

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY MODIFYING CERTAIN USE AND REGISTRATION FEES (AND INSPECTIONS RELATED TO SAME) AND PROVIDING SPECIFIC FEES FOR HOT WATER HEATER INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville is a Third Class City with offices located at One City Hall Place, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and operating pursuant to a Home Rule Charter and the Third Class City Code (hereinafter the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coatesville has received a report (the City of Coatesville Early Intervention Program Phase III Report) from Econsult/Fairmount Group in March of 2012 establishing that, based upon data available to this group, adjustments were necessary to bring fees into conformity with actual costs of the City regarding such regulation; and,

WHEREAS, The City in January of 2013 made various adjustments to its fee structure based upon information available to it and in view of the fact that there had been no adjustment to the fees in many years (a period during which the costs of services had dramatically increased) with the intent to assure that the cost of the fees would be established to be revenue neutral and cover the costs of the City's operations; and

WHEREAS, The City has re-evaluated its fee structure beginning at the end of 2013 and has determined that the fees did result in an essentially revenue neutral result when reviewing the budget and expenses at year end, but that certain modifications were appropriate to both reduce the work of the Codes Department and to equally reduce the cost of permits and registration fees comparatively or to provide increases where appropriate and necessary; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to adjust the fee structure, as noted previously, to reduce the work of the Codes Department and reduce fees where this can be accomplished (or to provide increases as warranted) with the same intended result of establishing a revenue neutral result based upon a recent reevaluation of the available data; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coatesville has determined that adoption of such a revised fee schedule is in the best interests of the City of Coatesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the City of Coatesville does hereby amend Chapter 108 governing "Fees" as follows:

- 1) Section 108-1.0 addressing Use Registration is amended by removing the current language and replacing it with the following: "Initial inspection under Chapter 214, Use Registration: \$100 (this also includes one follow-up inspection). The fee provided is for buildings with up to 5 dwelling units. An additional fee of \$100 is

required for each additional 5 dwelling units. Any further inspections after the initial and follow-up inspection are at a cost of \$50 per inspection.”

(2) Section 108-1.R.(1)(e)[2] Nonresidential occupancy is amended by raising the fee from “\$100” to “\$125” (with an initial inspection and a follow-up inspection included).

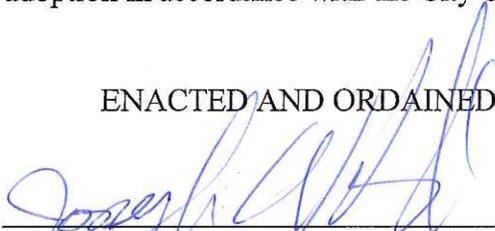
(3) A new section 108-1. B is established to address Hot Water Heaters stating in its entirety as follows: “Hot Water Heaters. \$75 plus payment of state fee and 3rd party inspection for electrical installation (this is exempt from fixture count).”

All other terms of the City Code governing “Fees” shall remain in full force and effect.

If any portion of the Ordinance shall be determined to be unconstitutional, illegal or unenforceable, then the portion and only that portion of this Ordinance, which is deemed to be unconstitutional, illegal or unenforceable, shall be severed from the remainder of this Ordinance and all other terms thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication following final adoption in accordance with the City Charter and the Third-Class City Code.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14 day of April, 2014.



Joseph Hamrick, President City Council

ATTEST:



Kirby A. Hudson, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on the 24th day of March, 2014, and was duly enacted by the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania on the 14th day of April, 2014, that the vote upon the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and that the Ordinance has been fully recorded.



Kirby A. Hudson, City Manager