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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-05

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8 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON**
9 **AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE**
10 **COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 18**
11 **BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II.**
12 **CODES, DIVISION 2. UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, SEC.**
13 **18-52. SPECIFIC CODE ELEMENTS AND SEC. 18-56.**
14 **SCHEDULE OF PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES**

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16 **WHEREAS**, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the
17 Code addressing Buildings and Building Regulations; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council deems this amendment
19 appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington;
20 and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with
23 law,

24 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of
25 Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 18 Buildings and Building
26 Regulations, Article II. Codes, Division 2. Uniform Construction Code, Sec. 18-52
27 and Sec. 18-56, be amended to read as follows:

- 28 Sec. 18-52. Specific code elements.
29 The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code shall consist of the following:
30 (1) International Building Code, 2006 2009 Edition, not including Chapter 1—
31 Administration, Chapter 11 - Accessibility, Chapter 27 - Electrical and Chapter 29 -
32 Plumbing Systems. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for
33 regulations of construction within this state.
34 (2) International Existing Building Code, 2006 2009 Edition, not including Chapter 1—
35 Administration, and the standards referenced in that code for regulations of construction
36 within this state.
37 (3) International Residential Code, 2006 2009 Edition, not including Parts 1—
38 Administrative, V - Mechanical, VII - Plumbing and VIII - Electrical. The applicable
39 standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this
40 state. Appendix J. Existing Buildings and Structures, is also included for mandatory
41 regulation. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be
42 amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006
43 2009 edition:
44 (a) Amendment of R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria)
45 (b) Item 6, The American Concrete Institute, Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential
46 Construction in High Winds Areas, shall be added.
47 (c) Item 7, Institute for Business & Home Safety, Optional Code-plus Fortified for
48 Safer Living, shall be added.
49 (d) Item 8, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Optional Code-plus Blueprint for Safety,
50 shall be added.

1 (4) International Mechanical Code and Louisiana One- and Two-Family Supplement,
2 2006 2009 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of
3 construction within this state.

4 (5) The Louisiana State Plumbing Code ((Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary
5 Code)) as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health
6 of the Department of Health and Hospitals. Nothing in this Part shall be construed so as
7 to prevent the state health officer for enforcing Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary
8 Code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

9 (6) International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 2009 Edition, and the standards referenced in
10 that code for regulation of construction within this state.

11 (7) National Electrical Code, 2005 2008 Edition.

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13 Sec. 18-56. Schedule of permit and inspection fees.

14 (a) *Generally.* The schedule of permit and inspection fees shall be as follows:

15 (1) Residential Permit fees: \$0.25 per square foot of building area.
16 New Construction \$0.25 per square foot of building area
17 Addition \$0.25 per square foot of building area
18 Renovation \$0.25 per square foot of building area
19 Commercial Permit fees: Based on the dollar amount of the total cost of
20 construction according to the schedule below plus
21 City Engineer Plan Review Fee plus
22 Four (4%) percent of the permit fee for Administrative
23 Costs
24 \$1,000 and less Minimum fee of \$50
25 \$1,001 to \$50,000 \$50 for the first \$1,001 plus \$5 for each additional
26 thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000
27 \$50,001 to \$100,000 \$500 for the first \$50,001 plus \$5 for each additional
28 thousand or fraction thereof, to and including
29 \$100,000
30 \$100,001 to \$500,000 \$700 for the first \$100,001 plus \$5 for each additional
31 thousand or fraction thereof, to and including
32 \$500,000
33 \$500,001 and up \$2,500 for the first \$500,001 plus \$2 for each
34 additional thousand or fraction thereof.

35 (2) Inspection fees:

36 \$25.00 per residential inspection.

37 \$60.00 per inspection for commercial, institutional, industrial and multifamily
38 construction.

39 The number of inspections will be determined by the building official.

40 Inspections are generally as follows:

- 41 • Pre-cut tree inspection.
- 42 • Setbacks/permit posted/on-site toilet/temporary electric pole.
- 43 • Preliminary grade/drainage inspection.
- 44 • Pre-concrete/slab.
- 45 • Before insulation/rough-in.
- 46 • Final grade/landscaping (trees).
- 47 • Final.

48 (3) Reinspection fees for residential and commercial: \$100.00.

49 (b) *Moving of building or structures.* For the moving of any building or structure, the
50 fee shall be \$100.00.

51 (c) *Demolition of building or structures.* For the demolition of any building or
52 structure, the fee shall be \$50.00. Notwithstanding the expiration of any other type of
53 permit sought by a permit applicant, a demolition permit shall only be valid for 90 days,
54 and may be revoked by the building official where substantial progress toward
55 demolition has not been made within 30 days of the issuance of the permit. The
56 determination of whether substantial progress has been made shall lie exclusively with
57 the building official.

58 (d) *Work commenced prior to obtaining permit.* Where work for which a permit is
59 required by this Code is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining such permit, the
60 fees specified in this section shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall
61 not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the
62 execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed in this section.

1 (e) *Additional reinspection fee.* If a permit holder calls for an inspection and the work
2 inspected does not meet code or requires a second or subsequent inspection, a
3 reinspection fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$100.00 for residential, and ~~\$60.00~~ for commercial,
4 institutional, industrial and multifamily construction will be charged.

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6 **BE IT ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 18 Buildings and
7 Building Regulations, Article II. Codes, Division 2. Uniform Construction Code,
8 remain the same and in full force.

9 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance
10 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein
11 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the
12 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

13 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having
14 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City
15 of Covington, State of Louisiana.

16 **WHEREUPON**, Romage moved for adoption, ^{as amended} seconded by
17 Blackall and this ordinance was submitted to a vote and resulted in the
18 following:

19 YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0
20 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

21 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of January, 2011.

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24 Matthew Faust
25 Matthew T. Faust
26 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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28 Bonnie D. Champagne
29 Bonnie D. Champagne
30 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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33 Presented to the Mayor this 20th day of January, 2011, at 8:35
34 o'clock A.M.

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37 Bonnie D. Champagne
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39 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
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Approved or Vetoed by the Mayor this 20th day of January,
2011.

Candace Watkins
Mayor Candace Watkins

Received from the Mayor this 20th day of January, 2011, at 2:30
o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL