

ORDINANCE O-50-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING BUILDING PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPLEALER CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, heretofore, on the 22nd day of October 2007, the City Council of the City of Athens, TX after due notice and hearing did hereby vote to adopt building permit fees, O-40-07, and where those fees were subsequently amended by ordinances adopted on the 13th of June 2016, O-24-16, and the 27th day of February 2017, O-10-17; and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens desires to establish a building permit and development services fee structure that balances cost recovery, simplicity, and does not provide a disincentive to development and permitting; and

WHEREAS, the city concludes the current fee structure inhibits permitting and results in greater expenses to the building and development community in comparison to peer cities within the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS

I.

A. That the City of Athens Development Fee Chart – Schedule A within the Code of Ordinances Section 5-5 shall be amended and replaced with the attached Exhibit A.

B. That Section 5-176 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read:

A fee must be paid at the time a fence permit is issued. This fee shall be in accordance with Schedule A [see Section 5-5].

C. That from and after the 1st day of October 2018, this ordinance shall take effect.

II.

Be it further ordained by the City Council of the City of Athens, Texas, that all Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

III.

Should any clause, phrase, section or subsection of this Ordinance be deemed illegal, void or unconstitutional in any manner by a court of competent jurisdiction or any other tribunal, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

First reading this the 27th day of August, 2018.

Passed and approved on final reading this the 10th day of September 2018.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Exhibit A

Schedule A

City of Athens Residential Permit Fees

Base Limit	Upper Limit	Base Cost	Per additional \$1000 over base
\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 25.00	\$ 0
\$ 5,001	\$ 10,000	\$ 50.00	\$ 0
\$ 10,001	\$ 25,000	\$ 75.00	\$ 5.00
\$ 25,001	\$ 50,000	\$ 150.00	\$ 4.00
\$ 50,001	\$ 100,000	\$ 250.00	\$ 3.00
\$ 100,001	\$ 500,000	\$ 400.00	\$ 2.00
\$ 500,001	-	\$ 850.00	\$ 1.00

City of Athens Commercial Permit Fees

Base Limit	Upper Limit	Base Cost	Per additional \$1000 over base
\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 25.00	\$ 0
\$ 5,001	\$ 10,000	\$ 75.00	\$ 0
\$ 10,001	\$ 25,000	\$ 125.00	\$ 6.00
\$ 25,001	\$ 50,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 5.00
\$ 50,001	\$ 100,000	\$ 300.00	\$ 3.50
\$ 100,001	\$ 500,000	\$ 450.00	\$ 2.50
\$ 500,001	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1.75
\$ 1,000,001	-	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1.00

Single Trade Permit Fee

Mechanical	\$20.00
Electrical	\$20.00
Plumbing	\$20.00
Irrigation	\$20.00

Reinspection Fees

First Reinspection Fee	no charge
Subsequent Reinspection Fees	\$ 80.00

Other Permit Fees

Certificate of Occupancy	\$ 100.00
Demolition	\$ 40.00
Carport	\$ 20.00
Canopy or Tent	\$ 20.00
Sign Permit	\$ 20.00

Tree Removal	\$ 20.00
Curb Cut	\$ 40.00
House Moving	\$ 200.00
Driveway/Patio	\$ 20.00
Excavation and Grading	\$ 100.00
Fence	\$ 25.00

Contractors Registration Fees

Contractor/General	\$ 50.00
Mechanical	\$ 50.00
Plumbing	n/a
Electric	n/a
Irrigator	\$ 50.00
Backflow Inspectors	\$ 50.00

Fire Fees

Open Burning (10'x10'x4')	\$ 20.00
Open Burning (30'x30'x10')	\$ 50.00
Open Burn 20 Acres plus (Annual Permit)	\$ 300.00
Fire Works Stand (per stand)	\$ 50.00
Carnivals and Fairs	\$ 65.00
Fire Alarm System in Commercial Bldg.	\$100.00 1st 25 devices, then \$0.25 per additional device
Kitchen Hood System	\$ 65.00
Overhead Sprinkler System	\$100.00 1st 25 heads, then \$0.25 per additional head
Underground Fire Service Mains	\$ 65.00

Zoning Applications

	0-5 Acres	5-20 Acres	Over 20 Acres
Zoning Change or Text Amendment	\$300.00 + \$20.00 per acre	\$400.00 + \$20.00 per acre	\$500.00 + \$20.00 per acre
Plan Development with site plan	\$400.00 + \$20.00 per acre	\$500.00 + \$20.00 per acre	\$600.00 + \$20.00 per acre
Amended Site Plan	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
Specific Use Permit	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Temporary Use Permit	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Board of Adjustment	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Zoning Verification Letter	\$20.00 per letter	\$20.00 per letter	\$20.00 per letter

Platting Applications

	0-5 Acres	5-20 Acres	Over 20 Acres
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Preliminary Plat Res/Commercial	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$200.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$250.00 + \$10.00 per lot
Final Plat	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$200.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$250.00 + \$10.00 per lot
Development Plat, Minor Plat	\$100.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$100.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$100.00 + \$10.00 per lot
Replat	\$300.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$300.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$300.00 + \$10.00 per lot
Amended Plat	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot
Civil Construction Plans	\$500.00 (1st and 2nd review) & \$150.00 for each additional review		