

ORDINANCE NO. 21 (BCO)
Adopted October 8, 1962

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE REQUIREMENT OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR NEW COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATIONS AND RE-MODELING AND REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, AND FURTHER SETTING FORTH THE PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE.

Sec. 1. No new commercial or residential construction or alterations and re-modeling of any commercial or residential structure shall be allowed without first obtaining a Building Permit from the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana.

Sec. 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, \$.03 per square foot.
The next 5,000 square feet, \$.02 per square foot.
All over 10,000 square feet, \$.01 per square foot.
Provided that in no event shall a charge in excess of \$500.00 be made for any one building or structure.

B. Residential Construction:

First 1,000 square feet, \$.015 per square foot.
Over 1,000 square feet, \$.01 per square foot.

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

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

<u>Cost of Alteration or Remodeling</u>		<u>Fee</u>
\$ Zero	to \$ 100.00	\$ 1.00
100.00	to 1,000.00	2.50
1,000.00	to 2,000.00	3.50
2,000.00	to 5,000.00	6.00
5,000.00	to 10,000.00	8.00
10,000.00	to 15,000.00	10.00
15,000.00	to 25,000.00	20.00
25,000.00	to 50,000.00	35.00
50,000.00	up	50.00

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Sec. 5. For the issuance of a Permit, for the removal of a building or structure from one lot to another, the fee shall be \$35.00.

Sec. 6. For the issuance of a Permit for the demolition of a building or structure, the fee shall be at the rate of \$1.00 for each 10 feet in the height of such building or structure, plus \$.01 additional for each foot of street frontage of the building or structure in excess of 50 feet.

Sec. 7. 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 has been made and a new Permit has been issued.

Sec. 8. 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.

Sec. 9. 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 embellishment or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of the building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.

Sec. 10. 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 hereinbelow provided.

Sec. 11. 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 therefor, the violation of, or failure to comply with, any Section of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00 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.