

ORDINANCE NO. 03-506

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUMTER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE AMOUNT OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT FEES AND CERTAIN OTHER PERMIT FEES.

WHEREAS, the Sumter County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-19, establishes the schedule of permit fees for residential and commercial construction permits; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter City-County Planning Commission is responsible for issuing residential and commercial construction permits; and

WHEREAS, the administrative expenses of reviewing permit applications, determining the proper amount to be charged in each case, issuing the construction permit, scheduling the necessary inspections, maintaining records and providing other administrative support in order to carry out this regulatory function have increased; and

WHEREAS, the administrative expenses of the reviewing construction permit applications and issuing the permits must be borne either by the taxpayers at large or the individuals receiving the services of the Sumter City-County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Council desires that more of the expense be borne by the individuals who are in need of the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the fees for residential construction permits and commercial construction permits shall be charged according to the following chart:

RESIDENTIAL PERMIT FEES	
VALUATION	FEE
\$1,000 AND LESS	No fee, unless inspection required, in which case a \$25.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$1,000 to \$50,000	\$25.00 for the first \$1,000 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.
\$50,000 to \$250,000	\$270.00 for the first \$50,000 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$250,000.
\$250,000 to \$750,000	\$1,070.00 for the first \$250,000 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$750,000.
\$750,000 and up	\$2,570 for the first \$750,000 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

COMMERICAL PLAN-CHECKING FEES	
When the valuation of the proposed construction exceeds \$1,000 and a plan is required to be submitted, and plan-checking fee shall be paid to the building official at the time of submitting plans and specifications for checking, said plan checking fee shall be equal to one-half of the building permit fee. Such plan-checking fee is in addition to the building permit fee.	
MOVING FEE	For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$100.
DEMOLITION FEE	For the demolition of any building or structure, the fee shall be: 0 up to 100,000 cu.ft. \$50.00 100,000 cu.ft and over \$0.50/1,000 cu.ft.
PENALTIES	Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started or preceded prior to obtaining said permit. The fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fees shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirement of this code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon third reading.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SUMTER COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
ITS: Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

BY: _____
ITS: Clerk to Council

First Reading: _____, 2003

Second Reading: **July 8, 2003**

Public Hearing: **July 8, 2003**

Third Reading: **July 22, 2003**

