

ORDINANCE 2012-14-1127

Amending Ordinance 2010-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF ALTON, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES; ADOPTING VARIOUS STANDARD FEES RELATING TO INSPECTIONS, ZONING, PLAN REVIEW, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT WITHIN THE CITY OF ALTON, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; WAIVING SECOND AND THIRD READING AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Alton to adopt, in all respects, the various National Standard Codes relating to building, gas, mechanical, plumbing, electrical; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Alton to adopt, in all respects, the Standard Fees relating to building gas, mechanical, plumbing, inspections, zoning, plan review, and administrative oversight; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these Codes & Fees will facilitate proper inspection, zoning, plan review, and administrative oversight by the City of Alton staff, the collection of all due fees will insure public safety, health, and the general welfare of the citizens of Alton;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The following standard codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

- International Existing Buildings Code - 2012 Edition
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code -2012 Edition
- Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code -1997 Edition
- Standard Housing Code -1997 Edition
- Standard Amusement Device Code -1997
- International Building Code- 2012 Edition
- International Residential Code for one & two family dwellings -2012 Edition
- International Plumbing Code- 2012 Edition
- International Fuel Gas Code- 2012 Edition
- International Fire Code- 2012 Edition
- International Energy Conservation Code-2012 Edition
- National Electrical Code- 2011 Edition
- International Mechanical Code- 2012 Edition
- International Property Maintenance Code- 2012 Edition

Standard for Existing High Rise Buildings – 1997
International Zoning Code- 2012 Edition
International Green Construction Code – 2012 Edition
International Wild land Urban Interface Code - 2012 Edition
International Code Council Performance Code - 2012 Edition
International Private Sewage Disposal Code - 2012 Edition

SECTION 2: The following Fee Schedules are hereby adopted herein fully:

FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“A”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“B”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“C”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“D”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“E”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“F”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“G”
FEE	SCHEDULE EXHIBIT	“H”

SECTION 3: Any matters in said code or fees which are contrary to existing ordinances of the City of Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas shall prevail and, to that extent any existing Ordinances to the contrary are hereby repealed in that respect only.

SECTION 4; Within said codes, when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the City of Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas, who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.

SECTION 5: The Attached Exhibits “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, “H” Fee Schedules, are hereby adopted, and made part hereof for all intent purposes.

SECTION 6: Repealing Clause

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: Severability Clause

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of said code of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part thereof. Should any word, phrase, sentence, or paragraph or portion of this Ordinance be declared illegal or void, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8: Penalty

Anyone who violates this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any amount not to

exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Each day that the violation continues to exist constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 9. The City Commission waives a third reading of this Ordinance.

READ, APPROVED, AND PASSED BY A VOTE of 5 ayes and 0 nays on this 27th day of November, 2012 at a GENERAL AND DULY CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALTON TEXAS, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

EXECUTED ON THIS THE 27th DAY OF November, 2012.

CITY OF ALTON

Salvador Vela
BY: Honorable Mayor Salvador Vela

ATTEST:

Baudelia Rojas CPM
Baudelia Rojas CPM
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ricardo Gonzalez
Hon. Ricardo Gonzalez, City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

FEE SCHEDULE

BUILDING FEES

Initial Permit Fee:

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$ \$100 to \$1,000.....	No fee, unless inspection required, in which case a \$10.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$ \$1,001 to \$50,000.....	\$15.00 for the first \$1,000 plus a \$4.00 fee for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$ \$50,001 to \$100,000.....	\$260.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus a \$3.00 fee for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$ \$100,001 to \$500,000.....	\$ 460.00 for the first \$100,000 plus a \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.
\$ \$500,001 and up	\$ 1,660.00 for the first \$ 500,000.00 plus \$ 1.00 for each additional thousand of fraction thereof.

Additions / Remodeling	\$ 35.00 Plus .09 X Sq Ft
Compliance Letter.....	\$ 15.00
Foundation (Steel) Inspection.....	\$ 15.00
Rough Inspection (Frame)	\$ 15.00
Infiltration Inspection.....	\$15.00
Insulation Inspection.....	\$ 15.00
Final Inspection.....	\$ 15.00
Re- inspections.....	\$30.00
After Hours Inspection.....	\$ 60.00

Certificate of Occupancy	\$ 20.00
Nail Pattern Inspection	\$15.00
Temporary Working Clearance	\$100.00 for 60 days

EXHIBIT “B”

MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE

Demolition Permit- Building	\$ 50.00 Plus notification
Demolition Permit –Small Building (Less than 144 square ft.).....	\$ 25.00 Plus notification
Storage Moving Fee.....	\$50.00
Storage Moving Fee (Less than 144sq ft.).....	\$ 25.00
Storage Room Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
Manufactured Home/ House Inspection Fee	\$ 25.00 Inside city limits and \$25.00 plus mileage outside city limits.
House Moving Permit.....	\$ 100.00
Sign	\$ 15.00 Refer to Sign Ordinance
Pools Commercial/Residential.....	\$ 55.00
Occupational License.....	\$ 50.00
Lien Placement/ Release	\$ 30.00 placement/\$30.00 release
Non Profit Permit.....	\$ 10.00
Facilities Inspection	\$ 95.00/\$75.00 renewal
Driveway Permit	\$.09 X SQFT Plus inspections
Fence Permit	\$ 15.00
Burning Permit Residential.....	\$ 50.00 per pile (15 X 15 ft)
Burning Permit Commercial	\$100.00 per pile plus \$60.00 fire watch standby
Zoning Letter	\$ 10.00
Police Reports	\$ 5.00/6.00
City Maps.....	\$ 10.00

Copies	\$ 1.00 first page, .25 each additional page
Garage Sales (2 per year).....	\$ 10.00
Fire Inspections.....	\$ 50.00
Inspection.....	\$ 15.00
Re- inspections.....	\$ 30.00
After Hours Inspections	\$ 60.00
Affidavit.....	\$ 25.00
Easements/ Rights of Way.....	\$ 100.00
Conditional Use Permits	\$ 150.00 Plus notification/\$150.00 renewal
Variance Request.....	\$ 150.00 Plus notification
Notifications.....	Refer to Schedule
Porch	\$.09X SQ FT
City Application Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Certified letters.....	\$6.00

Notification Schedule

Actual cost for publication, postage, and staff time to complete the Notification.						
	Low		Med		High	
Publish @ Monitor	\$150.00	one time	\$300.00	two times	\$450.00	three times
Postage, letters & envelopes	\$100.00	20 mail out	\$100.00	20 mail out	\$100.00	20mail out
Staff time @ 14.90 hr for Research, Information, Data basing	\$29.80	2 hours	\$59.60	4 hours	\$89.40	4 hours
Total	\$279.80		\$459.60		\$639.40	

EXHIBIT "C"

MECHANICAL PERMITS

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**New heating, ventilation, air conditioning or
Alterations and Additions to Existing Systems:**

Permit	\$ 10.00 plus Tonnage
1 TON	\$ 10.00
2 TON	\$ 13.00
3 TON	\$ 15.00
4 TON	\$ 18.00
5 TON	\$ 20.00
5 TON or >.....	\$ 30.00
Refrigeration Unit.....	\$ 15.00 plus Tonnage
Rough Inspection Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Final Inspection Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Re-Inspection Fee.....	\$ 30.00
Air Duct.....	\$ 10.00
After Hours Inspection.....	\$ 60.00

EXHIBIT "D"

PLUMBING & SEWER PERMIT FEES

Issuing each permit	\$10.00
Plus the following when provided:	
For each Plumbing fixture, (Including Water and Drainage Piping)	\$3.00
Floor Drain or Trap	\$5.00
For each House Sewer (New, Repaired, Replaced)	\$5.00
For each Water Heater and/or Vent	\$5.00
For Installation, alteration or repairs of water piping and/or water treating equipment	\$5.00
For repair or alteration of Drainage or Vent piping	\$5.00
For Vacuum Breakers or backflow protective devices Installed subsequent to the installation of piping Or equipment served:	
One to Five	\$2.50
Over five, each	\$ 1.50
Irrigation/Sprinkler System	\$ 10.00
Grease Trap	\$ 25.00
Grease Trap Connection Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
Sewer Tap Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
4"Sewer Tap Fee	\$250.00
6"Sewer Tap Fee	\$300.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 10.00
Foundation Plumbing Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
Rough Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
Final Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00

EXHIBIT “E”

GAS INSPECTION FEES

Gas Test (Permit, Gas line & Inspection)	\$ 25.00
Outlet fee (per outlet).....	\$1.00

EXHIBIT "F"

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

Initial Permit Fee.....	\$ 10.00
Service Fee.....	\$ 5.00
New Meter Service	\$ 10.00
Hookups	\$ 17.00
(Mobile Homes, Portable Buildings, Frame Homes)	
Temporary Pole.....	\$ 25.00
Fee for Each Circuit.....	\$ 3.00
Change Service/Upgrade/ Repair.....	\$ 10.00
Outlet/Light/Switches	\$.40
All Motors (each).....	\$ 2.50
Signs or Decorative Lights (each).....	\$ 2.50
220 Volt Fixtures (each)	\$ 2.00
Rough Inspection Fee	\$ 15.00
Final Inspection Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Re- inspections.....	\$ 30.00
After Hours Inspection.....	\$ 60.00

EXHIBIT "G"

ZONING FEE SCHEDULE

Preliminary Drainage Base Fee	\$ 200.00
Final Drainage Base Fee	\$ 500.00
In Lieu of Park Fee	\$ 250.00 per dwelling unit
Site Plan Review	\$ 200.00 Plus applications
Site Preparation Fee	\$ 25.00 per acre

REGULAR REZONING

< 0.25 acres	\$ 350
< 0.50 acres	\$ 500
< 1 acres.....	\$ 1000
< 2 acres.....	\$ 1250
< 4 acres.....	\$ 1500
< 7 acres.....	\$ 2000
< 10 acres.....	\$ 2250
≤ 15 acres.....	\$ 2500
> 15 acres.....	\$2,500 + \$ 50 per acre
over 15 acres	

(400 acre maximum limit)

1 For all per acre fees, fractions of acres are *rounded up* to the nearest acre if ≥ 0.5 acres and *rounded down* if < 0.5 acres.

Planned Development Area (PDA)

< 10 acres.....	\$ 1,000
< 15 acres.....	\$ 2,000
< 20 acres.....	\$ 3,000
< 30 acres.....	\$ 4,000
< 40 acres.....	\$ 5,000
< 50 acres.....	\$ 6,000
< 75 acres.....	\$ 7,000
≤ 100 acres.....	\$ 8,000
> 100 acres.....	\$ 9,000

**WEEDY LOT AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FEE SCHEDULE
EXHIBIT "H"**

Weedy Lot Abatement:

< 0.25 acres	\$ 75	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 0.50 acres	\$ 100	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 1 acres	\$ 150	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 2 acres	\$ 300	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 4 acres	\$ 400	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 7 acres	\$ 1050	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
< 10 acres	\$ 1500	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
≤ 15 acres	\$ 2250	Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens
> 15 acres	\$ 150	per acre Plus Hours & Equipment & Liens

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Debris removal & Abatement:

Small pile (1 ton or less) - \$400.00 plus \$30.00 a ton plus staff hours and equipment.

Medium pile (More than 1 ton to 2 tons) - \$500.00 plus \$30.00 a ton plus staff hours and equipment.

Large pile (More than 2 tons) - \$600 plus \$30.00 a ton plus staff hours and equipment.

If subcontracted out: \$600 plus the subcontracted amount.

Staff Hours..... \$ 10.00 per Hour X Per # of Staff

Light Equipment use..... \$ 20.00 per Hour

Heavy Equipment use \$ 50.00 per Hour

Lien Placement & Release..... \$ 30.00 per Document