

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-O-151

AMENDING SECTION 7-5 (INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE) OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY OF LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 106.5.2 (SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES), BY INCREASING THE BASIC PERMIT FEE FROM TWENTY FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS TO FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS; INCREASING ADDITIONAL PER ITEM FEES; AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Council has passed Building Ordinances in the past, and need to adopt the most updated Building Codes in order to maintain high standards; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council (ICC) approved codes and standards which are designed to secure the beneficial interest of the citizens of Laredo in public health and safety through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the built environment, including alternation, repair, removal, demolition, use, and occupancy of building structures, or premises by regulating the installation and maintenance of all buildings, and

WHEREAS, the International Mechanical Code is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the Building Department of City of Laredo relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the City of Laredo and relating to public safety, health and general welfare; and.

NOW THEREFORE BY IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Laredo that:

The following section of the International Mechanical Code, are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo;

Section 106.5.2 Schedule of Permits fees. The fees for all mechanical work shall be as indicated in the following schedule:

Initial fee:

For issuing Permits (\$25.00) \$50.00

Additional fees:

Fee for inspecting heating, venting, duct work, air conditioning, and refrigeration system shall be fifteen dollars (\$20.00) for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or fraction thereof, to including one hundred thousand (\$100,000) of valuation of the installation plus three dollars (\$3.00) for each additional thousand dollars (\$1,000) or fraction thereof.

For the inspection of non-existing or addition to existing heating, venting, duct work, air conditioning and refrigeration system..... \$50.00 for the first \$1,000 + \$4.00 per \$1,000 valuation

Motor 1HP and smaller ..... \$2.00
Motor over 1HP and include 5HP ..... \$4.00
Motor over 5HP to include 10HP ..... \$5.00
Motor over 10HP to include 25HP ..... \$6.00
Motor over 25HP ..... \$15.00

Fee for inspecting boiler (based upon Btu input):

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| 33,000 BTU (1BHp) to 165,000 (5BHp).....         | \$ 5.00 | \$ 6.00 |
| 165,001 BTU (5BHp) to 330,000 (10BHp).....       | \$10.00 | \$12.00 |
| 330,001 BTU (10BHp) to 1,165,000 (52BHp).....    | \$15.00 | \$50.00 |
| 1,165,000 Btu (52 BHp) to 3,300,000 (98BHp)..... | \$25.00 | \$50.00 |
| Over 3,300,000 Btu (98BHp).....                  | \$35.00 | \$50.00 |

In case it become necessary to make a re-inspection of a heating, ventilation, air conditioning or refrigeration system or boiler installation, the installer of such equipment shall pay a re-inspection fee of ~~(\$25.00) twenty five dollars~~ (\$50.00) fifty dollars

Section 106.5.3 **Fee Refunds.** The Building Official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:

1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
2. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the permits paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.
3. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.


The Building Official shall not authorized the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

**Section 6.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Laredo hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 7.** That the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in accordance with Section 2.09 (D) of the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS

17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012



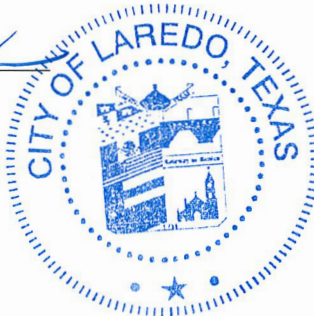
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MAYOR

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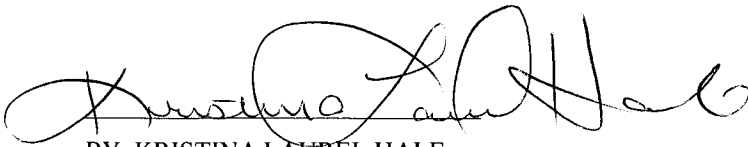


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAUL CASSO  
CITY ATTORNEY

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BY: KRISTINA LAUREL HALE  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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| <b>Date:</b><br><br>09/17/2012  | <b>SUBJECT:</b> FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO <u>2012-O-151</u><br><br><b>AMENDING SECTION 7-5 (INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE) OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY OF LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 106.5.2 (SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES), BY INCREASING THE BASIC PERMIT FEE FROM TWENTY FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS TO FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS; INCREASING ADDITIONAL PER ITEM FEES; AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> |  |
| <b>INITIATED BY:</b><br><br>Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager   |  | <b>STAFF SOURCE:</b><br><br>Erasmio Villareal, Building Development Director                                 |
| <b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b><br><br>On September 21, 2009 the City of Laredo adopted the 2009 International Mechanical Code                              |  |  |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b><br><br>The International Mechanical Code is updated every three years for purpose of improving procedures and new materials and methods. |  |  |
| <b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b><br>The proposed change in fees would generate and additional estimated \$30,454.80 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.                      |  |  |
| <b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b>  |  | <b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b><br><br>Staff <b><u>recommends</u></b> that City Council approve this ordinance. |