

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08-876

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE 15.08
BUILDING CODE BY ADOPTING REVISED APPLICATIONS AND
INSPECTION FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon has approved fees for building permits applications and inspections; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of updating its fees to better recover its costs for the services it provides in this regard;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Repealed. Ordinance 2010-11-855 (WSMC Chapter 15.08) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. 15.08.010 Schedule of Building Fees.

- A. All White Salmon Permit fees and inspection rates shall be according to the Fee Chart and Valuation table produced by the International Code Council to be updated annually on April 1st of each year, which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth. All other fees not included in the International Code Council Fee Chart and Valuation table are as adopted by Resolution of this Council with reference to this Ordinance.
- B. Investigation Fees – Work Without a Permit.
 - 1. Investigation. Whenever any work for which a permit is required by this Code has been commenced without first obtaining said permit, a special investigation shall be made before a permit may be issued for such work.
 - 2. Fee. An investigation fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then or subsequently issued. The investigation fee shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee required by this code or actual cost at \$85.00 per hour, or at any rate approved by the White Salmon City Council, whichever is greater. This fee is an additional, punitive fee and shall not apply to any White Salmon Grading or Building Permit Fee that may subsequently be issued. Payment of the investigative fee does not vest the illegal work with any legitimacy, nor does it establish any right to a White Salmon Permit for continued development of that project.

3. The payment of such investigation fee shall not exempt any person from compliance with all other provisions of this code nor from any penalty prescribed by law.

C. Fee Refunds.

1. The Building Official may authorize the refunding of:
 - a) Any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected.
 - b) Not more than 80 percent of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with the State Building Code.
 - c) Not more than 80 percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan reviewing is done.
2. The Building Official shall not authorize refunding of any fee paid except on written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

D. Manufactured Home installation inspection fee:

1. Any person installing a Manufactured Home shall have such installation inspected by the Building Official prior to occupying said Manufactured Home.
2. The Building Official shall determine by said inspection that such installation conforms to installation standards issued by the manufacturer of the Manufactured Home.
3. The installation of Manufactured Homes shall be enforced and fees charged by the City in the same manner the State Building Code is enforced under RCW 19.279050. An inspection fee for such structures shall be charged as "Exhibit D".

E. Plumbing and Mechanical Fees. Plumbing and Mechanical fees shall be adopted by the Resolution of this Council described in section (A), above.

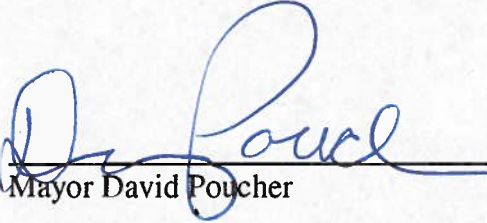
F. Plumbing Fee Permit Application. City staff shall develop a uniform Permit Application for all Mechanical and Plumbing Permits.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.


PASSED BY THE WHITE SALMON CITY COUNCIL and effective five (5) days after the first date of posting or publication.

DATED this 17th day of August, 2011

ATTEST:




Mayor David Poucher



Leana Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



Kenneth B. Woodrich
City Attorney