

**ORDINANCE NO. 366-2024**

**ORDINANCE FOR BUILDING PERMIT WITH BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Stephens, Arkansas has proposed under Ordinance No. 366-2024 the building code adopted by the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stephens, has proposed under Ordinance No. 366-2024 a fee schedule for building permits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stephens has determined it necessary to exempt agricultural buildings from building inspections and fees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF STEPHENS, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. That the fees for building permits required by the building code shall be determined by the total cost of construction in accordance with the following schedule. The total cost of construction shall be determined by the attached appendix and included as a part of this ordinance.

| <b>Total Cost of Construction</b> | <b>Fee</b>                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$10,000 or less                  | No fee unless an inspection is required, in which case, the \$25.00 Inspection Fee shall apply. |
| \$10,001 and up                   | \$25.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional thousand.                                               |

ARTICLE 2. The fees for the following items shall be as

follows: Re-inspection Fee - \$25.00

Plan Review Fee (Required for only commercial or industrial buildings) –

\$25.00 House Moving/Manufactured Home Moving or Set-up Fee - \$25.00

Single Phase of Construction or Miscellaneous Inspection Fee - \$25.00 per inspection

Lost Permit Fee - \$15.00

ARTICLE 3. Completion Deposit. Each building permit issued under the provisions of Article 1 of this ordinance shall be accompanied by a completion deposit equal to 50 percent of the building permit fee. This deposit shall be refunded upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the building. If a Certificate of Occupancy is not issued for the building due to occupancy of the building prior to an approved final inspection, then the Completion Deposit shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE 4. Penalty. A violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250.00 or double such sum for each repetition thereof. If the violation is, in its nature, continuous in respect to time, the penalty for allowing the continuance thereof is a fine not to exceed \$50.00 for each day that the same is unlawfully continued.

ARTICLE 5. Severability. If any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, that finding in no way affects the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

APPROVED:

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HARRY BROWN, MAYOR

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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MARLENE FULKROAD,  
RECORDER/TREASURER

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes for: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_ Present: \_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_