

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE, BUILDING REGULATIONS AND SIGN ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 32 Fees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 32-1. - Fee schedule.**

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**CHAPTER 102, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE**

Fee for initial registration of all contractors\* shall be one hundred ~~five~~ fifty (\$~~105~~-150.00) dollars, which sum shall be paid by Applicant in advance and upon filing application; provided, however, that any Registrant may renew his registration upon the payment of the Annual Renewal Fee of ~~fifty two dollars and fifty cents~~ seventy five dollars (\$~~52.50~~ 75.00).

All registrations will run concurrent to the County fiscal year, December 1st to November 30th.

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**ANNUAL INSPECTIONS**

Annual Inspections shall be at the rate of \$63.00 per hour, per inspector and include but not limited to the following inspections: plumbing, electrical, building, fire, ~~elevator~~, and liquor and/or food dispensing establishments. Annual inspections of elevators and escalators shall be at the rate of \$110.00 per hour with a minimum of one (1) hour.

~~Extenuating~~ Special inspections shall be billed at double the normal rate and with the approval of the Building Commissioner.

A onetime late fees of 25% will be added to all unpaid inspection invoices after 30 days.

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**BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**1-B. NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Minimum Fee 73.50

or ~~\$21.00 each~~ \$37.50 for each 1,000 cubic feet for projects below or at 50,000 cubic feet and \$40.00 for each 1,000 cubic feet for projects above 50,000 cubic feet of volume, or fractional part of space computed from the basement to the highest part of the roof including all projections.

**2-B. PRIVATE GARAGES – SHEDS**

Minimum Fee 56.70 73.50

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**3-B. ALTERATIONS, REMODELING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF CONSTRUCTION**

A. Minimum Fee (except uses of land not involving buildings) 73.50

plus ~~\$21.00~~ \$18.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 of estimated cost in excess of \$5,000.00. The estimated cost shall be based on the cost as shown on contracts signed between the owner and all contractors for the actual cost of the project. The estimated cost may be based on the cost of materials only upon determination by the Building Commissioner.

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**4-B. DEMOLITION - (Plus tank removal fee if applicable)**

A. ~~One story or s~~Single-family detached dwelling 157.50 250.00

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**12-B. STORAGE TANKS ABOVE GROUND – (Installation and removal)**

Minimum Fee - 500 gallons or less plus \$10 per100 gallons over 500 gallons. 420.00

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**14-B. ~~TEMPORARY SALES TRAILERS FOR OFFICE AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION TRAILER OR OTHER PERMITTED USE~~**

~~(For one year only) Minimum Fee~~

Temporary Sales Office – (For six (6) months) 525.00

Renewal of Temporary Sales Office – (For six (6) months) 250.00

Temporary Construction Trailer - (Only to be issued in conjunction with a valid permit. Authorization shall terminate upon completion of the permitted work) 100.00

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**16-B. MISCELLANEOUS ~~USES~~ FEES**

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~~Plan Revision~~ 73.50

~~Garage Venting~~ 63.00

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Fireworks 189.00 500.00

Water Towers 2,500.00\*\*

Extended Permit 10% of the original cost of the permit or \$25, whichever is greater.

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**17-B [PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW]**

- A. Preliminary Conference Fee with Architect, Plumbing and/or Electrical Plan Examiners (per discipline). This fee ~~shall~~ may be charged for the preliminary plan review of projects and plans other than single-family buildings. 70.00 150.00
- B. Re-review of submitted architectural plans by Chief Plan Examiner
- 1st re-review No charge
- 2nd re-review ~~70.00~~ 150.00
- 3rd re-review ~~140.00~~ 300.00
- 4th re-review & subsequent ~~700.00~~ 1000.00

**18-B ENGINEERING AND SITE PLAN REVIEW**

- A Engineering Review:
- Residential Uses - Typical ~~150.00~~ 300.00
- Residential Uses - Floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted uses ~~300.00~~ 600.00
- Non-residential Uses - Typical, Less than one acre ~~250.00~~ 500.00
- Non-residential Uses - Typical, One acre to five acres ~~350.00~~ 700.00
- Non-residential Uses - Typical, More than five acres to ten acres ~~500.00~~ 1000.00
- Non-residential Uses - Typical, More than ten acres ~~750.00~~ 1500.00
- ~~Non-residential Uses - Floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted uses, Less than one acre~~ ~~350.00~~
- Non-residential Uses - Floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted uses, ~~One acre to five acres or less~~ ~~500.00~~ 1000.00
- Non-residential Uses - Floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted uses, More than five acres to ten acres ~~750.00~~ 1500.00
- Non-residential Uses - Floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted uses, More than ten acres ~~1,000.00~~ 2000.00

B. Additional Engineering Reviews:

<u>1st re-review</u>	<u>No charge</u>
<u>2nd re-review</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<u>3rd re-review</u>	<u>500.00</u>
<u>4th re-review &amp; subsequent</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

B C Architectural Site Plan Review

Residential Uses - Typical	<del>75.00</del> <u>150.00</u>
Non-residential Uses - Typical, Less than one acre	<del>100.00</del> <u>200.00</u>
Non-residential Uses - Typical, One acre to five acres	<del>150.00</del> <u>300.00</u>
Non-residential Uses - Typical, More than five acres to ten acres	<del>200.00</del> <u>400.00</u>
Non-residential Uses - Typical, More than ten acres	<del>250.00</del> <u>500.00</u>

D Additional Fees:

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>No Floodplain</u>	<u>Floodplain</u>
<u>Final Grade Survey – Single Family</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>950.00</u>
<u>Final Grade Survey – Non-Residential</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
<u>Utility Projects</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<u>FEMA Letter of Map Change<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<u>Stream/Wetland Mitigation<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<u>Site Improvement<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>

Notes:

1. Federal Emergency Letter of Map Amendment or Letter of Map Revisions, not involving site development.

2. To date, most such projects have included site visits and/or pre-submittal meetings. These cost about \$500 but have reduced the number of reviews. They likely reduce overall costs.

3. Site improvements without habitable structures such as park/playground improvements, minor drainage projects, paths.

**MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES**

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**6-M. LIFTS**

Fee ~~52.50~~ 150.00

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**ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE - Plan Review shall be \$25 per ½ hour with a minimum of ½ hour.**

**1-E. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS**

<u>A.</u>	0 to 499 square feet	<del>73.50</del> <u>94.50</u>
	500 to 799 square feet	<del>94.50</del> <u>115.50</u>
	800 to 1,599 square feet	<del>115.50</del> <u>147.00</u>
	1,600 to 1,999 square feet	<del>147.00</del> <u>178.50</u>
	2,000 square feet and over	<del>178.50</del> <u>\$.10 per square foot</u>
<u>B.</u>	<u>Garage</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<u>C.</u>	<u>Low Voltage Systems:</u>	
	<u>Smoke Detectors, Cable, Telephone, Data, Audio, Intercom, Security System, and Central Vacuum.</u>	<u>150.00 per system</u>

**2.E. MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL**

A. CIRCUITS	15 AMPERES	20 AMPERES
1	<del>32.55</del> <u>43.57</u>	<del>38.33</del> <u>53.62</u>
2	<del>53.55</del> <u>74.97</u>	<del>73.50</del> <u>102.90</u>
3	<del>73.50</del> <u>102.90</u>	<del>98.18</del> <u>137.45</u>
4	<del>95.03</del> <u>133.04</u>	<del>123.38</del> <u>172.32</u>
5	<del>116.55</del> <u>163.17</u>	<del>151.20</del> <u>163.017</u>
6	<del>143.85</del> <u>201.39</u>	<del>179.03</del> <u>250.64</u>
7	<del>166.95</del> <u>233.73</u>	<del>208.95</del> <u>290.53</u>
8	<del>173.78</del> <u>243.29</u>	<del>227.33</del> <u>318.26</u>

9	<del>189.53</del> <u>265.34</u>	<del>248.85</del> <u>348.39</u>
10	<del>206.85</del> <u>289.59</u>	<del>277.20</del> <u>388.08</u>
11	<del>217.35</del> <u>304.29</u>	<del>290.33</del> <u>406.46</u>
12	<del>227.85</del> <u>318.99</u>	<del>304.50</del> <u>426.30</u>
13	<del>242.55</del> <u>339.57</u>	<del>323.93</del> <u>453.02</u>
14	<del>256.73</del> <u>359.42</u>	<del>329.18</del> <u>460.85</u>
15	<del>265.65</del> <u>371.91</u>	<del>336.53</del> <u>471.14</u>
16	<del>273.53</del> <u>382.94</u>	<del>357.00</del> <u>499.80</u>
17	<del>286.65</del> <u>401.31</u>	<del>374.33</del> <u>524.06</u>
18	<del>294.53</del> <u>412.34</u>	<del>387.45</del> <u>542.43</u>
19	<del>302.40</del> <u>423.36</u>	<del>403.20</del> <u>564.48</u>
20	<del>321.83</del> <u>430.56</u>	<del>420.00</del> <u>588.00</u>
21	<del>335.48</del> <u>469.67</u>	<del>437.33</del> <u>612.26</u>
22	<del>349.13</del> <u>488.78</u>	<del>450.45</del> <u>630.63</u>
23	<del>360.15</del> <u>504.21</u>	<del>465.68</del> <u>651.95</u>
24	<del>372.75</del> <u>521.85</u>	<del>479.33</del> <u>671.06</u>
25	<del>391.65</del> <u>548.31</u>	<del>497.78</del> <u>696.90</u>
26 to 50 inclusive	<del>330.75</del> <u>463.05</u>	<del>420.00</del> <u>588.00</u>
each add'l cir.	<del>13.13</del> <u>18.38</u>	<del>16.80</del> <u>23.52</u>
51 to 75 inclusive	<del>318.68</del> <u>446.15</u>	<del>403.20</del> <u>564.48</u>
each add'l cir.	<del>12.60</del> <u>17.64</u>	<del>16.80</del> <u>23.27</u>
76 to 100 inclusive	<del>288.75</del> <u>404.25</u>	<del>360.15</del> <u>504.21</u>
each add'l cir.	<del>11.55</del> <u>16.17</u>	<del>14.18</del> <u>19.85</u>
More than 100	<del>1,328.25</del> <u>1,859.55</u>	<del>1,680.00</del> <u>2,352.00</u>
each add'l cir.	<del>10.50</del> <u>14.70</u>	<del>13.13</del> <u>18.38</u>

Description Fees, Rates, Charges (in dollars)

- B. 3-Wire Circuit - 15 or 20 Ampere 2 pole - Double number of circuits shown above.
- 30 Ampere Circuits - Double amount of 15 ampere circuits shown above.
- 3-Phase - 4 Wire Circuit - 15 or 20 Ampere 3 pole - Triple number of circuits shown above.
- 50 Ampere Circuits 3 Pole - Triple number of 20 ampere circuits shown above.

C. ~~Single Family Dwellings~~

<del>0 to 499 square feet</del>	<del>73.50</del>
<del>500 to 799 square feet</del>	<del>94.50</del>
<del>800 to 1,599 square feet</del>	<del>115.50</del>
<del>1,600 to 1,999 square feet</del>	<del>105.00</del>
<del>2,000 square feet and over</del>	<del>127.50</del>

~~D. C.~~ Motor and Other Forms of Power

Motors ¼ and over	73.50
Additional motors or devices	18.90

~~E. D.~~ Cut-Over Jobs

Fees on time basis: Per Hour	<del>73.50</del> <u>150.00</u>
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~~F. E.~~ Inspection of temporary installation, underground or overhead wires and apparatus

Fee on time basis: Per Hour	<del>73.50</del> <u>150.00</u>
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~~G. F.~~ Re-inspection of any electrical apparatus - altered, changed or repaired

Fee on time basis: Per Hour	<del>73.50</del> <u>150.00</u>
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~~H. G.~~ Extra inspections due to faulty information or construction or failure to repair

Fee for each such inspection	<del>73.50</del> <u>150.00</u>
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Minimum Electrical Inspection Fee	73.50 <u>150.00</u>
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H Low Voltage Systems:

Fire alarm, voice/data, security, audio/visual, sound masking speakers, paging speakers and nurse call:

<u>1st 5 devices</u>	<u>150.00 per system</u>
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Each additional device 25.00 per system

**3-E. ~~PERMIT FEES INSTALLATION OR ERECTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY:~~**

	<u>Wind Power</u>	<u>150.00</u>
1.	<del>Smoke and/or Fire Detector Systems</del>	
	<del>1st 5 devices</del>	<del>73.50</del>
	<del>Each additional</del>	<del>18.90</del>
2.	<del>Central Vacuum Systems</del>	
	<del>Residential</del>	<del>73.50</del>
	<del>Multi Family (Per Unit)</del>	<del>63.00</del>
3.	<del>Burglar Alarm Systems</del>	<del>73.50</del>
4.	<del>Garages</del>	<del>63.00</del>
5.	<del>Electric Heat</del>	
	<del>Residential</del>	<del>73.50</del>
	<del>MultiFamily (Per Unit)</del>	<del>73.50</del>
6.	<del>Wind Powered Electrical Fees</del>	<del>73.50</del>

**4-E. INSPECTION FEES FOR ILLUMINATED SIGNS**

- A. Permit fees and subsequent annual inspection fees for illuminated signs projecting over public property shall be the same and shall be computed at the rate of \$1.05 per square feet of area of each face.
- B. Area of skeleton letter designs shall be computed as that area within the perimeter design of the letters. No fee shall be less than ~~\$52.50~~ 73.50
- C. Permit fees and subsequent annual inspection fees for illuminated signs over private property and for illuminated signs flat against a building and for illumination of painted wall signs or illumination of signboards shall be computed as follows:
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| 15 square feet or less - Single Face       | <del>52.50</del> <u>73.50</u>   |
| 15 square feet or less - Double Face       | <del>73.50</del> <u>102.90</u>  |
| 16 to 32 square feet - Single Face         | <del>73.50</del> <u>102.90</u>  |
| 16 to 32 square feet - Double Face         | <del>94.50</del> <u>132.30</u>  |
| Any sign over 32 square feet - Single Face | <del>105.00</del> <u>147.00</u> |



- Any sign over 32 square feet - Double Face 147.0 205.80
- D. Where sign is erected entirely over and above the roof of building, the permit fee and subsequent annual inspection fee for inspection of structure shall be \$533.40 for the first 500 square feet, and \$0.63 each per square foot over 500. Area shall be computed on the actual area of display surface.
- E. The fees for permits issued for re-erection or alteration of any illuminated sign or for illumination on signboards shall be for:
1. Signs/signboards 100 square feet or less 105.00 147.00
  2. Signs/signboards over 100 square feet, per square foot of display area 2.10 2.94
- F. The fees for permits issued for illuminated signs to be erected for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, shall be ¼ of the permanent sign fee. No fee shall be less than \$52.50.
- G. The fee for cancellation of a permit shall be \$31.50 and shall be deducted before the remaining amount is refunded.

**5-E. SWIMMING POOL ELECTRICAL FEES**

- A. ~~Portable~~ Above ground swimming pool (each) 52.50 73.50
- B. In-ground swimming pool (each) 94.50 132.50

**6-E. CARNIVAL, CIRCUS AND TEMPORARY DISPLAY**

Minimum Fee 84.00 117.60

**7-E. ~~ELECTRIC CHANGE OF SERVICE~~ INSTALLATION FEES**

Residential:

Up to and including 100 Amp ~~to 200 Amp~~ 73.50 225.00

200 Amp to 400 Amp 126.00 400.00

Temporary Service 150.00

~~Minimum Fee~~ 73.50

Commercial and Industrial:

200 Amp to 400 Amp 126.00 600.00

600 Amp	<del>168.00</del> <u>800.00</u>
800 Amp	<del>210.00</del> <u>1,000.00</u>
1200 Amp x <u>\$1.00 per amp</u>	<del>252.00</del> <u>1,200.00</u>
1600 Amp x <u>\$1.00 per amp</u>	<del>294.00</del> <u>1,600.00</u>
2000 Amp x <u>\$1.00 per amp</u>	<del>336.00</del> <u>2,000.00</u>
3000 Amp x <u>\$1.00 per amp</u>	<del>420.00</del> <u>3,000.00</u>
4000 Amp x <u>\$1.00 per amp</u>	<del>588.00</del> <u>4,000.00</u>

8-E. COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION AND RADIO, SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FEES

A. Minimum Permit Inspection Fee	<del>73.50</del> <u>150.00</u>
B. Service (Amplifier Booster Station)	<del>31.50</del> <u>73.50</u>
C. Single-Family Dwellings	<del>31.50</del> <u>73.50</u>
D. Multifamily Dwellings, Commercial and Industrial	
Individual Units	<del>22.58</del> <u>73.50</u>
Per Mile of Cable or part thereof	<del>210.00</del> <u>294.00</u>
Junction Box or Splicing Box	<del>31.50</del> <u>44.10</u>
Antenna	<del>31.50</del> <u>44.10</u>
Head in Electronics (Main Distribution)	<del>63.00</del> <u>73.50</u>

**PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**1-P. WATER SUPPLY**

A. Connections to Existing Supply - New Construction	<del>84.00</del> <u>100.80</u>
Repair to existing connections	<del>56.70</del> <u>68.00</u>
B. Well Drilling - New Construction	<del>84.00</del> <u>100.80</u>
Repair to existing well	<del>56.70</del> <u>68.00</u>
C. Change-over from Well to Municipal Water Supply	<del>84.00</del> <u>68.00</u>
D. Plug Well	<del>84.00</del> <u>100.80</u>

**2-P. SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

A.	Septic System - New Construction	<del>105.00</del> <u>126.00</u>
	Repair or alterations	<del>84.00</del> <u>100.80</u>
B.	Sewer System - New Construction	<del>73.50</del> <u>88.20</u>
	Repair or alterations	<del>52.50</del> <u>63.00</u>
C.	Change-over from Septic to Sanitary Sewer	<del>73.50</del> <u>88.20</u>

**3-P. PLUMBING**

A.	Minimum Fee	<del>119.70</del> <u>143.60</u>
	plus <del>\$9.75</del> <u>\$20.00</u> for every fixture in excess of five fixtures	
B.	Replacement of Existing Fixtures	<del>84.00</del> <u>100.80</u>
	plus <del>\$7.50</del> <u>\$20.00</u> for every fixture in excess of five fixtures	
C.	Water Heaters (each)	<del>63.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
D.	Lawn Sprinkler System - single units	<del>52.50</del> <u>63.00</u>
	plus <del>\$2.40</del> <u>\$3.60</u> per sprinkler head	
E.	Filling Stations - Permit Fees for the Storage of Flammable Liquids shall be:	
	1,065 gallons or less	<del>126.00</del> <u>151.20</u>
	1,066 to 7,000 gallons	<del>180.60</del> <u>216.70</u>
	7,001 to 25,000 gallons	<del>270.90</del> <u>325.00</u>
	25,001 to 50,000 gallons	<del>451.50</del> <u>541.80</u>
	50,001 to 100,000 gallons	<del>541.80</del> <u>650.10</u>
	100,001 to 200,000 gallons	<del>900.90</del> <u>998.10</u>
F.	Fire Line Sprinkler System	<del>52.50</del> <u>63.00</u>
	plus <del>\$1.50</del> <u>\$2.25</u> per head.	
G.	Swimming Pools (In-ground)	<del>136.5</del> <u>163.80</u>
	Swimming Pools (Above-ground)	<del>52.50</del> <u>63.00</u>
H.	Sump and Ejector pumps and basins	<del>21.00</del> <u>31.50</u>

<u>I. Backflow Testing and Inspections:</u>	
<u>Lawn Sprinkling Devices</u>	<u>25.00 per device</u>
<u>Fire Protection Devices</u>	<u>25.00 per device</u>
<u>Any backflow device for other use</u>	<u>25.00 per device</u>
<u>Annual inspection fee for each year</u> <u>Following the installation or inspection of each device</u>	<u>30.00 per hour</u>

**NOTE: Fixture Connections covered by permit include but are not limited to the following: Bathtubs, Bidets, Dishwashers, Drinking Fountains, Floor Drains, Hose Connections, Kitchen Sinks, Laundry Tubs, Lavatories, Showers (where separate from tub), Slop Sinks, Urinals, Washing Machines, Waste Openings, Water Closets, Water Openings**

J. Temporary Toilet Facilities (satellites) - Minimum Fee	<del>405.00</del> <u>126.00</u>
For every unit in excess of five (5)	<del>21.00</del> <u>25.20</u>

**4-P. ANNUAL PLUMBING INSPECTION FEE**

Per Hour	63.00
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**5-P. Manholes and Sidebasins**

Gas Connection (each)	<del>73.50</del> <u>88.20</u>
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**~~6-T. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR EXISTING STRUCTURES~~**

~~A. Certificate of Occupancy Fees shall be \$37.50 for one dwelling unit, \$41.25 for two dwelling units or \$15.00 per dwelling unit in structures with more than two dwelling units.~~

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**CHAPTER 114, SIGNS**

114-32(c) Annual <u>registration renewal</u> fee	<del>600.00</del> <u>840.00</u>
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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 Building and Building Regulations, Article II – Vacant Buildings, Section 102-5, Section 102-6 and Section 102-19 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 102-5. - Obligation to register.**

- (a) The owner of any building that has become vacant shall within 30 days, after the building becomes vacant or within 30 days after assuming ownership of the building, whichever is later,

file a registration statement, including proof of liability insurance in the amount prescribed in Section 102-14, for each such building with the appropriate enforcing authority on forms provided by that department for such purposes and pay a registration fee in the amount prescribed in Section 102-6, for each registered building; provided, however, that all eleemosynary, religious, educational, benevolent or charitable associations organized on a not-for-profit basis and all governmental agencies shall be exempt from the payment of the registration fee. The registration shall remain valid for one year from the date of registration. The owner shall be required to renew the registration every year as long as the building remains vacant. ~~There shall be no fee for such renewal.~~ and pay a renewal fee as prescribed in Section 102-6. The owner shall notify the Department of Building and Zoning, within 20 days, of any change in the registration information by filing an amended registration statement on a form provided by the Department of Building and Zoning for such purposes. The registration statement shall be deemed prima facie proof of the statements therein contained in any administrative enforcement proceeding or court proceeding instituted by the County against the owner or owners of the building. Registration of a building in accordance with this section shall be deemed to satisfy the registration requirement set forth in Article V, Administration and Enforcement, Section 5.3-4 of the Cook County Building Code.

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#### **Sec. 102-6. - Owner registration fee.**

The registration fee for each registered building shall be \$250.00 (the "base registration fee"). The renewal fee for each registered building shall be \$500.00. All fees and fines laid out in this section are in addition to any fees and fines in other sections of the Cook County Building and Zoning Ordinance. The base registration fee set forth above in this section shall be doubled if the applicable ~~initial~~ registration takes place not through voluntary and timely compliance, but as the result of an enforcing authority's identification of a violation of this ordinance. Such doubled fee shall not be subject to reduction, during the relevant period, for having registered or renewed following the issuance of a citation for failure to register or renew.

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#### **Sec. 102-19. - Vacant buildings—Mortgagee required to act—Enforcement authority.**

- (a) The mortgagee of any residential building that has become vacant and which is not registered pursuant to this section or Section 102-5 of this Code shall, within the later of 30 days after the building becomes vacant and unregistered or 60 days after a default, file a registration statement with the Department of Building and Zoning on forms provided by that department for such purposes and pay a registration fee of \$250.00. The mortgagee shall be required to renew the registration every year as long as the building remains vacant. ~~There shall be no fee~~ The fee for such renewal shall be \$500.00. The mortgagee shall notify the Department of Building and Zoning within 20 days of any change in the registration information by filing an amended registration statement on a form provided by the Department of Building and Zoning for such purposes. The registration statement shall be deemed prima facie proof of the statements therein contained in any administrative enforcement proceeding or court proceeding instituted under this section against the mortgagee with respect to the registered building. The base registration fee set forth above in this section shall be doubled if the applicable ~~initial~~ registration takes place not through voluntary and timely compliance, but as the result of an enforcing authority's identification of a violation of this ordinance. Such doubled fee shall not be subject to reduction, during the relevant period, for having registered or renewed following the issuance of a citation for failure to register or renew.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 Building and Building Regulations, Article III - Building Code, Section 102-105 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 102-105. - Administration and enforcement.**

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**(3) *Permits, Certificates and Plans.***

**1. *Building Permits.***

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- p. Expiration of Permit. ~~If, after a building permit or other required permit or other have required permit, shall been granted the operations called for by such permit are not begun within 12 months after the date thereof, such permit shall be void and no operations thereunder shall be begun~~ If work authorized by a permit is not completed within twelve (12) months of its issuance, such permit shall become invalid until an extended permit shall has been taken out by the Owner or his agent at a fee of 10% of the original permit cost or \$25, whichever is greater. An extended permit shall be valid for six months following the date of expiration of the original permit and must be applied for within ten days after the expiration of the original permit. Unless otherwise determined by the Building Commissioner, One extension only shall be granted, and if work is has not begun been completed within 18 months after the date of issuance of the original permit, all rights under the permit shall thereupon terminate. Where, under authority of a permit or extended permit, work has begun and has been abandoned for a continuous or cumulative period of 12 months, all rights under such permit shall thereupon terminate.

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**(4) *Enforcement.***

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**3. *Methods of Enforcement.***

**a. *Registration for Building Work.***

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- ~~(5) If any person, firm or corporation registered as provided by this section, shall fail in the execution of any work or fail to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance relative to the erection, enlargement, alteration, repair, relocation, or demolition of any building, or part thereof, at least three times within two calendar years, the Building Commissioner, after notice to such person, firm or corporation that he, she, or it has three such failures or violations, shall remove or strike such persons', firm's, or corporation's name from the registration book. For persons, firms, or corporations that have one such failure or violation, the Building Commissioner shall request the~~

~~State's Attorney to bring suit and to prosecute such person, firm or corporation for such failure or violation, and in the case of a finding of guilty, his name shall be removed or stricken from the registration book. In either case, such persons', firm's, or corporation's name shall not be re-entered or reinstated during such time as the failure or violation exists or any judgment remains unsatisfied with regard to said finding, or until the Building Commissioner determines that such person, firm, or corporation should be re-entered or reinstated.~~

- ~~(6) Any person, firm, or corporation that shall have been found guilty under the preceding Section may have his name re-entered on the registration book upon filing with the Building Commissioner a certificate signed by the State's Attorney, the Building Commissioner and the Health Officer to the effect that all violations of the Code with reference to which the finding of guilty was secured have been corrected or are nonexistent and that all claims and judgments arising from such convictions have been paid.~~
- (5) (i) It shall be a violation for any person, firm or corporation registered, as proved by subsection 102-105(4)3.a.(1) to:
- (a) Perform or direct the performance of any work, requiring the issuance of a permit under this Code, without the issuance of a permit; or
  - (b) Perform or direct work deviating from the drawings, plans or scope of any work done under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to this Code where said deviation would require prior written approval or the issuance of a new permit; or
  - (c) Perform or direct work in violation of a stop work order; or
  - (d) Perform or direct work that results in the issuance of a stop work order; or
  - (e) Upon completion of work requiring a rough or final inspection or certification, fail to contact the Building Department to schedule a required inspection; or
  - (f) Upon completion of work requiring a Certificate of Compliance, failed to contact the Building Department to obtain a required Certificate of Compliance; or
  - (g) Utilize or direct any person of a building or construction trade or craft who is not registered by Cook County to perform work that is required to be performed by a person registered by Cook County; or
  - (h) When a permit requires the listing of the name or identification number of a person required to be registered by Cook County to perform the work, utilized or directed any person of a building or construction trade or craft to

perform work other than the person or entity whose name or identification number is listed on the permit; or

(i) List or allow the listing or use of one's registration name or identification number on a permit application or a permit when that work is performed by another person; or

(j) Make a false statement on a permit application or aided and abetted another person in making a false statement on a permit application; or

(k) Perform or direct work contrary to this Code or failed to perform work required by this Code, and such action resulted in a substantial defect, error or deficiency requiring a re-inspection or re-review by the Building Department; or

(l) Fail to correct any substantial defect, error or deficiency as direct by the Building Department; or

(m) Perform or direct work that poses an immediate or imminent threat to the health and safety of workers or the public; or

(n) Conduct any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for such registration or permit application.

(ii) Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of a first offense of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00. Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of a second offense of this subsection, occurring within two (2) years of the first offense, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$2,000.00. Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of a third offense of this subsection, occurring within two (2) years of the first offense, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$2,000.00 nor more than \$3,000.00. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. For purposes of this subsection, multiple violations occurring on the same date shall be deemed a single violation.

(iii) If any person, firm or corporation required to be registered, as proved by subsection 102-105(4)3.a.(1), is found to be in violation of this subsection, as determined by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the Building Commissioner shall have the power to suspend their registration, after giving notice of such, for up to one (1) year. Reinstatement of a suspended registration shall be automatic, provided that all fines and fees due and owing to the County have been paid in full, in addition to an administrative fee of \$50.00.

(iv) The notice of suspension shall include:

(a) A general statement attesting to the basis for the suspension;



- (b) The duration of the suspension period, not to exceed one (1) year;
  - (c) The beginning and end date of the suspension period;
  - (d) A statement informing the registrant of their right to petition the Building Commissioner requesting the reconsideration of their suspension and the reinstatement of their registration privileges. The petition shall include proof that any issue of noncompliance has been abated or corrected and that all related penalties and fees have been paid. In addition to any other penalties and fees, a fee of \$150.00 shall be paid to the County for every inspection or review conducted by the Building Department to verify compliance. Furthermore, a fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the County for reinstatement of any registration. The petition must be served on the Building Commissioner within fourteen (14) days of the notice of suspension; and
  - (e) The process by which the person, firm or corporation may reinstatement their registration at the end of the suspension period
- (6) If any person, firm or corporation required to be registered, as proved by subsection 102-105(4)3.a.(1), is found to be in violation of this subsection, as determined by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, at least three (3) times within two (2) calendar years, the Building Commissioner shall have the power to revoke their registration after giving notice of such. Reinstatement of a revoked registration shall require a petition demonstrating rehabilitation to the satisfaction of the Building Commissioner.
  - (i) The notice of revocation shall include:
    - (a) A general statement attesting to the basis for revocation;
    - (b) A statement informing the registrant of their right to petition the Building Commissioner requesting the reconsideration of the revocation and the reinstatement of their registration privileges. The petition must be served on the Building Commissioner within fourteen (14) days of the notice of revocation; and
    - (c) The process by which the person, firm or corporation may request the reinstatement of their revoked registration. Prior to the reinstatement of a revoked registration, in addition to any other penalties and fees, a fee of \$150.00 shall be paid to the County for every inspection or reviewed conducted by the Building Department to verify compliance. Furthermore, a fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the County for reinstatement of a revoke registration.
  - (ii) The Building Commissioner reserves the right to revoke a registration at any time where any person, firm or corporation is found to be in violation of this subsection, as determined by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, where the basis for the violation:
    - (a) Resulted in great bodily harm or the loss of life to any natural person; or

(b) Resulted in the damage or loss of property in an aggregated amount of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more; or

(c) Was the result of or resulted in a conviction or finding of liability, as determined by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, for an act or underlying act: (i) related to bribery or attempted bribery of a government official or government vendor; or (ii) related to fraud or theft or attempted fraud or theft involving a government project, government program, government procurement or government contract, than no reinstatement shall be allowed unless the conviction or finding of liability is reversed or vacated. No petition shall be considered and no reinstatement shall be allowed less than one year or more than five (5) years after the revocation of the license. Only one such petition for reinstatement may be filed or considered per violation.

(iii) If the Building Commissioner suspends or revokes any person's, firm's or corporation's registration under this subsection, the Building Commissioner may process an application for or revision to a permit if the permit is for work that would correct the basis for the suspension or revocation.

(iv) Any suspension or revocation of a registration shall also apply to any subsequent company that has a twenty (20) percent or more common identity/ownership interest with the suspended or revoked registration.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 114 Signs, Article II - Billboards and Off-Premises Outdoor Advertising Signs, Section 114-32 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 114-32. - Sign permits.**

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(c) *Fees.* In addition to the application fee required to obtain a sign permit, an annual registration renewal fee of \$600.00 as set forth in Section 32-1 shall be required to maintain the permit.

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption