


*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 29, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE SECTION 4-2-21, TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO THE VIRGINIA STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, TO REMOVE FEES FROM TABLE 107.2 AND ADOPT FEES BY RESOLUTION.

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of an ordinance to remove Fire Prevention Operational Permit fees from Section 4-2-21 of the City Code so that future changes in the fee schedule can be considered and amended by Council resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council pass the ordinance (attached) on first reading and schedule it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, June 13.

**DISCUSSION:** Building permit fees currently are amended by resolution in accordance with City Code Section 8-1-29. The proposed ordinance will remove Fire Prevention Operating Permit fees from Section 4-2-21 which requires an ordinance to amend fees governed by this Code section. By passage of this action, future actions to amend these fees will be by Council resolution. The Office of Building and Fire Code Administration has proposed a separate resolution to amend Building and Fire Prevention Operating Permit fees for fiscal year 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**ATTACHMENT:** Proposed Ordinance

**STAFF:**  
John Catlett, Director, Office of Building and Fire Code Administration

Introduction and first reading: 06/9/09  
Public hearing: 06/13/09  
Second reading and enactment: 06/13/09

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-2-21 (CHANGES IN VIRGINIA STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE), Article B (FIRE PREVENTION), Chapter 2 (FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION), Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance removes the amount of specific fire prevention fees from City Code and permits City Council to set the amount of those same fees from time to time by resolution.

Sponsor

Staff

John Catlett, Director, Office of Building and Fire Code Administration  
Christopher P. Spera, Deputy City Attorney

Authority

§2.07 Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-2-21 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 4-2-21 Changes in Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

[INTERVENING CODE SECTIONS INTENTIONALLY OMITTED]

(9) Chapter 1, Table F-108.2 is deleted. Chapter 1, Table 107.2 replaces Table F-108.2 and is amended by adding the following quantities and approvals ~~and fees~~:

[The third column in Table 107.2 setting forth the fees for each Operational Permit is deleted in its entirety]

(10) Chapter 1, Section 107.12 is amended by adding the following after the last sentence of the paragraph to read:

The permit fee schedule is shown in Table 107.2, Operational Permit Requirements. The permit fees for each item set forth in Table 107.2, Operational Permit Requirements, shall be set from time to time by City Council by resolution.

[SUBSEQUENT CODE SECTIONS INTENTIONALLY OMITTED]

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
Mayor

Attachment

Introduction: 6/9/2009

First Reading:

Publication:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Final Passage: