

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 follows<sup>1</sup>:

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.

<sup>1</sup>CODING: 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~~

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



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

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JOSEPH KAVANAGH  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

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

Caggiano	_____	Caggiano	_____
Simone	_____	Simone	_____
Ruzzano	_____	Ruzzano	_____
Arserio	_____	Arserio	_____
Schwartz	_____	Schwartz	_____