All fees prescribed by this chapter shall be paid to the City Controller who shall render to the person making the payment, a receipt stating the amount and the purpose for which the fee had been paid. In addition, the Controller shall issue the person a numbered sticker which shall be attached to each waste-hauling vehicle regulated by this chapter. This sticker shall be placed in a conspicuous location on each waste-hauling vehicle or waste storage device.

(E) All fees prescribed by the chapter for which payment is required shall constitute a debt due the city. The City Attorney shall at the direction of the City Controller institute a civil suit in the name of the city to recover the amount of any unpaid fee. No civil judgment, or any act of the City Attorney, City Controller or violator shall bar or prevent the prosecution for each and every violation of this chapter.

§ 94.062 INSPECTION OF WASTE PICKUP POINTS.

~~The city through its Board of Public Works and Safety or its designee shall inspect each waste pickup point that has a waste storage device permitted by this chapter at least once per year to determine compliance with this chapter. The Board may conduct additional inspections, as necessary, to determine compliance with this chapter.~~

§ 150.025 BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

Any person, contractor, or company desiring a building permit for the work to be performed in the city shall, at the time the permit is issued therefor, pay to the City Controller, a fee **for their portion of the contracted price of the project**, as required in this section. Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a residential stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$250 in addition to the permit fees listed below. Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a commercial stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$500 in addition to the permit fees listed below. **TOTAL VALUATION** on any construction shall be the contract price, and shall include, but not be limited to, all labor, materials, subcontractors, permanent equipment and/or fixtures and all costs associated with job supervision. As a condition of obtaining a building permit in the city, it is required that any incident involving serious injury to any person on a permitted site or that results in any damage reasonably believed to be valued at \$5,000 or more, or that

results in a reporting requirement to any governmental entity, shall be reported to the Building Commissioner within 12 hours of the incident. Failure to do so shall subject the permitted project to an immediate stop work order.

Building Permits	Fee
For a total valuation from \$500 to \$15,000	\$50 Base Fee + (1.75% x Contract Amount)
For a total valuation of \$15,001 and above	\$120 Base Fee + (1.25% x Contract Amount)
For each additional \$1,000 in excess of \$15,000	\$10
Inspection fee (all projects)	\$75
Red Tag Inspection Fee	\$50
Additional inspection fee or special inspection fee	\$50
Subsequent inspection for same violation	\$50
Permit Extension Fee	50% of original permit cost
Reconnect of Service Inspection Fee	\$50
Wrecking permits - fees calculated in same manner as building permits based upon total valuation of project	

Additional Building Fees and Permits	
Wrecking permits - fees calculated in same manner as building permits based upon total valuation of project	
Automatic sprinkler system or fire sprinkler system installation - fees calculated same as building permits based upon total valuation of project	
Temporary occupancy permit	\$100
Certificate of occupancy	\$50
Plan review	
All industrial and commercial prints	10% of permit fee, but not less than \$150
All residential or other prints over \$5,000 in valuation	10% of permit fee, but not less than \$50

§ 150.045 SITE PREPARATION FEES.

(A) Any person required to obtain a site preparation permit for the purposes of tree removal, grading, fill or other site preparation activities shall be required to apply, obtain, and pay for a building permit pursuant to section 150.025.

§ 150.058 DISCONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICE TO CONDEMNED BUILDINGS; RECONNECTION.

(A) When an Inspector from either the offices of the Code Enforcement Commissioner or the Fire Department reports to the Code Enforcement Commissioner

that a condemned home is now unoccupied, the Code Enforcement Commissioner shall be empowered to and shall issue an order to the Water Department of the city to disconnect the water supply to the building, and shall issue an order to the public utility supplying electricity to the structure to disconnect its electrical supply.

(B) The Water Department and the public utility dispensing electricity shall not be allowed to reconnect their respective utility to a condemned structure until that time when the Code Enforcement Commissioner issues a certificate for renewed service.

(C) A certificate for renewal of service shall be issued only upon the recommendation of at least 2 of the 4 following inspection departments:

- (1) The Fire Department;
- (2) The Code Enforcement Department;
- (3) The Building Department;
- (4) The Inspection Body of the Department of Redevelopment.

(D) Once a finding is made that the condemned or unoccupied structure has satisfied the minimum housing and building code requirements, passes inspection and pays a gas reconnection inspection fee of **\$50**, then gas service to the structure may be turned on.

§ 150.125 PERMIT REQUIRED; FEES.

Any fence contractor or homeowner installing or building a fence must obtain a fence building permit. Each **residential** permit shall be **\$50** for the first 200 feet as well as an additional \$.20 per foot for each foot over 200 feet. **Each commercial permit shall be \$100 for the first 200 feet as well as an additional \$.20 per foot for each foot over 200 feet.** It shall be the responsibility of the fence installer to verify that location of fence is within property line.

§ 151.51 PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE.

Any person, contractor, or company desiring an electrical permit for work to be performed in the city shall, at the time the permit is issued therefor, pay to the City Controller, a fee **for their portion of the contracted price of the project**, as required in this section. Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a residential stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$250 to the permit fee listed below. Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a commercial stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$500 to the permit fee listed below. These fees apply to residential, new work, commercial new work for lighting service or combined light and power service, as well as industrial power, service, or commercial buildings having separate power service, new work or rewiring. These fees include inspections as needed.

<i>Electrical Permits</i>	<i>Fee</i>
For a total valuation from \$500 to \$15,000	\$50 Base Fee + (1.75% x Contract Amount)
For a total valuation of \$15,001 and above	\$120 Base Fee + (1.25% x Contract Amount)
For each additional \$1,000 in excess of \$15,000	\$10

Inspection fee (all projects)	\$75
Permit Extension Fee	50% of original permit cost
<i>Additional Electrical Permits and Fees</i>	
Early electric service call-in	\$50
Reconnection of service inspection	\$50
Electrical examination/Low- voltage examinations	\$100
Extra inspection/special inspection	\$50
Red tag inspection	\$50
HVAC permits for the first 3 tons	\$25

<i>Electric signs</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Total valuation from \$0 to \$500	\$50
For each additional \$500 or fraction thereof	\$10
Flat fee (new construction and service)	\$50
Flat fee (remodel or addition) and service	\$50
Red tag (reinspection)	\$50
Low-voltage limited license	\$200
Low voltage permits (first \$0 to \$500)	\$20
Each additional \$500 or fraction thereof	\$10

§ 154.40 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to replace, install or to make substantial repair to any forced heating, wet heat, central air conditioning units or appurtenances thereto within the city without first obtaining a permit. **Any person, contractor, or company desiring a mechanical permit for work to be performed in the city shall, at the time the permit is issued therefor, pay to the City Controller, a fee for their portion of the contracted price of the project, as required in this section.**

(B) This subchapter shall apply to homeowners performing work at occupied residences and shall also apply to landlords performing work on leased premises.

§ 154.43 PERMIT FEES.

<i>Mechanical Permits</i>	<i>Fee</i>
For a total valuation from \$500 to \$15,000	\$50 Base Fee + (1.75% x Contract Amount)
For a total valuation of \$15,001 and above	\$120 Base Fee + (1.25% x Contract Amount)
For each additional \$1,000 in excess of \$15,000	\$10
Inspection fee (all projects)	\$75

Permit following stop work order- residential	\$250
Permit following stop work order - commercial	\$500
Reconnection of Service Inspection Fee	\$50
Permit Extension Fee	50% of original permit cost

§ 156.20 PERMIT REQUIRED; FEES.

(A) Before any plumbing work of any kind shall be commenced for any building or structure, or on any lot or premises; or before the excavation shall commence on any street, avenue, road, sidewalk or highway, or any other public place, excepting repairs under \$500, proper permits shall first be obtained. **Any person, contractor, or company desiring a plumbing permit for work to be performed in the city shall, at the time the permit is issued therefor, pay to the City Controller, a fee for their portion of the contracted price of the project, as required in this section. TOTAL VALUATION** on any construction shall be the contract price, and shall include, but not be limited to, all labor, materials, subcontractors, permanent equipment and/or fixtures and all costs associated with job supervision. Minimum plumbing permit fee shall be \$50.

(B) A plumbing permit shall be obtained for the installation of air-conditioning units and refrigeration units where city water is used, as well as city water pipes and waste pipes.

(C) No person other than a person having obtained a plumbing license from the state and registered with the city as provided in § [156.11](#), shall open or dig any street, avenue, road, boulevard, sidewalk, alley, parkway or any other public place for tapping any public sewer, installing or connecting any building or storm sewer, or installing water service or water main in the city without first making an application to the Inspection Department for a permit. The applicant shall file a sketch with the Inspection Department's Building Commissioner, showing and specifying the exact location where the work shall be performed with the number of the lot, the name of the street, alley or other place, and the name of the person or persons owning the lot or portion thereof to be served. The Board of Public Works and Safety shall grant approval prior to the digging into any public right- of-way. The Sewer Department of the city shall be notified before any tapping or connection shall be done in accordance with the specifications of the Sewer Department and the Engineering Department.

(D) Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a residential stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$250 to the permit fee listed below.

(E) Any person obtaining a permit following the issuance of a commercial stop work order from the Building Commissioner shall pay an additional \$500 to the permit fee listed below.

(F) It shall be unlawful for any person obtaining a permit under this chapter to assign, transfer or sublet the permit. No contractor shall pull a permit to be used by another contractor or person.

(G) The permit fees for installation and inspection (and reinspection) of plumbing shall be as follows.

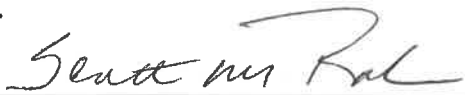
Plumbing Permits	Fee
For a total valuation from \$500 to \$15,000	\$50 Base Fee + (1.75% x Contract Amount)
For a total valuation of \$15,001 and above	\$120 Base Fee + (1.25% x Contract Amount)
For each additional \$1,000 in excess of \$15,000	\$10
Inspection Fee (all projects)	\$75
Red tag inspection fee	\$50
Additional inspection fee or special inspection fee	\$50
Subsequent inspection for same violation	\$75
Reconnection of Service Inspection Fee	\$50
Permit Extension Fee	50% of original permit cost
Water taps (each)	
Residential	\$200
Commercial	\$350
Sewer and sanitary taps (each)	
Residential and 2-family	\$300
Three or more units/ commercial	\$500
Industrial	\$700
Required bond for right-of-way or street opening	\$10,000

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof shall not be affected.

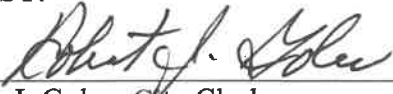
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council, that all other provisions of the Hammond Municipal Code remain unchanged and enforceable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signing by the President of the Common Council and approval by the Mayor, and Publication as provided by law.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 30th day of December, 2024.


 Scott Rakos, President
 Hammond Common Council


ATTEST:


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana


PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 31st day of December, 2024.


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9660 consisting of eight (8) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 31st day of December, 2024.


Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 30th day of December, 2024 and Approved by the Mayor on the 31st day of December, 2024.


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,
Hammond, Indiana