

# AMEND FOR PERMIT FEES CODE OF ORDINANCES OF TAN O RE OF NAI

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 051 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 8-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, WHICH SECTION PROVIDES FOR PERMIT FEES FOR PERMITS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND REMODELING OF STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND SECTION 8-4.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, WHICH SECTION PROVIDES FOR PERMIT FEES FOR REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches provides for the regulation of buildings and building regulations in the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 8.4 of Chapter 8 provides for permit fees for the issuance of permits for new construction, alteration, repair and remodeling of structures in the City of Natchitoches and Section 8-4.1 of Chapter 8 provides for permit fees for the removal or demolition of existing buildings or structures in the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Sections 8-4 and 8-4.1 of the Code of Ordinances have not been amended since 1993, and the Director of Planning and Zoning has recommended that Sections 8-4 and 8-4.1 be amended to provide for a new schedule of fees that is more in line with fees charged by other municipalities; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 8-4 of the Code of Ordinances currently provides as follows, to-wit:

"Section 8-4. - Permit fees generally.

- (a) No permit, as required by the code adopted by section 8-1 of this chapter, shall be issued until the fees described in this section shall have been paid; nor, shall an amendment to a permit be approved until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building or structure, shall have been paid.
- (b) There shall be no fee for work less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
- (c) Residential. Seventy-five one-hundredths of one percent (.75 of 1%) of the estimated cost.

(d) Commercial. Seventy-five one-hundredths of one percent (.75 of 1%) of the estimated cost.

(e) Alteration, repair, remodeling, removal or demolition. For a permit for the alteration, repair or remodeling of an existing structure, the fee shall be fixed and graded as follows:

(1) Residential. Seventy-five one-hundredths of one percent (.75 of 1%) of the estimated cost.

(2) Commercial. Seventy-five one-hundredths of one percent (.75 of 1%) of the estimated cost.

(f) Swimming pools. For a permit for the construction of a swimming pool, the fee shall be ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot.

(g) House-moving permit. For a permit for the moving of a house or other structure, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per section.

(h) Mobile home permit. For a permit for the locating or placing of a mobile home, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(i) The term "estimated cost", as used in this section, means the reasonable value of all services, labor, materials and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work ready for occupancy; provided that the cost of excavation or grading, and of painting, decorating or other work that is merely for embellishment or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of the building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.

(j) When a building or structure is constructed by the owner and no contract is involved, the building permit fee shall be based on the valuation of average current building costs per square foot, multiplied by thirty-five hundredths of one percent (.75 of 1%).

(k) A double permit fee shall be paid for all construction, alteration, repair or remodeling of a building or structure if work is begun before first securing a permit from the building official as provided for in this chapter."

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