

CITY OF FLORENCE
Ordinance No. 6, Series 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 1, SECTION 9 OF THE FLORENCE CITY CODE REGARDING BUILDING CODES, CAPPING THE AMOUNT OF THE INVESTIGATIVE FEES TO THE ACTUAL OR AVERAGE COST OF INVESTIGATION PER HOUSE BILL 2978, 2013

WHEREAS, House Bill 2978, 2013 standardized current state and local government policy for assessing investigative fees for work started without the required building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, elevator, boiler and other systems of a building or a structure; and

WHEREAS, HB 2978 caps the investigative fees at the actual or average cost of investigation to ensure the unpermitted work complies with the state building code.; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to bring its investigative fees into compliance with these legislatively imposed uniform requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF FLORENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 9, Subsection 6 is hereby amended as follows:

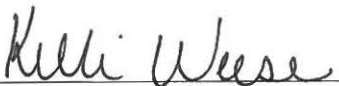
4-1-9-6 FEE: An investigation fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then subsequently issued. The investigation fee shall be ~~equal to the amount of the permit fee required by this code~~ the actual or average cost of investigation to ensure the unpermitted work complies with the state building code. ~~The minimum investigation fee shall be the same as the minimum fee set forth pursuant to section 4-1-9.~~ The payment of such investigation fee shall not exempt an applicant from compliance with all other provisions of either this code or the Specialty Codes nor from the penalty prescribed by law. Permits for emergency repairs obtained within five business days after commencement of the repair are not subject to the "investigative fee."


Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption by the Council.

APPROVED BY THE FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of October, 2014.

AYES 4 – Councilors Jagoe, Greene, Henry and Mayor Xavier
NAYS 0
ABSTAIN 0
ABSENT 1 – Councilor Roberts

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this 6th day of October, 2014.


Kelli Weese, City Recorder


Nola Xavier, Mayor