

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 56

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 98-42, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 372, SECTION 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED CERTIFICATES OF SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION; INSPECTIONS; FEE AS TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, ON May 26, 1998, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 98-42 establishing local enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, also known now as Chapter 372 Article I of the Vineland City Code, said Ordinance repealing Ordinance 85-27, and having been heretofore amended via Ordinance 2008-73; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Fire and Fire Official have advised there has never been a fee increase to account for inflation and cost of doing business and consider it in the best interest of the City to further amend said ordinance to update the fee schedule to reflect current practice and to comply with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this City Council that Ordinance No.98-42 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 85-27, AS AMENDED, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE”, also known as Chapter 372, Section 10 of the Vineland City Code entitled “FIRE PREVENTION – Certificates of smoke detector installation; inspections; fees” be and the same, following sections are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§372-10. Certificates of smoke detector installation; inspection; fees.

Section §372-10(b) be removed in its entirety and replaced with: “For completed applications for a certificate of smoke detector compliance received by the local enforcing agency at least ten (10) working days prior to the change of occupant, the fee shall be \$50 per inspection.”

Section §372-10(d) be removed in its entirety and replaced with: “For completed applications for a certificate of smoke detector compliance received by the local enforcing agency less than ten (10) working days prior to the change of occupant, the fee shall be \$100 per inspection.”

Section §372-10(e) be removed in its entirety and replaced with: “For completed applications for a certificate of smoke detector compliance received by the local enforcing agency less than four (4) working days prior to the change of occupant, the fee shall be \$175 per inspection.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion so determined to be unenforceable shall be void and the balance hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT SHOULD any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies and remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication and law.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

Approved by the Mayor:

President of Council

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Vineland

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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June 10, 2022

To: Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, City Council President

From: Richard Franchetta, Director of Fire-EMS

Re: Smoke detector inspection fees

Council President Dr. Arthur,

Our Fire Official, Brian Murray, has brought to my attention some Fire Prevention fees that need revision.

In our intent to limit the probability or severity of fires and ensure life safety for both residents and visitors the great City of Vineland, Fire Presentation Bureau fees need to increase as the cost of doing business has risen over the past few years and the community in which we serve has grown exponentially. Fees have not increased since 2008 (Ordinance No. 2008-73, 11/12/2008).

Currently, Fire Prevention charges \$35 for the application which is 10 or more days from settlement date. \$70 is charged for an application between 4 and 10 days of settlement and \$125 for 3 or less days from settlement. This is for mobile homes only.

We would like to increase the fees to \$50, \$100, and \$175, respectively. ~~We would like to add that any re-inspection cost \$35.~~ This would help curb those wanting to get inspected only to have Fire Prevention to return to see if criteria has been met. Hence, this fee would serve as a deterrence for the applicant to get the stuff done correctly the first time so it does not tie up employees for multiple inspections for 1 property

As a reference note, the State of NJ law has increased the minimum for a smoke detector inspection to \$45.00. The City of Vineland currently sits below the State minimum. N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 (NJ Fire Code)

I hope you understand we did not come to this decision to increase fees of our residents of Vineland with haste. The lack of any increase over the last fourteen years coupled with naturally occurring inflation and City growth reflects the need for revision.

With your consent, we would like to amend our current fee schedule and amend our Fire Prevention Ordinance Chap. § 372-10 "Certificates of Smoke Detector Installation; Inspections; fee" to reflect the following:

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§372-10(b) amended to Initial inspection 10+ days = \$50
§372-10(d) amended to Inspection between 4-10days = \$100
§372-10(e) amended to Inspection less than 4 days = \$175

Please reach out to me should you need to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Franchetta
Director of Fire-EMS

Cc:

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Luigi Tramontana, Chief of Department
Brian Murray, Fire Official
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta Esq., City Solicitor
