

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 9 - BUILDINGS, ARTICLE III.-FEES, SECTION 9-21. - SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Chapter 9 - Buildings, Article III.-Fees, is hereby amended to read as follows¹:

ARTICLE III. - FEES

Sec. 9-21. - Schedule of permit fees.

The fees established for the obtaining of certain structural, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and various other permits are ~~hereby established as follows:~~ to be set by Resolution of the City Commission.

- (1) *Payment of fees required.* Any person requiring a permit, in addition to any application therefor and before such permit is issued, shall pay all fees as required by this article. Permit and bond fees shall be determined in the manner set forth in this article or as otherwise provided by Resolution. Permit fees for unscheduled improvements to property and installations shall be based on cost, pursuant to this section.

¹CODING: Words in ~~struck-through~~ text are deletions from existing text; words in underscored text are additions to existing text, and **shaded** text reflect changes between First and Second Readings.

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- 2 (2) *Payment, inspection included in fees.* Permit fees shall
- 3 include payment for the permit and for inspection of the
- 4 work for which the permit was obtained after the same
- 5 shall have been completed. If, upon such inspection, the
- 6 designated inspector finds that the work does not conform
- 7 to or comply with the provisions of this chapter, the
- 8 inspector shall notify the contractor or owner of the
- 9 corrections required. When the inspector is notified that
- 10 the corrections have been made, he shall again inspect the
- 11 work.
- 12 (3) *Additional inspections.* When additional inspection trips
- 13 are necessary due to any one (1) of the following
- 14 reasons, a charge in accordance with this section shall
- 15 be made for each such trip:
- 16 a. Condemned work, resulting from faulty construction;
- 17 b. When work does not comply with the building code or
- 18 the approved plans;
- 19 c. Work not ready for inspection when called. Payment of
- 20 fees for reinspection due to correction of
- 21 workmanship or other violations shall be made to the
- 22 city by the permit holder before any further
- 23 reinspection for that discipline is made or any
- 24 further permits are issued to the person or firm
- 25 owing same.
- 26 (4) *Violation of permit.* Any person who commences work without
- 27 a valid permit shall be charged in accordance with the
- 28 fee schedule approved by Resolution of the City
- 29 Commission. ~~a two-hundred-dollar fee or double permit~~
- 30 ~~fee, whichever is greater.~~
- 31 (5) *When permit not required.* No permit will be required for
- 32 general maintenance or repairs which do not result in a
- 33 change in occupancy as defined by the Florida Building
- 34 Code and the value of the complete job is less than one
- 35 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in labor and
- 36 materials, as determined by the building official.
- 37 (6) *Premises permit fee.* In accordance with provisions of the
- 38 Florida Building Code, premises shall be defined as
- 39 existing buildings, structures, and facilities located on
- 40 one (1) parcel of land all of which are under one (1)
- 41 ownership or under control of the same lessee may pay to
- 42 the city an annual master and subsidiary premises permit
- 43 fee in lieu of other fees to facilitate routine
- 44 maintenance or emergency services or repair of service

1 systems. Such fee shall be paid to the city on or before
2 October 1 of each year, and each such permit may be
3 renewed annually at the discretion of the chief building
4 official. No provision shall be made for the partial
5 payment of either a master or subsidiary premises permit
6 fee.

7 a. *Calculation of the master permit fee.* Each firm or
8 organization which obtains an annual master premises
9 permit shall include in its application for such
10 permit the total number of maintenance personnel,
11 including helpers and trainees thereunder assigned to
12 building, electrical, plumbing or mechanical work.
13 The master premises permit fee shall be in accordance
14 to the fee schedule approved by Resolution of the
15 City Commission. ~~one thousand two hundred dollars~~
16 ~~(\$1,200.00).~~

17 b. *Calculation of the subsidiary premises permit fee.*
18 Each firm or organization which utilizes
19 decentralized locations in addition to the main
20 location described in subsection a. above may
21 additionally apply for a subsidiary premises permit
22 for each such decentralized location. Such
23 application for a subsidiary premises permit shall
24 include the same information required in subsection
25 a. above. The subsidiary premises permit fee shall be
26 in accordance with the fee schedule approved by
27 Resolution of the City Commission. ~~four hundred~~
28 ~~dollars (\$400.00).~~

29 (7) *Estimated costs.*

30 a. *Estimated costs.* For the purpose of arriving at the
31 building permit fee, building estimated costs
32 includes all systems. A verified contract figure
33 (including all systems) may be used for the purpose
34 of determining the building permit fee; or the
35 estimated total construction cost (including all
36 subtrades) of the building may be computed per the
37 latest edition of "Cost Data," as published by the
38 R.S. Means Company, Inc., in accordance with this
39 section, whichever is greater. This figure will then
40 be used to compute the building permit fee only.
41 Separate subtrade permit fees are to be calculated
42 in accordance with this section.

43 b. *Engineering, mechanical, plumbing, gas and*
44 *electrical estimated costs.* A verified contract
45 figure may be used for the purpose of determining

1 permit fees or the estimated total construction cost
2 of work may be computed per the latest edition of
3 "Cost Data," as published by the R.S. Means Company,
4 Inc., in accordance with this section, whichever is
5 greater.

6 c. *Adoption and updating of fee schedule standards.* The
7 latest edition of "Cost Data," as published by the
8 R.S. Means Company, Inc., is hereby adopted and
9 incorporated by reference into the Code of
10 Ordinances of the city. The standards set forth
11 therein shall be used by the building official in
12 determining the estimated costs set forth in this
13 section.

14 (8) *Transaction convenience fees on the payment of statutory*
15 *fees.* The Margate City Commission, in the interest of
16 convenience to its customers, desires to make accessible
17 the ability to obtain certain permits and services;
18 including, but not limited to, structural, plumbing,
19 electrical, mechanical, and various other permits, by
20 accepting payment via credit card, charge card, and bank
21 debit card. In order to help defray the costs incurred by
22 the city by authorizing payment by credit card, charge
23 card, or bank debit card, and pursuant to Subsection
24 215.322(5), Florida Statutes, a convenience fee may be
25 imposed upon the payment of applications, permits,
26 inspections, license fees, or other statutorily
27 prescribed revenues, hereinafter referred to as
28 "statutory fees". Convenience fees shall be imposed as
29 ~~follows: in accordance with the fee schedule approved by~~
30 Resolution of the City Commission.

31 a. A convenience fee, in accordance with the fee
32 schedule approved by Resolution of the City
33 Commission, in the amount of two and two-tenths (2.2)
34 ~~per cent~~ may be added to the transaction amount when
35 the payment of statutory fees is made by approved
36 credit card, charge card, or bank debit card, 7.
37 ~~however, that in no event shall the convenience fee~~
38 ~~be less than two dollars (\$2.00). A convenience fee~~
39 ~~in the amount of three dollars and ninety-five cents~~
40 ~~(\$3.95) per transaction shall be added to each~~
41 ~~transaction when the payment of statutory fees is~~
42 ~~made by approved bank debit card.~~

43 b. Pursuant to Subsection 215.322(5), Florida Statutes,
44 the city shall post a notice of a convenience fee to
45 be applied to payments made by credit card, charge
46 card, or a bank debit card and the current

convenience fee at a conspicuous location within the office(s) for the city and on the city website.

c. The convenience fee shall be separate and in addition to the statutory fee, shipping and handling costs and any other fee authorized by statute or administrative code and is not refundable.

~~(9) [Fee schedule.] The following fees are to be paid as provided in this section:~~

~~BASIC FEES TO COVER COST OF SERVICES~~

~~A. Permit application fee.~~

~~1. Nonrefundable processing fee, each discipline, credited toward permit fee \$ 75.00~~

~~B. Plans examination, each discipline.~~

~~1. First review 75.00~~

~~2. Rereview, each 75.00~~

~~3. After four (4) reviews—Four (4) times the cost of plan review fee 300.00~~

~~4. Prepermit plan review, each discipline 90.00~~

~~C. Changes/revisions to permit.~~

~~1. Change of contractor 75.00~~

~~2. Change of plans/revisions 75.00~~

~~i. Plus additional permit fees—Verification of additional cost of job including all systems~~

~~3. Product approval/shop drawings after permit is issued 75.00~~

~~D. Conference with plan reviewer per hour or portion thereof 125.00~~

~~E. Renew expired permit 100% of original permit fee~~

~~F. Permit extension prior to expiration 75.00~~

~~G. State/county/education and code updates.~~

~~1. Training and education per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of value 0.30~~

~~2. Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of value 0.65~~

~~Minimum 2.00~~

~~3. Building Code and Administration Fund, one and one-half (1.5) per cent of permit cost—Minimum 2.00~~

1	4. Department of Community Affairs, one (1.0) per cent of
2	permit cost Minimum 2.00
3	H. Certificates.
4	1. Certificate of occupancy, residential 100.00
5	2. Multiunit, first unit 75.00
6	 i. Each additional unit 50.00
7	3. Certificate of occupancy, commercial 125.00
8	4. Temporary/partial certificate of occupancy 125.00
9	5. Certificate of completion, shell buildings 150.00
10	6. Certificate of completion, others 75.00
11	I. Record maintenance fees.
12	1. Contractor registration fee 20.00
13	 i. Contractor maintenance fee, yearly 15.00
14	2. Records retention fee storage for life of the building,
15	each permit 75.00
16	J. Records research and copies.
17	1. Records search/retrieval, minimum 30.00
18	 i. Research taking longer than fifteen (15) minutes:
19	Actual cost of labor and overhead associated with
20	duplication and research
21	K. Copies.
22	1. Plan replacement, per sheet 10.00
23	2. Permit card replacement 25.00
24	3. One-sided sheet, each 8½ × 11 0.15
25	4. Two-sided sheet, each 8½ × 11 0.15
26	5. Certified copy, each 8½ × 11 1.00
27	L. Inspection fees.
28	1. Minimum inspection fee 75.00
29	2. Business tax inspections, all disciplines 300.00
30	3. Overtime inspections.
31	 i. First three (3) hours, minimum, including travel
32 300.00
33	 ii. Each additional hour or fraction thereof 100.00
34	4. Reinspection fees.
35	 i. First reinspection 50.00

~~ii. Second reinspection 75.00~~
~~iii. Third reinspection 100.00~~
~~5. Forty-year building safety inspection report review~~
~~..... 350.00~~
~~M. Special inspector, per \$1,000.00 of value 0.45~~
~~BASIC PERMIT FEES~~
~~N. Work started without a permit 200.00 or double permit~~
~~fee whichever is greater~~
~~O. Demolition, per discipline.~~
~~1. Residential 125.00~~
~~2. Commercial/multistory 150.00~~
~~P. PODS 25.00~~
~~Q. Amusement events, per discipline 125.00~~
~~1. Tents.~~
~~i. First five (5) tents 75.00~~
~~ii. Each additional tent 10.00~~
~~R. Solar.~~
~~1. Solar electric panels, including electric and~~
~~structural 200.00~~
~~2. Solar thermal, including plumbing and structural 250.00~~
~~3. Photovoltaic, including structural, electrical and~~
~~plumbing 300.00~~
~~S. Minimum permit fee, first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~
~~of valuation requiring one (1) inspection 75.00~~
~~New residential construction based on total cost of~~
~~construction including all systems.~~
~~1. Structural 1.60%~~
~~2. Electrical 0.25%~~
~~3. Plumbing 0.20%~~
~~4. Mechanical 0.20%~~
~~Residential additions/alterations based on total cost of~~
~~construction including all systems.~~
~~1. Structural 3.60%~~
~~2. Electrical 1.20%~~

~~3. Plumbing 1.00%~~
~~4. Mechanical 1.00%~~
 New commercial construction based on total cost of construction
 including all systems.
~~1. Structural 1.60%~~
~~2. Electrical 0.30%~~
~~3. Plumbing 0.25%~~
~~4. Mechanical 0.25%~~
 Commercial additions/alterations based on total cost of
 construction including all systems
~~1. Structural 3.00%~~
~~2. Electrical 1.65%~~
~~3. Plumbing 1.00%~~
~~4. Mechanical 1.35%~~
~~T. Structural permit fees.~~
~~1. Screen enclosures.~~
~~i. Pool 200.00~~
~~ii. Patio under roof 100.00~~
~~iii. Wind breaker system 150.00~~
~~2. Signs.~~
~~i. Monument 150.00~~
~~ii. Wall 100.00~~
~~3. Slab on grade.~~
~~i. Generator/patio under two hundred fifty (250)
 square feet 75.00~~
~~ii. Concrete/paver driveways under four hundred (400)
 square feet 125.00~~
~~4. Shutters, per floor.~~
~~i. Panels 150.00~~
~~ii. Accordion 100.00~~
~~5. Store fixtures 100.00~~
~~6. Stocking permit prior to certificate of occupancy
 100.00~~
~~7. Construction trailers 110.00~~

~~8. Fences.~~
 ~~i. Wood/chain link/vinyl 100.00~~
~~9. Sheds up to one hundred (100) square feet 75.00~~
~~10. Roof.~~
 ~~i. Roof, first three thousand (3,000) square feet~~
 ~~i. Shingle roof 225.00~~
 ~~ii. Flat roof 225.00~~
 ~~iii. Tile roof 300.00~~
 ~~iv. Over three thousand (3,000) square feet, per~~
 ~~square foot 0.20~~
~~U. Mechanical permit fees.~~
 ~~1. AC changeouts.~~
 ~~i. Commercial 150.00~~
 ~~ii. Residential 100.00~~
 ~~2. Reroofing.~~
 ~~i. Anchor AC equipment to stands First two (2) 75.00~~
 ~~ii. Each additional stand 20.00~~
 ~~3. Commercial hood system 275.00~~
 ~~i. Smoke evaluation test 100.00~~
 ~~4. Fire suppression system 300.00~~
 ~~5. Process piping 100.00~~
 ~~6. Walk-in cooler 175.00~~
~~V. Plumbing permit fees.~~
 ~~1. Backflow certification 55.00~~
 ~~2. Fire sprinkler.~~
 ~~i. Base unit, first forty-nine (49) heads 150.00~~
 ~~ii. Each additional unit 75.00~~
 ~~iii. Each head over fifty (50) heads 5.00~~
 ~~3. Reserved.~~
 ~~4. Fuel system 150.00~~
 ~~5. Irrigation systems.~~
 ~~i. Residential 100.00~~
 ~~ii. Commercial 150.00~~

~~iii. Wells/waterway 100.00~~
~~6. LP gas 75.00~~
~~7. Swimming pools.~~
~~i. Residential 150.00~~
~~ii. Commercial 200.00~~
~~iii. Add for special features, spas, heaters, etc.,~~
~~each 50.00~~
~~8. Water heater changeout 75.00~~
W. ~~Electric permit fees.~~
~~1. Fire alarm system, per floor 100.00~~
~~2. Generator.~~
~~i. Residential 75.00~~
~~ii. Commercial 100.00~~
~~3. Low voltage.~~
~~i. Residential 75.00~~
~~ii. Commercial 125.00~~
~~4. Service changes.~~
~~i. AC disconnect, first 75.00~~
~~ii. Each additional 25.00~~
~~iii. Residential service change 125.00~~
~~iv. Commercial service change 250.00~~
~~5. Site lighting.~~
~~i. First three (3) standards 100.00~~
~~ii. Over three (3) standards, each 25.00~~
~~6. Smoke detectors, multifamily, per floor 100.00~~
~~7. Swimming pools.~~
~~i. Residential 100.00~~
~~ii. Commercial 200.00~~
~~iii. Alarm 50.00~~
~~iv. Heaters, first 75.00~~
~~i. Each additional heater 25.00~~
~~v. Screen enclosure bond 50.00~~
~~vi. Fence/other elements bond 50.00~~
~~8. Temporary power.~~

i. ~~Temp. power testing 100.00~~

ii. ~~Temp. power pole 100.00~~

Computation of fees: Computation of fees in compliance with this section shall be based upon total project valuation irrespective of the number of individual structures that are required, when all of the following conditions are found to be present by the building official:

1. The total land area upon which the building project is proposed is in one (1) ownership.
2. The building project has received a single site plan approval pursuant to the zoning and development regulations for the total land area.
3. Simultaneous permits are obtained for the entire building project.
4. The total building project is initiated and maintained under control of a single or unified licensed contractor.

(10) *Temporary sales model permit fees.*

- a. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity desiring to construct a temporary model building for sales and advertising purposes shall be required to make written application to the city commission for approval thereof.
- b. If the temporary model is approved by the building department, the building official shall charge a permit fee therefor in accordance with the fee schedules approved by Resolution of the City Commission ~~set forth in this article for permanent structures~~. Such temporary sales model shall be removed at the owner's sole expense prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy.

(11) *Reserved.*

(12) *Procedure of obtaining refunds of building permit fees.*

- a. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity who has obtained a building permit and paid the required building permit fees in connection with obtaining said permit under this article may apply for and request a refund of said fees only if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (i) The building permit to which the refund request relates was received by the applicant within the six (6) months immediately

preceding the date of application for the refund; and

(ii) The project or work for which the building permit was issued has not commenced; and

(iii) Application for refund is made in writing on forms supplied by the city's building department and accompanied by the building permit, as well as the job card, related to the refund being requested; and

(iv) The person, firm, corporation or other entity applying for the refund is the same person, firm, corporation or other entity, as the case may be, who applied for the building permit for which the refund is being requested; and

(v) The person, firm, corporation or other entity applying for the refund has not been cited for doing any work without a building permit within the city within the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application for the refund.

b. Upon receipt of a completed application for a refund of building permit fees, the director of the building department, or designee, shall review said application and take the necessary steps to ensure that all of the conditions set forth in subsection a. above have been satisfied with respect to such application.

c. After making a determination that all of the conditions set forth in subsection a. above have been satisfied as to a particular application, the director of the building department, or designee, shall approve the applicant's request for a refund of the building permit fee; provided that the amount of the refund shall be limited to the amount of the building permit fee which was previously paid by the applicant for said building permit, less a refund processing fee in accordance with the fee schedule approved by Resolution of the City Commission ~~equal to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).~~

SECTION 3: The prior fee schedule, stricken through above and previously approved by Ordinance of the City

Commission, shall be utilized until such time as a Resolution setting the fees is approved by the City Commission.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5: If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Margate Code, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption at its second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS ____ day of _____ 2021.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS ____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

RECORD OF VOTE - 1ST READING RECORD OF VOTE - 2ND READING

Caggiano	_____	Caggiano	_____
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Ruzzano	_____	Ruzzano	_____
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