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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
VIRGINIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 81A-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 4, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I, VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE, DIVISION 3, PERMIT FEES, SECTION 4-8, GENERALLY; ARTICLE VI, REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND TRADESMEN, DIVISION 2, ELECTRICIANS, SECTION 4-42, CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION — APPLICATION; EXAMINATIONS; FEES; DIVISION 3, PLUMBERS, SECTION 4-53, CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION — GENERALLY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 4, Building Regulations, is hereby amended and reordained, effective July 1, 1986, by amending Section 4-8, Generally; Section 4-42, Certificate of qualification — Application; examinations; fees; and Section 4-53, Certificate of qualification — Generally.

Chapter 4. Building Regulations

Article I. Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code

Division 3. Permit and Inspection Fees

Sec. 4-8. Generally.

Permit and inspection fees are hereby established in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, as follows:

(1) Building Permits:

- (a) The minimum fee for any building permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

- (b) For the construction of any building or addition thereto where the floor area is increased, and for the installation or erection of any industrialized building unit, the fee shall be based on the floor area to be constructed as computed from exterior building dimensions at each floor. Any residential building, any unenclosed carport, porch or stoop, when built in conjunction with and at the same time as the dwelling, shall be excluded from the square footage computation. The fee shall be as follows:

Total Square Footage:

0 - 40,000 square feet, per square foot	\$0.06
40,001 or more square feet, plus \$0.05 per square foot in excess of 40,000 square feet	\$2,400.00

- (c) For the construction of a garage, barn, pole shed, or similar structure, when not constructed at the time of and under the permit of the main dwelling, the fee shall be five cents (\$0.05) per square foot of the exterior dimensions of the building.
- (d) For the alteration or repair of any building or structure, or for the construction or erection of piers, bulkheads, exterior walls or fences, towers, swimming pools or other structures or things, the fee shall be at the rate of one (1) per cent of the current value of all service, labor and materials.
- (e) For the demolition or razing of any building or structure having a floor area greater than two hundred (200) square feet the fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). No fee shall be charged for a permit to raze a building with a floor area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet or less.
- (f) For the erection, placement or removal of a building or structure, in part or in whole from one location to another, or into or out of the county or to a new location within the same lot or parcel of land, the fee shall be at the rate of five cents (\$0.05) per square foot of the gross floor area.
- (g) For construction not covered by any of the above, the permit fee shall be assessed and collected at the rate of one (1) per cent of the retail value or current market value of the work being done; provided, that the minimum permit fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (h) Reinspections: When a building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing inspector is required to make a reinspection of work for the convenience of the contractor or subcontractor because of incomplete, inadequate, or improper work, or

because the inspector could not obtain reasonable access to the work to be inspected, there shall be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reinspection fee. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.

A BUILDING PERMIT FEE SHALL BE DOUBLE FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION THAT HAS COMMENCED BEFORE A PERMIT IS OBTAINED.

(2) Plumbing permits:

- (a) The minimum fee for any plumbing permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (b) For the installation of each plumbing fixture or appliance, the fee shall be four dollars (\$4.00).
- (c) For the installation of the water distribution system in each building, the fee shall be four dollars (\$4.00).
- (d) For the connection of any building drain to a public or private sanitary sewage disposal system, the fee shall be four dollars (\$4.00).
- (e) For each sewer (sanitary or storm), manhole (sanitary or storm), roof drain, or other similar device, the fee shall be four dollars (\$4.00).
- (f) Reinspection: When a building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing inspector is required to make a reinspection of work for the convenience of the contractor or subcontractor because of incomplete, inadequate, or improper work, or because the inspector could not obtain reasonable access to the work to be inspected, there shall be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reinspection fee. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.

(3) Electrical permits:

- (a) The minimum fee for any electrical permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (b) For the installation of each electrical service system in new construction, the fee shall be determined from the rated size of the service panels in amperes as follows:

	Single Phase	Three Phase
0 - 60 amps	\$20.00	\$25.00
61 - 100 amps	25.00	30.00
101 - 150 amps	30.00	35.00
151 - 200 amps	35.00	40.00
Over 200 amps, plus \$10.00 for each additional 50 amps or fraction thereof over 200 amps	35.00	40.00

(c) For the installation of a temporary service, or the reconnection of a mobile home, the fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

(d) For increasing the size of the electrical service to any building structure, or mobile home, the fee shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for service up to and including two hundred (200) amperes; or twenty dollars (\$20.00) plus ten dollars (\$10.00) for each fifty (50) amperes or fraction thereof over two hundred (200) amperes. For relocation of any existing service for which the size is not increased, the fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). No additional fee shall be charged for outlets when the size of the service is increased.

(e) For the addition to any existing electrical installation, the fee shall be based on the number of outlets to be installed at the following rates:

1 - 100 outlets	\$10.00
Over 100 outlets, plus \$0.10 for each outlet over 100.....	10.00

(f) Reinspection: When a building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing inspector is required to make a reinspection of work for the convenience of the contractor or subcontractor because of incomplete, inadequate or improper work, or because the inspector could not obtain reasonable access to the work to be inspected, there shall be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reinspection fee. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.

(4) Mechanical and gas permits:

(a) The minimum fee for any mechanical or gas permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) Basic permit fee:

- (1) First \$1,000.00 value \$20.00
- (2) Over \$1,000.00 value, plus \$5.00 per
\$1,000.00 or fraction thereof 20.00

(c) For the replacement, repair, or alteration of
mechanical systems or equipment in existing
buildings, structures, or additions thereto:

- (1) First \$1,000.00 value \$10.00
- (2) Over \$1,000.00 value, plus \$5.00 per
\$1,000.00 or fraction thereof 10.00

EXCEPTIONS: Domestic cooking equipment and space heaters in
dwelling units are exempt from mechanical permit
fees. Inspections of this equipment are
required.

(d) Fuel piping permit fee: $0.005 \times \$1,000.00$ of valuation or
fraction thereof. Note: Fee applies when permit is issued
for fuel piping work only.

(e) L.P.G. (i.e. butane, propane, etc.) tanks and associated
piping permit fee (total water capacity in gallons):

- 0 - 500 \$15.00
- 501 - 2,000 20.00
- Over 2,000, plus \$1.00 per 10,000 gallons 20.00

(f) Tanks and associated piping for flammable liquids permit fee
(capacity in gallons):

- 0 - 10,000 \$15.00
- 10,001 - 20,000 20.00
- 20,001 - 50,000 25.00
- Over 50,000, plus \$5.00 per 25,000 gallons or
fraction thereof 25.00

(g) For the removal of storage tanks, the minimum fee shall be
ten dollars (\$10.00).

(h) For fire suppression systems, the permit fee shall be
(includes standpipes):

- (1) New construction: Same as basic fee in subsection
(b)(1) above.
- (2) All others: Same as basic fee in subsection (b)(1)
above.

(i) Elevators, dumbwaiters, moving stairways, moving walks,
manlifts on special hoisting and conveying equipment permit
fee:

- (1) New construction: Same as basic fee in subsection (b)(1) above.
 - (2) All others: Same as basic fee in subsection (b)(1) above.
 - (j) Permit reissuance fee: Permits becoming invalid, as specified by the Code, may be reissued up to a period of five (5) years and charged a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each six-month period.
 - (k) Reinspection: When a building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing inspector is required to make a reinspection of work for the convenience of the contractor or subcontractor because of incomplete, inadequate, or improper work, or because the inspector could not obtain reasonable access to the work to be inspected, there shall be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reinspection fee. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.
- (5) Elevator inspections:
- (a) The fee for a semi-annual elevator inspection shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).
 - (b) Reinspection: When an inspector is required to make a reinspection of an elevator for the convenience of the owner of the elevator or because the elevator fails to pass the inspection, there shall be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) reinspection fee. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.
- (6) Plan Review Fee:
- (a) The fee for the review of building plans shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for each one thousand square feet of floor space reviewed. Such review fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the plan review.
 - (b) Revised plans: There shall be no fee for the review of revised building plans unless such plans are substantially different than the original plans and necessitate the issuance of additional review comments. Such revised plans shall be subject to an additional fee equal to the fee provided for in subsection (a), above.
- (7) Certificate of Occupancy Inspection:
- (a) The fee for an inspection for a Certificate of Occupancy shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).
 - (b) No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until all inspection fees have been paid.

(8) Mobile Home Installation Fee:

- (a) The fee for the inspection of the installation of a mobile home shall be forty dollars (\$40.00).
- (b) The fee for the inspection of the mobile home installation shall supersede any fee otherwise required for the inspection for an electrical or plumbing permit for that mobile home.
- (c) Reinspection: When an inspector is required to make a reinspection of a mobile home for the convenience of the mobile home owner because of incomplete, inadequate, or improper installation, or because the inspector could not obtain reasonable access to the mobile home to be inspected, there shall be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reinspection fee for each reinspection. Such reinspection fee shall be paid at the office of building inspections prior to the reinspection.

Article VI. Registration and Qualification of Contractors
and Tradesmen

Division 2. Electricians

Sec. 4-42. Certificate of qualification — Application; examinations; fees.

(a) Every person desiring to obtain a certificate of qualification as an electrician shall make written application to the board of electrical examiners on forms to be supplied by the building official.

(b) All written examinations shall be based on the National Electrical Code as included in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the provisions of this chapter as pertains to electrical work. The examination for master electrician shall also examine the applicant's ability to lay out and plan electrical work, his knowledge of physics, mechanics and mathematics insofar as they apply to electrical design and construction, and his general fitness to supervise and direct the installation of electrical work.

(c) Any applicant for a certificate of qualification who shall fail to achieve a passing score on a written examination may, after payment of the examination fee, be re-examined within the same calendar year. No applicant, however, shall take the written examination more than twice in the same calendar year.

(d) Each applicant for a certificate of qualification as an electrician shall pay an examination fee at the time he submits his application. Examination fees shall be:

- (1) Master electrician \$35.00
- (2) Journeyman electrician \$25.00

Division 3. Plumbers

Sec. 4-53. Certificate of qualification — Generally.


(a) Every person desiring to obtain a certificate of qualification as a plumber shall make written application to the board of plumbing examiners on forms to be supplied by the building official.

(b) All written examinations shall be based on the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code as incorporated in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the provisions of this chapter as pertain to plumbing. The examination for master plumber shall also examine the applicant's ability to lay out and plan plumbing construction, his knowledge of physics, hydraulics and mathematics insofar as they apply to plumbing design and construction, and his general fitness to supervise and direct the installation of plumbing work.

(c) Any applicant for a certificate of qualification who shall fail to achieve a passing score on a written examination may, after payment of the examination fee, be re-examined within the same calendar year. No applicant, however, shall take the written examination more than twice in the same calendar year.

(d) Each applicant for a certificate of qualification as a plumber shall pay an examination fee at the time he submits his application. Examination fees shall be:

- (1) Master plumber \$35.00
- (2) Journeyman plumber \$25.00



William F. Brown, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia,
this 21st day of April, 1986.

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<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BROWN	AYE
EDWARDS	AYE
DEPUE	AYE
MAHONE	NAY
TAYLOR	NAY