



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance amends various sections of Chapter 2502 of the City of Columbus Codes, 1959 relating to Fire Prevention Code Title 25. The Division of Fire, Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for the enforcement of Fire Prevention codes to safeguard life, property, or public welfare from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of hazardous materials. After reviewing the existing fee structure it is the intent of the Division of Fire, Bureau of Fire Prevention to set fees for inspections, services, and plan review established by Ordinance 2049-95, to reflect costs associated with providing these services. This ordinance also updates the City's Fire Prevention code to include changes made to the 2012 Ohio Code in regards to new permit requirements for the storage and quantity levels of certain hazardous materials.

FISCAL IMPACT: Fire Prevention and Inspection Fees generated approximately \$1.3 million in revenues for the General Fund in 2012, \$1.6 million in 2013 and \$1.5 million so far in 2014. This amendment of fee increases may generate an additional \$450,000 annually to the General Fund.

To amend various sections of Chapter 2502 of the Columbus City Codes relating to fees charged by the Division of Fire, Fire Prevention Bureau, for plan review, inspections, and other services and to update the City's Fire Prevention Code to include changes that have been made to the 2012 Ohio Fire Prevention Code.

WHEREAS, the existing fees for services rendered by the Division of Fire, established by Ordinance 2049-95 and as amended by Ordinance 1146-2007 and 0112-2008, are being increased, and

WHEREAS, the fees for services rendered by the Division of Fire associated with fire prevention inspection, and other special inspections and services, are to be increased to help recover actual costs of these services, and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to update the City Fire Prevention Code to include changes made to the 2012 Ohio Fire Prevention Code; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS;

SECTION 1. That various Sections of Chapter 2502 of the Columbus City Codes be and are hereby amended as shown on the attachment hereto.

SECTION 2. That existing Sections of Chapter 2502 of the Columbus City Codes being amended in Section 1 of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.