

ORD-3695

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-31, 8-  
2 31.1, 8-32, 8-33, 8-34 and 8-37 OF THE CITY  
3 CODE PERTAINING TO AN INCREASE IN  
4 PERMIT FEES

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6 SECTIONS AMENDED: §§ 8-31, 8-31.1, 8-32, 8-  
7 33, 8-34, and 8-37 of the City Code

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,  
10 VIRGINIA:

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12 That Sections 8-31, 8-31.1, 8-32, 8-33, 8-34, and 8-37 of the Code of the City of  
13 Virginia Beach, Virginia, are hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

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15 **Sec. 8-31. Permit fees—Building permits.**

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17 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, enlarge, alter, repair or demolish  
18 any building or structure as defined in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building  
19 Code without first obtaining a building permit therefor and paying the permit fees  
20 set forth in this section.  
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22 (b) The minimum fee for any building permit shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00).  
23 There shall be a fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the  
24 modification of an existing permit.  
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26 (c) For the construction of any building or addition thereto where the floor area is  
27 increased and for the installation or erection of any industrialized building unit, the  
28 fee shall be based on the floor area to be constructed, as computed from exterior  
29 building dimensions at each floor, as follows:  
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31 (1) Residential—living area—~~Thirty~~ Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus seven  
32 dollars (\$7.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
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34 (2) Residential—nonheated building area (residential accessory buildings and  
35 structures)—~~Thirty~~ Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus four dollars (\$4.00) for  
36 each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
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38 (3) Businesses/mercantile—building area—~~Thirty~~ Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00)  
39 plus eight dollars (\$8.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction  
40 thereof.  
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42 (4) Institutional—building area—~~Thirty~~ Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus eight  
43 dollars (\$8.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
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- 45 (5) Assembly, churches, and government buildings—building area—Thirty Fifty  
46 dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus eight dollars (\$8.00) for each one hundred (100)  
47 square feet or fraction thereof.  
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- 49 (6) Storage—building area—Thirty Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus four dollars  
50 (\$4.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
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- 52 (7) Hazardous storage or occupancy—building area—Thirty Fifty dollars  
53 (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus eight dollars (\$8.00) for each one hundred (100) square  
54 feet or fraction thereof.  
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- 56 (8) Industrial—building area—Thirty Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus eight  
57 dollars (\$8.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
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- 59 (9) Farm buildings—building area—Thirty Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus three  
60 dollars (\$3.00) for each one hundred (100) square feet or fraction thereof.  
61 Farm buildings and structures shall be subject to the requirements of this  
62 section; provided, however, that farm buildings and structures not used for  
63 residential purposes shall not be subject to the technical requirements of  
64 the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.  
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- 66 (10) Alterations, repairs, private piers, bulkheads, pools, elevators, commercial  
67 interior finish, miscellaneous structures and structures located in a  
68 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area or a Southern Rivers Watershed Area  
69 for which a permit fee is not otherwise prescribed by this section, including,  
70 but not limited to, patios and driveways—value of construction—Thirty Fifty  
71 dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus five dollars (\$5.00) for each one thousand dollars  
72 (\$1,000.00) of value of construction or fraction thereof.  
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- 76 (15) Tents: Tents and other temporary structures permit fee shall be Thirty fifty  
77 dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00).  
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79 **Sec. 8-31.1. Fences and walls.**  
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- 81 (a) A permit shall be required for the construction, reconstruction, replacement or  
82 relocation of any fence or wall located within thirty (30) feet of a public right-of-way,  
83 except fences or walls used principally for agricultural or horticultural purposes in  
84 an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Any such fence or wall located upon more than  
85 one (1) lot shall require a separate permit for each such lot, except lots under  
86 common ownership.  
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- 88 (b) The fee for permits required by this section shall be thirty fifty dollars  
89 (~~\$30.00~~50.00).  
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93 **Sec. 8-32. Same—Plumbing permits.**

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95 (a) The fee for a permit for plumbing work, as required by the building code, shall be  
96 ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) and, in addition thereto, the following:

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100 **Sec. 8-33. Same—Mechanical, life safety, elevator and gas permits.**

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102 (a) The minimum fee for the installation or replacement of mechanical/life safety  
103 systems or equipment shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus five dollars  
104 (\$5.00) for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of value or fraction thereof.

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106 (b) The minimum fee for the installation of gas outlets for a gas piping system shall be  
107 ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus four dollars (\$4.00) for each outlet.

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109 (c) The minimum fee for the relocation of a gas meter shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars  
110 (~~\$30.00~~50.00).

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114 **Sec. 8-34. Same—Electrical permits.**

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116 (a) The fee for a permit for electrical work, as required by the building code, shall be  
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119 (b) There shall be charged a minimum fee of ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) for each  
120 permit issued.

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122 (c) For a permit issued for a temporary service, such as a trailer, house meter or meter  
123 loop added to an existing service, the fee shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00).

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125 (d) For a permit for any special condition, such as and including temporary electrical  
126 release for construction purposes, buildings moved, swimming pools, carnivals,  
127 services relocated but not increased and the like, the fee shall be a minimum of  
128 seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). The fee for a permit for prefabricated buildings for  
129 out-of-city use shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00).

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131 (e) For a permit issued for original construction, the following fees include all  
132 equipment outlets only if specifically listed on the application and installed by the  
133 permit holder before the final inspection, such fees being based on the maximum  
134 current carrying capacity of each set or subset of service conductors installed, to  
135 the nearest fifty (50) amperes:

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137 (1) Single-phase: ~~Thirty~~ Fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00) plus twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
138 for each additional fifty (50) amperes.

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140 (2) Three-phase: Eighty dollars (\$80.00) plus twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each  
141 additional fifty (50) amperes.  
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143 When services are increased or phases added, the fee shall be one-half the rate above,  
144 plus the added equipment fee. For fee purposes, the service-panel nameplate amperage  
145 rating shall be used.

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147 (f) For each piece of equipment connected and for each circuit or feeder installed,  
148 extended, relocated or repaired, the fee shall be ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~50.00)  
149 plus five dollars (\$5.00) per circuit.

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151 (g) On any electrical work commenced before an electrical permit has been issued  
152 and the requisite fee paid therefore, an administrative fee of two hundred fifty  
153 dollars (\$250.00) per unit shall be added to the fee due. Payment of such  
154 administrative fee shall not in any way relieve the violator from such penalties as  
155 may be imposed by the courts.

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159 **Sec. 8-37. Technology fee.**

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161 In addition to any fees otherwise required by this chapter, there shall be a fee in  
162 the amount of ~~five~~ ten dollars (~~\$5.00~~10.00) for permits issued pursuant to sections 8-31,  
163 8-31.1, 8-32, 8-33, 8-34. Such fee shall be for the following purposes:

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 2022.