

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDINANCE #3-13/14 – Amending Chapter 5, “Buildings,” regarding demolition permit fees. Passed first reading on 12/16/13. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

This item is brought forward to amend Chapter 5, “Buildings,” of the Code of Ordinances regarding demolition permit fees. The purpose of the amendment is to align the demolition permit fee to be more in line with the average amount of staff time required to process demolition permit applications. The current demolition permit fee is \$15.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. Staff is recommending that this be changed to \$50.00 for principal structures and \$25.00 fee for accessory structures.


On July 10, 2012, the Planning Board held a public hearing regarding a number of proposed land use ordinance amendments. One of these amendments included a change in the demolition permit fee in Chapter 5. By a vote of 4-1 (Butler Bailey opposed; Jensch, Schreiber absent), the Planning Board recommended approval of the text amendments, including this amendment to Chapter 5.

Note that City staff plans to bring forward in the future proposed amendments to Chapter 5 that would remove the specific dollar amount of fees from the face of the ordinance and instead simply make reference to the City’s Schedule of License, Permit, Inspection and Application Fees established by City Council Order.

This ordinance passed first reading on December 16, 2013 and is in order for second reading and action.

Requested Action:

Council passage of ORDINANCE #3-13/14.


City Manager



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

GERARD A. JALBERT
Mayor

JAMES H. GAILEY
City Manager

SUSAN M. MOONEY
City Clerk

SALLY J. DAGGETT
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE #3-13/14

THE COUNCIL of the City of South Portland hereby ordains that Chapter 5, "Buildings," of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of South Portland, Maine" be and hereby is amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck out~~):

District One
MICHAEL R. POCK

District Two
PATRICIA A. SMITH

District Three
MELISSA E. LINSOTT

District Four
LINDA C. COHEN

District Five
GERARD A. JALBERT

At Large
MAXINE R. BEECHER

At Large
THOMAS E. BLAKE

Chapter 5

BUILDINGS

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

• • •

Sec. 5-60. Fee schedule.

(a) The schedule of fees for permits issued by the building inspector is as follows:

(1) Estimated cost of work per \$1,000. \$ 15.00

• • •

(7) Demolition, ~~per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation~~ of principal structures ~~15.00~~ 50.00

Demolition of accessory structures 25.00

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Dated: December 16, 2013