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ORDINANCE NO. 1123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 40-31 AND 40-37 OF CHAPTER 40, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, 1957, BY INCREASING GAS INSTALLATION FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Building Official has recently completed a survey of gas installation 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 40-31 of Chapter 40, 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. 40-31. GAS PLUMBING INSPECTOR; TESTS; CHARGES.

" The City shall appoint a Gas Plumbing Inspector whose duty shall be to test all gas piping and issue an Inspector's Certificate covering same. The Company or their successor will not be permitted to connect any installations unless the customer presenting the request of such connection accompanies same with the plumbing inspection certificate.

"The City Plumbing Inspector shall test all gas pipes with air pressure on a mercury gauge only showing 10 pounds which shall be maintained for 30 minutes without falling. The Plumbing Inspector under no circumstances shall use fire tests on inside work. All gas plumbing must be complete in every detail before an inspection shall be granted. An additional fee shall be charged for any change or alteration in the work before a final inspection shall be made by the said City Inspector. The charges for gas piping inspections shall be as follows:

- "First opening \$2.00
- "Each additional opening .15'

SECTION 2: That Section 40-37 of Chapter 40 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. 40-37. CAPACITY OF PIPING AND ATTACHMENTS; INSPECTION.

"In every gas installation, all piping and attachments must be of at least such capacity as will supply gas up to the full maximum required of all appliances contemplated to be connected thereon according to the requirements of this ordinance.

"No gas piping, appliances, fixtures, or apparatus or the installation, re-construction, or repair thereof, for which a permit is issued shall be put to use or connected to any supply of gas until inspected and accepted by the City Plumbing Inspector.

"All applications for inspection will be held twenty-four (24) hours after the same are filed. It is required that said individual, firm, or corporation, or his or its representatives shall personally inspect every installation before a card for inspection is filed, and that all work for which the inspection is asked shall be complete.

"Applications for re-inspection must be made out on new cards the same as the original application, stating whether the first, second, or third inspection. Telephone or verbal requests will not be considered.

"When any gas piping, appliances, fixtures or apparatus is found to have been installed without a proper permit or not in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, the City Plumbing Inspector or his assistants is hereby authorized and empowered to prevent any supply of gas thereto, or to the consumer, until such permit has been secured from the said City Plumbing Inspector and such work inspected or reinspected and approved.

"Applications for inspections shall be filed with the said City Plumbing Inspector, and recorded in a book kept in his office for that purpose. A fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for each re-inspection."

"Before any such gas piping, appliances, fixtures, or apparatus constructed or furnished under permits hereafter granted, shall be approved, or any certificate of acceptance of the same be granted, the said work must be complete and in compliance with the provisions of this chapter."

PASSED ON FIRST READING this ^{21st} ~~7th~~ 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 ^{21st} ~~7th~~ day of September,

A. D. 1961.

ATTEST:

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