



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to plumbing and gas piping permit fees authorized under K.C.C. 2.99.030; amending Ordinance 6746, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.080 and Ordinance 8330, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.085 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 16.32.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fees assessed related to permits under the plumbing code.

B. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 6746, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.080 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. An applicant for a permit to do work under this code shall pay for each plumbing permit, at the time of issuance, a fee in accordance with the following schedule, and at the rate provided for each permit classification shown in the schedule:

SCHEDULE OF FEES

~~((Base plumbing permit fee for one fixture or trap, other than double check valve assemblies or reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices))~~ Plumbing permit fees for fixtures or traps, including water, drainage and vent piping, other than backflow devices and assemblies, for which a separate permit shall be obtained, at the rates in this schedule:

One fixture or trap \$~~((+10.00))~~ 140.00

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| <u>Two to three fixtures or traps</u>  | <u>\$210.00</u>  |
| <u>Four to six fixtures or traps</u>   | <u>\$298.00</u>  |
| <u>Seven to ten fixtures or traps</u>  | <u>\$333.00</u>  |
| <u>More than ten fixtures or traps</u> | <u>\$333.00 base fee for</u><br><u>ten fixtures or traps</u><br><u>plus \$8.00 for each</u><br><u>additional fixture or</u><br><u>trap</u> |

~~((For each additional plumbing fixture or trap including water drainage vent piping and backflow protection therefore protection therefore \$12.00~~

~~For each atmospheric vacuum breaker in irrigation systems, tanks, vats, etc. or for installation on unprotected plumbing fixtures including necessary water piping:~~

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| <del>Vacuum breaker—one to five—each device</del> | <del>\$10.00</del> |
| <del>Vacuum breaker—over five—each device</del>   | <del>\$5.00</del>  |
| <del>Pressure vacuum breaker</del>                | <del>\$10.00</del> |

~~Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices or double check valve assembly:~~

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| <del>Base plumbing permit for one device or assembly</del> | <del>\$110.00</del> |
| <del>Each additional device or assembly</del>              | <del>\$12.00</del>  |

#### ~~FEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS INSPECTION SERVICES~~

~~Fees for inspection service outside regular working hours or for inspection service requested but not covered by a permit will be charged for at a rate equal to the cost of performing the service.~~

~~Fees for permanent location inspection of factory housing or modular unit containing plumbing—For each single family dwelling or each modular unit containing~~

plumbing \$20.00

Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain extensions, water service and necessary gas piping connections.

Additional plumbing fixtures installed after factory installation of plumbing for each plumbing fixture or trap

\$10.00

Fees for reconnection and retest of plumbing systems in relocated buildings — For each building containing

plumbing \$20.00

Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain extensions, water service and necessary gas piping connections.

Additional plumbing fixtures installed after relocation of building for each plumbing fixture or trap

\$10.00

For the purpose of this section, "fixture" means an appliance that is connected with a water, drain or vent pipe, but a sillcock faucet or hose bibb is not considered a fixture. A sanitary plumbing outlet on or to which a plumbing fixture or appliance may be set or attached is a fixture.))

Plumbing permit fees for backflow devices or assemblies:

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| <u>One device or assembly</u>              | <del>\$((110.00))</del> <u>140.00</u>   |
| <u>Two to three devices or assemblies</u>  | <u>\$210.00</u>   |
| <u>Four to six devices or assemblies</u>   | <u>\$298.00</u>   |
| <u>Seven to ten devices or assemblies</u>  | <u>\$333.00</u>   |
| <u>More than ten devices or assemblies</u> | <u>\$333.00 base fee for</u><br><u>ten devices or</u><br><u>assemblies plus \$8.00</u><br><u>for each additional</u><br><u>device or assembly</u> |

~~B. ((Any person who commenced work for which a permit is required by this code without first having obtained the permit shall upon subsequent application for the permit pay double the fee fixed by the schedule of fees for the work in subsection A of this section unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction that the work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to obtain a permit before the commencement of the work. In all such emergency cases, a permit shall be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so, and if there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining the permit, a double fee shall be charged as provided in this code))~~ For the purpose of this section, "fixture" means an appliance that is connected with a water, drain or vent pipe, but a sillcock faucet or hose bibb is not considered a fixture. A sanitary plumbing outlet on or to which a plumbing fixture or appliance may be set or attached is a fixture.

~~((C. A reinspection fee of one hundred fifteen dollars may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection if the portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or if corrections called for are not made. This subsection does not require inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection. Reinspection fees may be assessed if the permit is not properly posted on the work site, the work to be inspected is not under test, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested or for failure to make required corrections. Requests for reinspection shall be made in writing upon forms furnished for that purpose, and shall be accompanied by the reinspection fee in accordance with this section. If reinspection fees have been assessed, additional inspection of the work shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.~~

~~D. If the work for which a permit fee has been paid is not started, the authority having jurisdiction, upon proper application for refund and surrender of the permit for cancellation, shall issue a refund. In determining the amount of refund due, the authority having jurisdiction shall deduct the amount of the basic fee to cover the cost of administration of the permit. A refund shall not be made for an expired permit.))~~

SECTION 3. A. Section 4 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fees assessed related to permits under the plumbing code.

B. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 8330, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.085 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

~~((Health department gas piping permit and inspection fees are as follows:))~~

A. ~~((Additional outlets (each~~ \$12.00)) An applicant for a permit to do work under this code shall pay for each gas piping permit, at the time of issuance, a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Gas piping permit fees for outlets:

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| <u>One to four outlets</u>   | <u>\$140.00</u>  |
| <u>Five to six outlets</u>   | <u>\$175.00</u>  |
| <u>Seven to nine outlets</u> | <u>\$210.00</u>  |
| <u>Ten outlets</u>           | <u>\$245.00</u>  |
| <u>More than ten outlets</u> | <u>\$245.00 base fee for ten outlets plus \$10.00 for each additional outlet</u> |

B. ~~((Each gas piping permit (basic fee for one outlet)~~ \$110.00)) For the purpose of this section, "outlet" means the point at which a gas-fired appliance connects to the gas piping system.

~~((C. A reinspection fee of one hundred fifteen dollars may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when the portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. This subsection is not to be interpreted as requiring inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection. Reinspection fees may be assessed when the permit is not properly posted on the~~

~~work site, the work to be inspected is not under test, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested, or for failure to make required corrections. To obtain a reinspection the applicant shall file an application for the reinspection in writing upon a form furnished for that purpose, and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with this section. In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, additional inspection of the work shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.))~~

SECTION 5. A. Section 6 of this ordinance proposes fees for special services, double permits and reinspection service under the plumbing code.

B. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. There is hereby added a new section to K.C.C. chapter 16.32 to read as follows:

A. Fees for inspection service outside regular working hours or for inspection service requested but not covered by a permit will be charged at a rate equal to the cost of performing the service.

B. Any person who commenced work for which a permit is required by this code without first having obtained the permit shall upon subsequent application for the permit pay double the applicable permit fee under this code, unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction that the work was urgently necessary, and that it was not practical to obtain a permit before the commencement of the work. In all such emergency cases, a permit shall be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so, and if there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining the permit then a double fee shall be charged as provided in this code.

C. A reinspection fee of one hundred thirty dollars may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection if the portion of work under this code for which inspection is called is not complete, or if corrections called for are not made. This subsection does not require inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with this code. Reinspection fees may be assessed if the permit is not properly posted on the work site, if the work to be inspected is not under test, if the permit is for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested or for failure to make required corrections. Requests for reinspection shall be made in

writing upon forms furnished for that purpose and shall be accompanied by the reinspection fee in accordance with this section. If reinspection fees have been assessed, then additional inspection of the work shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.

D. If the work for which a permit fee has been paid under this code is not started, then the authority having jurisdiction, upon proper application for refund and surrender of the permit for cancellation, shall issue a refund. A refund may not be made for an expired permit.

SECTION 7. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2011.

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