CITY OF RICHMOND HILL
STATE OF GEORGIA

AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE SIGN FEES.

The City Council of the City of Richmond Hill hereby ordains that the Revenue Ordinance of 2015 to Levy Taxes and Fees and Raise Revenue for the City of Richmond Hill Georgia, Article J. Inspection Fees, Section 6. Sign Fees is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE J. INSPECTION FEES

Section 1. BUILDING INSPECTION FEES

(A) All-inclusive Fee. The all-inclusive fee for building inspections shall be as follows:

Residential - Square Feet X $55 X .0065

Commercial - Square Feet X $75 X .0065

Industrial - By total building valuation/estimated cost
$1K to$50K(first$1K)$50.00+$5.00 additional thousand or fraction, to and inc. $50K
$50K to$100K (first$50K)$300.00+$4.00 per additional thousand or fraction, to and incl. $100K
$100K to$500K(first$100K)$500.00+$3.00 per additional thousand or fraction, to and incl. $500K
$500,000 and up (first$500,000)$2,500.00+$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof

(B) Penalty for Not Taking Out Required Permit. When work starts prior to issuance of a permit, a penalty fee of $500.00 shall be added to the permit fee.

(C) After-Hours Inspection Fee. In addition to permit fees provided herein, the following after-hours inspection fee, based on actual costs, shall be charged for all hours other than 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday: $75.00 per hour, $75.00 minimum fee.

(D) No Notice Inspection Fee. (Unscheduled inspection) *The minimum fee is $75.00.*

(E) Penalty for Moving In Prior To Receiving a Certificate of Occupancy.
When you occupy a building or move items in before a certificate of occupancy is issued, a penalty fee of $500.00 shall be paid before a certificate of occupancy will be issued.

(F) Re-filing Fee. After a building permit is initially issued, a change in plans that results in a change to an existing building permit, new building permit for the same lot,

and/or tap and connection fees have to be reimbursed, a refilling fee of $100.00 shall be paid.

(G) Plan Review Due with permit application. Only applies to new building, not build outs.

Residential Building	$100.00
Commercial Building	$200.00
Industrial Building	$300.00

Section 2. ELECTRICAL INSPECTION FEES

No electrical inspection fees shall be charged for work which has been included in the scope of a building permit. For work not covered by a building permit, the fees for electrical inspection shall be $35.00. The minimum fee shall be $35.00.

Section 3. MECHANICAL INSPECTION FEES No mechanical inspection fees shall be charged for work that has been included in the scope of a building permit. For work not covered by a building permit, the fees for mechanical inspection shall be $35.00. The minimum fee is $35.00.

Section 4. PLUMBING INSPECTION FEES

No plumbing inspection fees shall be charged for work that has been included in the scope of a building permit. For work not covered by a building permit, the fees for plumbing inspection shall be $35.00. The minimum fee is $35.00.

Section 5. HEATING AND GAS FITTING INSPECTION FEES

No heating and gas fitting inspection fees shall be charged for work that has been included in the scope of a building permit. For work not covered by a building permit, the fees for heating and gas fitting inspection shall be $35.00. The minimum fee is $35.00.

Section 6. SIGN FEES

The sign permit fee for permanent signs requiring legislative approval shall be $100.00 per application. The sign permit fee for permanent signs requiring only administrative approval shall be $50.00 per application. The sign permit fee for temporary signs shall be $25.00.

Section 7. RE-INSPECTION FEES

When extra inspection trips are necessary to enforce the Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Heating & Gas, Fire, Sign, Housing, Unsafe Building Abatement, Nuisance Abatement, Property Maintenance, or other Codes within the responsibility of the Inspections Department, due to any of the following reasons, a charge of $35.00 shall be made for the first re-inspection, and a charge of $50.00 for the second and $75 for the third and each subsequent re-inspection required, as a result of the same violation:

(a) Work not in compliance with minimum building code and/or city ordinance or requirement.

(b) Work not ready for inspection on arrival.

(c) Repairs or corrections not made when re-inspection scheduled.

Section 8. DEMOLITION AND MOVING OF STRUCTURES
The inspection fee for demolition and moving of structures shall be $35.00 per floor for each structure moved or demolished.

Section 9. REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF LOST OR BROKEN CURB STOPS FEE
$66 - $36 parts; $30 labor

Section 10. MOBILE HOME/OFFICE INSPECTION
The charge for a mobile home/office inspection shall be based as follows:
(Width) X (Length) X $.25 Minimum fee of $75.00

Section 11. EXISTING BUILDING INSPECTION FEES
There shall be a charge for the cost of examining any building, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system for which an application has been received to change the occupancy or certify the permitted occupancy. The minimum fee shall be $35.00.

Section 12. SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION FEES
The charge for a swimming pool inspection will be $35.00 per inspection.

Section 13. ACCESSORY BUILDING FEE
The minimum charge for the inspection of an accessory building shall be $35.00.

Section 14. RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT
Any work that takes place in a city right of way shall require a permit. The minimum fee shall be $75.00.

Section 15. CELL TOWERS
The fee shall be cost x .008.

Section 16. SIGN REMOVAL FEE
Temporary signs that have to be removed by the city because the applicant failed to remove the sign after the permit had expired or the sign was placed without a permit $5.00 per sign, minimum fee $35.00. Fees for permanent signs that the city has to remove are addressed in the signage regulations.

Section 17. NON PERMITTED SIGN FEE
Signs that are not exempt from permitting that are displayed and/or installed without a permit may be charged a fee equal to: $100.00 first offense, $250.00 second offense, $500.00 third or more offenses.

All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

SO ORDAINED, this 6th day of September, 2016.

E. Harold Fowler
Mayor

Councilmember

John A Murphy
Councilmember

John Fesperman Jr.
Councilmember

Councilmember

Attest:

Linda P. Blankenship
Asst. City Clerk