

**ORDINANCE NO. 199**

**ORDINANCE OF THE WOODSTOCK FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT  
ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District (hereinafter "District") is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has established, adopted and continues to maintain a fire prevention and life safety code for the benefit and safety of both residents and non-residents of the District parallel to national standards in accordance with 70 ILCS 705/11; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District have determined that in order to further promote public safety and fire prevention, all applications for construction within the District's boundaries be reviewed by the District's officials prior to permitting; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the public to work with the District's officials to ensure construction materials, driveway access, addressing, fire alarm systems and/or sprinkler systems, etc., have been installed so that emergency personnel and equipment can effectively assist property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, various types of construction require plan review and fire prevention and/or life safety inspections and approval from the District's fire prevention authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to create a schedule of fees for fire prevention and/or life safety inspections, tests, and plan reviews, in order that the District may be adequately compensated for the cost of providing such services and to provide incentives to building owners and developers within the District to properly install and maintain their property fire protection systems, while penalizing those who fail to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District that consent is hereby given to charge a non-refundable fee for plan review of all residential and commercial construction within the District's boundaries as follows:

**Section One:**                   **Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

- A. Construction: The term “construction” shall mean and include any new construction, remodel, repair, addition, modification, renovation, or other projects that require the submission of plans for review and/or the need for fire prevention and/or life safety inspection.
- B. Fire Alarm and/or Fire Detection System: The term “fire alarm” and/or “fire detection system” shall mean and include any system that detects or reacts to fire or possible fire conditions and initiates audible, visual, and/or sensory producing equipment or device whose primary purpose is to warn occupants of a building and/or structure fire. Included in this definition shall be initiating and notification devices but not limited to; smoke detectors, manual pull stations, electric horns, electrical or mechanical bells, as well as, warning strobes and/or lights.
- C. Fire Suppression System: The term “fire suppression system” shall mean and include any automatic and/or manual equipment or devices whose primary purpose is to suppress and/or extinguish a fire within and/or associated with the contents of a building and/or structure. This definition shall include but not limited to; automatic fire sprinklers, manual fire sprinklers, engineered fire suppression systems, fire pumps, dry chemical extinguishing equipment, chemical (liquid, gas, vapor, and/or solid) fire suppression equipment, explosion suppression equipment, and commercial cooking hood and duct suppression equipment.
- D. Fire Protection District: That portion of real property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District according to the District’s ordinances.
- E. System: Includes all fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems and other automated systems that transmit alarms or signals to the District, whether directly or indirectly.
- F. Code Official: The term shall mean the Fire Chief or his designee.

**Section Two:**                   **Schedule of Fees.** The schedule of fees for reviews, inspections, and tests are as presented in Exhibit A shall be paid in full prior to issuance of any review comments and/or approvals:

**Section Three:**                   The Code Official is hereby permitted to waive the fees due under

this Ordinance in cases of demonstrated financial hardship, intergovernmental cooperation, or in cases where Systems have been repaired or replaced and are operating properly. Requests for the waiver of fees must be made in writing to the Code Official.

**Section Four:** That this Ordinance shall supersede any ordinances or motions or parts of ordinances or motions in conflict with any part herein, and any such ordinances or motions or parts of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

**Section Five:** If any section, paragraph or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section Six:** The Secretary of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in full at least once in a newspaper published in the District. Publication shall take place at least ten (10) days prior to implementation of this Ordinance. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after publication as provided by law (70 ILCS 705/7), yet no earlier than June 7, 2015.

**ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015.

**Approved:**

/S/ Robert Kristensen  
President, Robert A. Kristensen

**Attest:**

/S/ Kenneth Marunde  
Secretary, Kenneth Marunde

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW**

#### **Plan Review of Fire Alarm and Detection Systems**

- 1) Fire alarm plan review fee - one hundred dollars (\$100.00). This fee includes the initial plan review, two (2) revision reviews, and two (2) acceptance tests.
- 2) Each additional review will generate a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee in addition to the original fees as outlined above.

#### **Conducting & Witnessing Fire Alarm Acceptance Test**

- 1) The fire alarm plan review fee includes accommodations for conducting and witnessing the first two (2) fire alarm acceptance tests.
- 2) Each additional acceptance test required, whether due to previous tests being unsuccessful or responsible parties failing to participate, will generate a seventy dollar (\$70.00) fee for the first hour and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per hour for every hour, or portion thereof, beyond the first hour.

#### **Plan Review of Sprinkler Suppression Systems**

- 1) Sprinkler plan review fee - one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), plus fifty cents (\$.50) for every sprinkler head exceeding one hundred (100). This fee includes the initial plan review and one (1) inspection/hydrostatic test.
- 2) Each additional review will generate a fee equal to fifty per cent (50%) of the original fee as outlined above.

#### **Sprinkler Installation Inspection while Conducting & Witnessing the Hydrostatic Test**

- 1) The sprinkler system plan review fee includes accommodations for conducting and witnessing one (1) sprinkler system inspection/hydrostatic test.
- 2) Each additional inspection/hydrostatic test required, whether due to previous installation/tests being unsuccessful or responsible parties failing to participate, will

generate a fee equal to fifty per cent (50%) of the original sprinkler plan review fee as outlined above.

### **Plan Review of Extinguishing Systems for Commercial Cooking**

- 1) Engineered dry chemical, compressed gas, foam, or liquefied chemical agent fire suppression systems utilized to protect commercial cooking areas plan review fee - seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). This fee includes the initial plan review and one (1) acceptance test.
- 2) Each additional review will generate a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee in addition to the original fees as outlined above.

### **Acceptance Test of Extinguishing Systems for Commercial Cooking**

- 1) The plan review fee includes accommodations for conducting and witnessing one (1) acceptance test.
- 2) Each additional acceptance test required, whether due to previous tests being unsuccessful or responsible parties failing to participate, will generate a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee in addition to the original fees as outlined above.

### **Outside Plan Reviews:**

- 1) When it is determined by the Code Official that a fire detection, and/or fire suppression system requires a plan review by an independent professional, a base fee equal to the cost of the independent professional's services plus fifteen percent (15%) will be charged. Said fees must be paid in full, prior to the issuance of any review comments and/or approval.