

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3264**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 22-52 TITLED "PLUMBING, **MECHANICAL.** ELECTRICAL, IRRIGATION, AND FIRE SPRINKLER PERMIT FEES" BY REMOVING REFERENCE TO FIRE SPRINKLER PERMIT FEES; AND BY AMENDING PORTIONS OF APPENDIX SCHEDULE" A, "FEE BY AMENDING CERTAIN FIRE. **OPERATIONAL.** AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES ESTABLISHED BY SECTIONS 22-52 AND 38-38 OF THE CODE **OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING** SAVINGS Α **CLAUSE:** PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.** 

WHEREAS, the City Administration has reviewed the permit fees related to certain operations under the City's various building codes and has recommended that the Code of Ordinances be amended to change such fees to better reflect current City operations, to be competitive with fees charged by neighboring cities, and to better ensure the fees cover the City's cost in providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, finds it to be in the public interest to concur in the recommendation of the City Administration and approve such amendments.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Section 22-52 titled "Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Irrigation and Fire Sprinkler Permit Fees" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

## "Sec. 22-52. Plumbing, mechanical, electrical, irrigation permit fees.

Fees to be paid by an applicant upon approval of an application for each permit for plumbing, mechanical, electrical, irrigation shall be as set forth in Appendix A of this Code."

**SECTION 2.** Appendix A titled "Fee Schedule" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, shall be amended as follows:

- A. Amend the permit fee for new single family residential structures to read as follows:
  - a. New single-family residential structure permit fee .....\$1500.00
  - b. New single-family residential structure where existing single-family structure on the same lot was removed (demo/rebuild) permit fee.....\$ 800.00
- B. Fees established by Section 22-52 titled "Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Irrigation Permit Fees" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, shall be amended to read as follows:

22-52	Plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and irrigation permit fees:	
	Construction Value (CV)	Permit Fees
	\$ 0.00 - \$500.00	\$37.50
	\$501.00 - \$1,000.00	\$52.50
	\$1,001.00 - \$2,500.00	\$75.00
	\$2,501.00 - \$5,000.00	\$90.00
	\$5,001.00 - \$25,000.00	\$90.00 or 1.5 percent of
		CV, whichever is greater
	\$25,001.00 - \$100,000.00	\$375.00 or 1.0 percent of
		CV whichever is greater
	\$100,001.00 - \$250,000.00	\$1000.00 or 0.6 percent
		of CV, whichever is
		greater
	\$250,001.00 and up	\$1,500.00 or 0.3 percent
		of CV, whichever is
		greater
	Re-inspection fee assessed under	\$50.00
	provision of applicable code	

C. Fees established by Section 38-38 titled "Amendments" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, shall be amended to read as follows:

38-38	Construction Permit Fees as described in Section 105.7 of the International Fire Code (IFC)	
	Construction Value (CV)	Permit Fee
	\$0-5000.00	\$100.00
	\$5001.00-25,000.00	\$120.00 or 1.5% of the CV whichever is greater
	\$25,001.00-100,000.00	\$375.00 or 1.0% of the CV whichever is greater
	\$100,001.00-250,000.00	\$1000.00 or 0.6% of the CV whichever is greater
	\$250,001.00 and up	\$1500.00 or 0.3% of the CV whichever is greater
	Re-inspection fee assessed under provision	\$100.00

of applicable code	
Flow Testing (IFC 507.3 and 507.4)	\$50.00

38-38 (cont.)	Operational permit fee for each event as described in Section105.6 of the International Fire Code (IFC), per event	Permit Fee
	Aerosols	\$100.00
	Amusement Buildings	\$250.00
	Carnivals and Fairs	\$250.00
	Combustible Dust- Producing Operations/ Combustible Fibers	\$100.00
	Compressed Gases	\$100.00
	Cryogenic Fluids	\$100.00
	Cutting and Welding	\$ 50.00
	Exhibits and Trade Shows	\$100.00
	Flammable and Combustible Liquids	\$100.00
	Floor Finishing	\$ 50.00
	Hazardous Materials	\$100.00
	HPM Facilities	\$100.00
	High Pile Storage	\$100.00
	Hot Work Operations	\$ 50.00
	LP-gas	\$100.00
	Miscellaneous Combustible Storage	\$ 50.00
	Open Burning	\$250.00
	Outdoor Fireworks Displays (See IFC Section 3301.2)	\$500.00
	Places of Assembly (Exception: Places of Worship)	\$ 50.00
	Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material	\$250.00
	Repair Garages and Motor Fuel- Dispensing Facilities	\$ 50.00
	Spraying and Dipping	\$100.00
	Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents	\$ 50.00
	All other Operational Permits described in IFC Section 105.6 not listed above	\$ 50.00

**SECTION 3.** Fees for services and/or materials provided by the City of Farmers Branch before the effective date of this ordinance, or permits for which a completed application has been submitted to the City of Farmers Branch before the effective date of this ordinance, are governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the

services and/or materials were provided or permit applications submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

**SECTION 4.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such case provide.

## DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF March, 2014.

ATTEST:

**APPROVED:** 

Angela Kelly, City Secretary

William P. Glancy, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

Peter G. Smith, City Attorney (02-20-14/64880)