

ORDINANCE NO. **BG2014 - 30**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 (BUILDING REGULATIONS), SUBCHAPTER 6-4 (FEES) OF THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE BUILDING PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR THE REVIEW OF MULTIPLE IDENTICAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green has accepted Kentucky Building Code Plan Review and Responsibility from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the City currently charges the same fee for Plan Review as the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which is based on total square footage of the proposed building or buildings; and,

WHEREAS, in certain instances, a developer may propose to build identical buildings at the same time as part of one development plan; and,

WHEREAS, reviewing identical building plans for the same development takes less time and effort and justifies a reduction in the plan review fees; and,

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the plan review fees be reduced for the second and all other identical buildings being submitted at one time and contained within one development plan to the Commonwealth of Kentucky minimum plan review fee of \$250 for each identical building; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to approve this proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. Chapter 6 (Building Regulations) is hereby amended as follows:

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6-3 PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITY.

6-3.01 Submission of Plans and Specifications for Review.

a. In addition to Section 108.0 of the Kentucky Building Code which sets forth present duties of the Building Official, the City accepts Plan Review and Responsibility as provided in Section

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109.0(2) of the Kentucky Building Code for all buildings within the boundaries of its jurisdiction, with the exception of the following:

1. Institutional occupancies;
2. State-owned and State-leased buildings;
3. High hazard occupancies; and,
4. Industrial building systems regardless of classification.

b. All plans and specifications for all buildings within the boundaries of jurisdiction of the City, except as set forth hereinabove shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Building and Inspection Division for review by a properly qualified Building Official.

6-4 FEES.

6-4.01 Fees to Accompany All Plans and Specifications.

a. All plans and specifications required to be submitted to the Building Official for review shall be accompanied by the applicable fees herein set forth, rounded to the nearest dollar, and such fees are intended to cover costs of corresponding inspections for compliance with such plans.

b. Form of Payment. All fees required herein shall be in check form payable to the City Treasurer and no approval for construction shall be issued by the Building and Inspection Division until all required fees have been paid.

c. Except as set out below, plan review fees for all building permit applications shall be the same fees as set out in the Kentucky Building Code, Current Edition, as adopted and promulgated by the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.

d. A plan review fee reduction shall be allowed for plans involving multiple identical buildings submitted at the same time and located on the same development plan. The determination whether the plans are identical shall be within the sole discretion of the City of Bowling Green Building Official. The plan review fee for the first building shall be the same as set out in the

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Kentucky Building Code, Current Edition, based on the size of the building. The plan review fee for each of the remaining identical buildings shall be the minimum plan review fee as set out in the Kentucky Building Code.

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2. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

3. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on October 21, 2014, and given final reading on November 18, 2014, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

ADOPTED: November 18, 2014

APPROVED: Bruce Wilkerson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Kate Shaolin
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Bruce Wilkerson, Mayor, 10/14/2014, 12:00 p.m.