

BILL NO. 18-2010

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, CHAPTER 5 CODE ENFORCEMENT TO ADD THE FEE FOR FILING AN APPEAL TO THE BUILDING - FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS, PLUMBING BOARD OF APPEALS, ELECTRICAL BOARD OF APPEALS AND MECHANICAL BOARD OF APPEALS AND MAKE CONSISTENT TIMING FOR FILING OF APPEALS AND HEARING OF APPEALS BEFORE ALL BOARDS**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 Code Enforcement of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances is amended as follows:

Part 1 Subpart B Building Code

**§5-112. Amendments**

J. Chapter 1, Section 112, is amended by deleting the same and inserting in place thereof: Chapter 1, Section 112.0:

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING/FIRE PREVENTION CODE  
BOARD OF APPEALS RULES OF PROCEDURES**

**ARTICLE 6. HEARINGS**

**6.1 INITIATING ACTION BEFORE THE BOARD.** All action before the Board shall be initiated by a written application for hearing accompanied with a fee of \$750 which shall be filed with the Building Official within 20 days of the receipt of an order from the Building/Fire Official.

**6.2 HEARING SCHEDULE.** The Board will conduct hearings and make decisions. In no instance will a hearing be scheduled later than 30 20 days from the date of the applicant's request for a hearing, unless the applicant has agreed to an extension of time in writing.

Part 2 Plumbing Code

**§5-202. Amendments.**

(7) Section 109, Means of Appeal.

(a) ADM 109.1A, Appeal, to read as follows:

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Plumbing Inspector may appeal in writing within 10 20 days to the Plumbing Board for a review of said hearing decision. A fee in the amount of \$750 shall be payable for each appeal and is due at the time of submission of application for appeal. The Board chairman shall afford the person a hearing within 15 20 days and shall give written notice of the time and place of said hearing.

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 2010. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this ..... day of ..... A. D. 2010.

CITY CLERK

Part 3 Fire Code

§5-307. Amendments

- B. Chapter 1, Section 108, Board of Appeals, is amended by deleting same and substituting in place thereof Chapter 1, §108.0.

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING/FIRE PREVENTION CODE  
BOARD OF APPEALS RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**ARTICLE 6. HEARINGS**

**6.1 INITIATING ACTION BEFORE THE BOARD.** All action before the Board shall be initiated by a written application for hearing accompanied with a fee of \$750 which shall be filed with the Building Official within 20 days of the receipt of an order from the Building/Fire Official.

**6.2 HEARING SCHEDULE.** The Board will conduct hearings and make decisions. In no instance will a hearing be scheduled later than ~~30~~ 20 days from the date of the applicant's request for a hearing, unless the applicant has agreed to an extension of time in writing.

Part 4 Electrical Code

§5-402. Amendments.

15. Section 1103, Procedures.

- A. Amend 1103.1. Method of Appeal. All appeals must be made in writing within ~~10~~ 20 days of the decision or receipt of the order and accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$750.

B. Amend 1103.2. Hearings.

~~1. Any aggrieved by any order or directive of the Code Official may appeal to the Codes Services Building/Trades Division Manager who shall schedule a hearing within 15 days of receipt of the request. Said hearing will take place in the presence of the Code Official and the Codes Services Building/Trades Division Manager.~~

~~2. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Codes Services Building/Trades Division Manager Code Official may appeal to the Electrical Board which shall schedule a hearing within ~~15~~ 20 days of receipt of the request. Said hearing will take place in the presence of the Codes Services Building/Trades Division Manager.~~

Part 5 Mechanical Code

§5-502. Amendments

H. Section 109, Means of Appeal.

(1) **109.1, Application for Appeal.** Amended to read as follows:  
Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Mechanical Inspector may appeal in writing within ~~40~~ 20 days to the Mechanical Board for a review of said hearing decision. A fee in the amount of \$750 shall be payable for each appeal and is due at the time of submission of application for appeal. The Board Chairman shall afford the person a hearing within ~~15~~ 20 days and shall give written notice of the time and place of said hearing

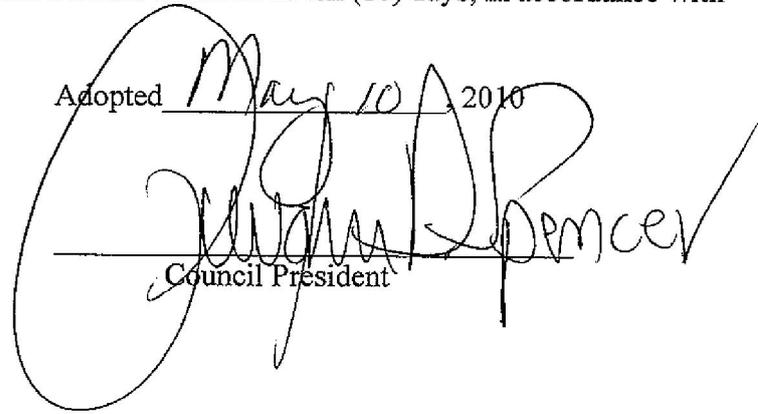
SECTION 2. The Fee Schedule of the City of Reading is also amended in accordance herewith.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Chapter 5 of the City of Reading Codified Ordinance shall remain effective.

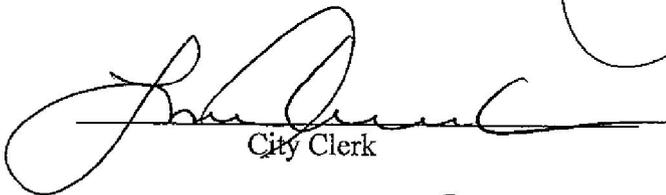
SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

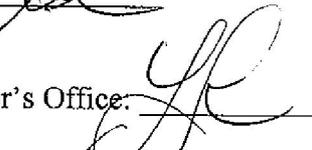
Adopted May 10 2010

  
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Council President

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor:   
Date: 5-11-10

Received by the Mayor's Office:   
Date: 5-11-10

Approved by Mayor:   
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Date: 5/14/10

Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_