ORDINANCE # 2012-05
INTRODUCED BY Alexius
DATE INTRODUCED 12/6/11
ITEM NUMBER 2011-12-01
PUBLIC HEARING 1/17/12
ADOPTED/TABLED 1/17/12
EFFECTIVE 2/1/12
BOOK # ____ PAGE # ____
RECORDATION # ____
AMENDED BY ORDINANCE # ____
DATE AMENDED ____

ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 83, FEES, ARTICLE II. SUBDIVISION FEES, SEC. 83-2. SCHEDULE OF SUBDIVISION FEES.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Covington have engaged in a multi-year comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Covington adopted the City of Covington Comprehensive Plan ("the Comprehensive Plan") on April 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, part of the Comprehensive Plan calls for the City to review and update the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the process has resulted in recommended changes to the Subdivision Regulations and those changes were introduced by the Covington City Council on November 1, 2011 as Item 2011-11-01, with an effective date of February 1, 2012, unless the effective date is further extended by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the recommended changes to the Subdivision Regulations, it is necessary to review the Schedule of subdivision fees; and

WHEREAS, the following chart depicts the recommended changes to the Schedule of subdivision fees; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these subdivision fees appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 83 Fees, Article II. Subdivision Fees, Sec. 83-2. Schedule of subdivision fees, be established to read as follows:

Sec. 83-2. Schedule of subdivision fees.

Application	Resubdivision Fee	Recordation Fee	Advertising & Mailing Fee
Administrative Subdivision	$75.00 per acre or fraction thereof (max. $500.)	Actual cost charged by St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court	N/A
Minor Subdivisions			
Preliminary Plat Approval	$75 filing fee plus $25.00 per subdivided lot	N/A	$200 per Application – See Note #1
Final Plat Approval	$75 filing fee plus $25.00 per subdivided lot	Actual cost charged by St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court	$200 per Application – See Note #1
Major Subdivision			
Tentative Approval	$100.00 filing fee plus $15.00 per subdivided lot	N/A	$200 per Application – See Note #1
Preliminary Plat Approval	$150 filing fee plus $25.00 per subdivided lot	N/A	$200 per Application – See Note #1
Final Plat Approval	$75.00 per acre or fraction thereof (max. $500.) plus $30 per subdivided lot	Actual cost charged by St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court	$200 per Application – See Note #1
Note #1 - Exceptional Expenses - Not Paid by Prepaid Fees	In addition to the processing fees, the petitioner shall be required to pay all professional fees, including attorney and engineering fees, incurred by the City in conjunction with the approval process. The City is entitled to recover from the applicant all advertising and mailing fees incurred by the City that exceed the prepaid fees, where such re-advertising is required by acts or omissions of the applicant or tabling necessitated by actions of applicant.		

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City of Covington's Schedule of subdivision fees shall become effective on February 1, 2012, unless the effective date is further extended by order of the City Council;

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

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by O'Keefe, seconded by Wright.

YEAS: 6 **NAYS:** 0

ABSTAIN: 0 **ABSENT:** 1 (ROLLING)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2012.

Lee S. Alexius
LEE S. ALEXIUS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 18th day of January, 2012, at 12:20 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved ✓ or Vetoed __ by the Mayor on this 18th day of January, 2012.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor this 18th day of January, 2012, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL