

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-10 (BCO)

Adopted: August 8, 2006
Effective: September 1, 2006

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE REQUIREMENT OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR NEW COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATIONS AND REMODELING AND REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, AND FURTHER SETTING FORTH THE PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21(BCO).

SECTION 1: No new commercial or residential construction or alterations and remodeling of any commercial or residential structure shall be allowed without first obtaining a Building Permit from the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana. Permits issued by the Town of Sterlington will be issued according to the State Contractor Licensing Board.

SECTION 2: For the issuance of a Permit, for the new construction of a building or structure, a fee shall be charged according to the following schedule:

A. Commercial Construction:

The first **5,000** square feet, **\$0.12** per square foot.
The next **5,000** square feet, **\$0.08** per square foot
All over **10,000** square feet, **\$0.06** per square foot.

B. Residential Construction:

First **5,000** square feet, **\$0.10** per square foot.
Over **5,000** square foot, **\$0.06** per square foot.

C. Miscellaneous Permit Fees:

Swimming pool- **\$0.12** per square foot
Re-inspection fee-**\$20.00**

SECTION 3: For the purpose of calculating the square foot area in residential construction, all carport and porch areas shall be omitted from the calculation.

SECTION 4: For the issuance of a Permit, for alteration or remodeling of a building or structure, the following fees shall be charged:

Permit fee of **\$25.00** for any alteration or remodeling, then **\$1.00** shall be added to the **\$25.00** permit fee for each additional **\$1,000.00** spent for alterations or remodeling.

SECTION 5: No Permit is required for preservation and maintenance of property. Repairs that do not change or alter rooflines or square footages shall also not require a Permit.

SECTION 6: For the issuance of a Permit, for the removal of a building or structure from one lot to another, the fee shall be:

Permit fee of **\$50.00** for the removal of a building or structure.

SECTION 7: For the issuance of a Permit for the demolition of a building or structure, the fee shall be:

Permit fee of **\$25.00** for the demolition of a building or structure.

SECTION 8: In case of abandonment or discontinuance, the cost of work performed under a Permit may be estimated, and an adjustment of the fee made, and the portion of the fee for the uncompleted work returned to the Permit holder, provided that no refund of a prescribed minimum fee shall be made. If such discontinuance is due to revocation of permit, a similar adjustment and return may be made, provided that no refund shall be made until all penalties incurred or imposed by due authority have been collected. After such a refund has been made, no work shall be resumed until a new application had been made and a new Permit had been issued.

SECTION 9: No Permit shall be issued hereunder unless and until the contractor or owner shall have made a statement in writing under oath as to the estimated cost of the construction, remodeling or alteration to be undertaken.

SECTION 10: The term “estimated”, as used in this Section means the reasonable value of all services, labor, materials, and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work ready for occupancy, provided that the cost of excavation or grading, and of painting, decoration or other work that is merely for establishment or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of the building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.

SECTION 11: A person who shall violate a Section of this Ordinance or fails to comply therewith or with any of the requirements thereof, or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair, or has erected, constructed, altered or repaired a building or structure or portion thereof, in violation of any respective Section of this Ordinance, or in violation of a permit issued hereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Also, the owner of a building or structure or portion thereof, or of the premises where anything in violation of this Ordinance shall be placed or shall exist, and an architect, engineer, builder, contractor, agent, person or corporation employed in connection therewith and who may have assisted in the commission of such violation shall each be guilty of a separate offense and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as herein below provided.

SECTION 12: It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any Section of this Ordinance, and where no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of, or failure to comply with, any Section of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding **\$200.00** or imprisonment for a term not exceeding **30** days, or both, such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the Court, together with Court costs and expenses. Each day any violation of, or failure to comply with, any Section of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 25th day of July 2006, and duly considered and passed on the 8th day of August 2006.

YEAS: 4
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 1

And the ordinance was declared adopted as Ordinance No. 2006-10 (BCO) of the Town of Sterlington with an effective date of September 1, 2006.

Clifford L. Bullock, Mayor

Marilyn Dilmore, Town Clerk