

ORDINANCE NO. 03-3781

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Decatur, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That Article IV of Chapter 7 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Article IV. Plumbing Code

Section 7-71. Adopted; amendments.

Pursuant to the authority granted cities and towns by section 11-45-8 Code of Alabama, 1975, there is hereby adopted that certain code printed in book or

pamphlet form known as follows: “International Plumbing Code™” 2003 Edition, promulgated and published by the International Code Council, together with the appendices and indices forming a part thereof, save and except the following portions

thereof as shall be deleted, modified, amended or extended as follows:

(1) Any reference in the code to the “code official” shall read to mean the building director or any other head of the building department.

(2) Any reference to the “department of plumbing inspection” shall read to mean the

Building Department as enumerated in Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama.

(3) Section 101.1 Title is hereby amended by inserting “City of Decatur” in place of

[NAME OF JURISDICTION]

(4) Section 103.2 Appointment and Section 103.3 Deputies are hereby deleted in their entirety.

(5) Section 106.6.2 Fee schedule is hereby amended to read as follows:

**" Fee Schedule**

1. The minimum fee for any plumbing permit issued shall be \$25.

2. For each plumbing permit issued the fee shall be determined by multiplying the first \$10,000 of the contract amount of the work to be undertaken by 1%, and for all contract amounts over \$10,000 the fee shall be determined by multiplying the amount over \$10,000 by one-quarter of 1% and adding the result to \$100.

3. For each permit issued for new residential construction where a single permit is issued covering all aspects of the work to be undertaken, the plumbing portion of the permit fee shall be determined by multiplying the first \$10,000 of the plumbing contract by 1% and applying the fee to the total fees due on such permit. Contracts for plumbing installations in excess of \$10,000 shall have the respective plumbing fee determined by

multiplying the amount of the contract over \$10,000 by one-quarter of 1% and adding the result to \$100.

4. For each permit issued for new commercial or industrial construction where a single permit is issued covering all aspects of the work to be undertaken, the plumbing portion of the permit fee shall be determined by multiplying the first \$10,000 of the plumbing contract by 1% and applying the fee to the total fees due on such permit. Contracts for plumbing installations in excess of \$10,000 shall have the respective plumbing permit fee determined by multiplying the amount of the contract over \$10,000 by one-quarter of 1% and adding the result to \$100.”

- (6) Section 106.6.3 Fee refunds is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"The code official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:  
1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.  
2. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the permit paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.  
3. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended. The code official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.
- (7) Section 108.4 Violation penalties is hereby amended by inserting "misdemeanor" in place of [SPECIFY OFFENSE] and inserting "five hundred dollars (\$500)" in place of [AMOUNT] and inserting "six months" in place of [NUMBER OF DAYS].
- (8) Section 109 MEANS OF APPEAL is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"Section 109 Board of Appeals. The board of examinations and appeals for the construction industries, established under Article II of Chapter 7 of the Code of Decatur, Alabama, shall serve as the board of adjustments and appeals under this code, and all references to the board of adjustments and appeals shall refer to the board of examinations and appeals for the construction industries which board shall have the power and authority therein granted the board of adjustments and appeals."
- (9) Section 305.6.1 Sewer depth is hereby amended by inserting "twelve (12) inches" in place of [NUMBER] in both instances occurring in the code text of this section.
- (10) Section 904.1 Roof extension is hereby amended by inserting "ten (10) inches" in place of [NUMBER].
- (11) Appendix A is hereby deleted in its entirety.  
(12) Appendix C is hereby deleted in its entirety.  
(13) Appendix E is hereby deleted in its entirety.  
(14) Appendix F is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(15) Appendix G is hereby deleted in its entirety.”

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2003.

Attest:

/s/ Gail Busbey  
City Clerk

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

/s/ Lynn C. Fowler  
Mayor