ORDINANCE 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE SETTING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES FOR THE CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Mulberry has recognized an increase in fuel, equipment, personnel costs, and inflation, necessitating a revision of the current permit and inspection fees to ensure the continued provision of essential services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to establish a clear and updated fee structure for permits and inspections to support the operational needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mulberry has reviewed and considered the proposed fee structure and finds it to be reasonable and necessary for the effective administration of City services; and

WHEREAS, governmental entities shall be exempt from the inspection and permit fees to ensure the uninterrupted provision of public services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1 The City of Mulberry hereby sets the fees for inspections and permits as detailed in the attached schedule, which is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 Governmental entities shall be exempt from the inspection and permit fees to ensure the uninterrupted provision of public services.

SECTION 3 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby amended or repealed as necessary to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4 The City Council of Mulberry, Arkansas, has determined that immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mulberry due to the need to have proper building permits and inspections to ensure the safety of the public in newly constructed or renovated structures and to ensure that the permit and inspection system is fiscally sound. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17Th DAY OF September, 2024.

APPROVED: _____

Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST: Carla Dickerson

Carla Dickerson, Recorder/Treasurer

Mulberry Permit Fee Schedule

The definition of the term "cost of construction" includes all labor, material, subcontracts, overhead, profit and other costs necessary to properly complete the job for its intended use. All permit cost of construction valuations shall include all site work including parking lots.

The term "multi-family" shall mean three (3) or more dwelling units in one or more buildings on the same lot or parcel of land.

The minimum cost of construction valuations for new residential construction shall be as set forth in the following chart unless modified by the method as described in the next sentence:

1. The square feet are calculated based on the conditional space (heated and cooled) of the house.

0	To	1,800 Square feet	=	$140 a square foot
1,801	To	2,500 Square feet	=	$150 a square foot
2,501	To	3,500 Square feet	=	$175 a square foot
3,501 and larger			=	$200 a square foot

When a claim is made that the foregoing costs are not appropriate to the project, the owner/contractor must establish a lesser figure by using the current Marshal and Swift Evaluation report or the current International Code Council Building Evaluation Data.

The following fee schedule is adopted:

1. Residential construction (single-family and duplex, new construction, remodel, repair, additions, alterations). A duplex is a single structure on a lot or parcel of land. Multiple duplexes on the same lot or parcel of land are considered a multi-family development.

$50.00 - $500.00	$20.00
$501.00 - $1,000.00	$30.00
$1,001.00 - $1,500.00	$40.00
$1,501.00 - $2,000.00	$50.00
$2,001.00 – over	$2 for each $1,000 valuation or fraction Thereof with a $60 minimum fee

2. Nonresidential construction (Multifamily, commercial, industrial, institutional, etc. New construction, remodel, repair, additions, alterations):

$50.00 - $500.00	$20.00
$501.00 - $1,000.00	$40.00
$1,001.00 - $1,500.00	$50.00
$1,501.00 - $2,000.00	$60.00
$2,001 – over	$3 for each $1,000 valuation or fraction thereof with a $70 minimum fee

3. Sign Permit.....Cost of Construction
4. Moving Permit..... $100.00
5. Demolition Permit..... $100.00 + $2,000 Bond
6. Roofing and Siding
    a. Residential.....$100.00
    b. Nonresidential.....Cost of construction $100 minimum
7. Solar Projects
    a. Residential..... $100.00
    b. Nonresidential.....Cost of construction $100 minimum
8. Pools
    a. Residential..... $100.00
    b. Nonresidential.....Cost of construction $100 minimum
9. Fencing..... $50.00
10. Driveways..... $100.00
11. Retaining Walls
    a. Residential..... $100.00
    b. Nonresidential.....Cost of construction $100 minimum
12. Reinspection..... $50.00
13. Plumbing Permits
    a. New Construction – Requires 3 inspections at $65.00 each
    b. Remodel – Requires 2 inspections at $65.00 each
    c. Gas Inspection $50.00
    d. Water Heater permit - $65.00
14. Heating & Air Permits:
    a. One inspection required – see list below for pricing
    b. New Residential Single Family $100.00
    c. New Duplex $125.00 (total for both)
    d. Changeout all $50.00 per unit
    e. Commercial Range Hood $100.00
    f. Commercial Exhaust Unit $100.00

15. Electrical Permits:
    a. Temporary Pole $50.00
    b. Requires 2 inspections at $75.00 each (includes meter)
16. Fire Safety Permits (must be approved by the Fire Department)
    a. Sprinklers
        i. Less than 50 devices - $150.00
        ii. 51-200 devices - $301.00
        iii. 201-400 devices - $451.00
        iv. 401-600 devices - $750.00
        v. More thank 600 devices - $1,000.00
    b. Alarms
        i. Less than 10 devices - $150.00
        ii. 11-30 devices - $301.00
        iii. 31-50 devices - $451.00
        iv. 51-250 devices - $750.00
        v. More than 250 devices - $1,000.00
    c. Requires 3 inspections at $40.00 each
17. Miscellaneous Permits:
    a. Backflow Inspection: $60.00 – City must be given a copy of the completed Inspection.
    b. Erosion Control (new construction over 5 acres): $50.00
    c. Mobile Home Inspection: $40.00
    d. Cancellation Fee: $150.00
    e. Blower Door Inspection: $50.00
    f. Plan Review (commercial only): $50.00 each submittal
    g. Fire Inspection (daycares): $70.00
    h. Retaining Wall: $100.00
    i. Working without permit: $250.00 fine

Note: This fee schedule is subject to periodic review and adjustment by the City Council to reflect changes in operational costs and economic conditions.