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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Fire, Bureau of Fire Prevention, under the authority of Chapter 25 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, charges fees for inspections, services and plan review to persons and businesses in the City of Columbus. The Code, as it is written, sets out that all payments for the aforementioned charges are due by July 1 of each year. Further, the Code articulates that payments after July 30 of each year are considered delinquent and subject to a penalty.

The Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, requests an update to the code language to better conform to current business processes. As inspections might occur and be invoiced at any time during the year, the Division of Fire requests to set payment due dates that have a connection to the invoice date, rather than to a specific date on the calendar. Therefore, the Public Safety Department, Division of Fire, recommends that Code Section 2502.077 be changed to set the payment due date of fire prevention inspection fees at 30 days after the invoice date and delinquent inspection fees at 60 days after invoice date.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To amend Chapter 25 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, Section 2502.077 relating to Permit Renewal and Inspection Fees; to update the code to better conform to The Division of Fire's current business processes.

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire, Bureau of Fire Prevention, under authority of Chapter 25 of the Columbus City Codes, charges fees for fire prevention inspection; and

WHEREAS, the current Code states that all payments for charges are due by July 1 and that payments after July 30 are considered delinquent.; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire, Bureau of Fire Prevention in the operation of its duties has found it necessary to amend payment due and delinquent dates for Fire prevention inspection fees to conform to the Bureau's current business processes; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the operation of its duties has found it necessary to set payment due dates that have connection to the invoice date; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That Section 2502.077 of the Columbus City Code, 1959, be and hereby amended to read as follows:

2502.077 Permit Renewal, inspection fees

All the above-listed fire prevention inspection fees must be paid annually for each separate location, as determined by the fire official, within the city of Columbus and are due ~~by July 1~~ 30 days after the invoice date. Payment shall be made

according to the procedures established by the Fire official. ~~After July 30,~~ Inspection fees are considered delinquent 60 days after invoice date and subject to a twenty five (25) percent penalty which shall be added to the fee due.

SECTION 2. That prior existing section 2502.077 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 is hereby repealed.

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