

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 28-17 AND 28-19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, 1957, AS AMENDED, BY INCREASING PLUMBING PERMIT FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Building Official has recently completed a survey of plumbing inspection fees in other cities comparable in size to the City of Abilene; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of said survey it appears necessary that said fees in the City of Abilene be increased and it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners that the same be done; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 28-17 of The Code of The City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, as amended, be, and the same is, hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Sec. 28-17. PERMIT FEES.

"The sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for one sewer fixture or roughing in, and Seventy-Five Cents (\$.75) each for each additional fixture, sewer or roughing in, shall be paid as a permit and inspection fee for fixtures proposed to be placed in the work described in the application for such permit under this ordinance. Said sum shall be paid by the Master-Employing Plumber to whom the permit is issued. The term "fixtures" as used herein, is meant for each water closet, sink, bathtub, basin, lavatory, or section of basin in battery, drinking fountain, soda fountain, urinal, laundry tray or section of laundry tray, washing machine (where connected to water or sewerage), sand trap, catch basin, sump, shower, drain, slop sink, dental cuspidor, softeners, and all other receptacles that may be classed as plumbing fixtures. The permit and inspection fee shall apply to floor and cellar drains, septic tanks and sewers, water and waste connections, fees to be paid on the same basis as plumbing fixtures. A fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid for a permit and inspection of outside (yard) closets and connections. The sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid for inspecting any alteration of work or extension or repair to any building. Any job that has been rejected or turned down after the first inspection will require an additional fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) and such fee must be paid before the Master-Employing Plumber doing such work will be granted further permits."

SECTION 2: That Section 28-19 of The Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Sec. 28-19. ROUGHING IN INSPECTION AND TEST.

"No water, soil, sewer, drain, or vent pipe shall be backfilled or covered by flooring, walls, or otherwise concealed until after plumbing work has been

tested, inspected, and approved by the Plumbing Inspector. If any part is covered before being inspected and approved, it shall be uncovered at the direction of the Inspector and at the expense of the Plumber. When roughing in is complete, the entire water and drainage system shall be prepared for inspection, waste and vent openings shall be sealed or plugged and system filled with water. If leaks are indicated, they shall be corrected by removing all defective material and replacing same with sound material, then water tests shall be repeated until the work is found to be tight and to conform with the requirements of this chapter. When ground work must be covered or concealed before system is complete, the same inspection and test shall apply. Water test on soil pipe system shall have a minimum five foot head of water. In remodeling work where drains are to be connected to existing drains, no buckling will be permitted. Testing Wyes and Tees and double test plugs shall be used. Such testing Wye or Tee shall be placed as near as possible to the existing drain. No cement of any kind shall be used to repair defective material. Before any backfilling or bedding-in has been done, the house sewer shall be water tested with a flow test, using at least five (5) gallons of water, such test to be made by the Plumber or person installing said sewer, in the presence of the Plumbing Inspector. If leaks are indicated, they shall be corrected and water test repeated. For re-inspection of condemned installations, a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) will be charged for each inspection. "

PASSED ON FIRST READING this ¹⁴7th day of September, A. D. 1961.

The Board of Commissioners hereby finds that an emergency exists requiring suspension of the rule provided in Section 32 of the Charter of the City of Abilene, requiring ordinances to be read and passed at two separate meetings of the Board of Commissioners; said rule is hereby suspended and said ordinance is passed twice at one and the same meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ¹⁴7th day of September, A. D. 1961.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY