

**BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Ordinance No. 357

(Duly Adopted March 11, 1998)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 342 (ESTABLISHING THE CHARGES AND FEES TO BE COLLECTED OR PAID TO THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS, AND MINISTERIAL DUTIES) BY ESTABLISHING A BASE PERMIT FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ALTERATIONS, WITH A MINIMUM FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00).

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1996, Borough Council adopted Ordinance 342 to establish the charges and fees to be collected or paid to the Borough for the performance of certain services, administrative acts, and ministerial duties; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to amend Ordinance 342 with respect to the building permit fees for residential and commercial alterations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that Section 8 of Ordinance 342 shall be amended as follows (with deletions indicated in ~~strike-outs~~ and insertions indicated by double underlining):

§ 8. Building Permits.

(a) **Base Fees.** The base fee for a building permit shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) plus twenty cents (\$0.20) per square foot of building area (including the area of sheds and decks). For special structures without

square footage (such as radio towers, fences, etc.), the base fee shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). In the case of residential or commercial alterations which do not increase the square footage of building area, the base fee for a building permit shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) for every One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the labor and material costs of the alterations (rounded up to the next multiple of \$1,000.00), but in no event less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). If both alterations and new construction are proposed, the base fee shall be the sum of the separate base fees for the alterations and the new construction.

(b) Additional Fees. In addition to the base fees, the Borough shall recover from the applicant all properly-chargeable engineering and legal costs incurred by the Borough in connection with the work covered by the permit.

(c) Escrow. If any engineering or legal costs are foreseeable (in the reasonable opinion of the Borough Secretary) or required by law or ordinance in connection with the work covered by any permit, the applicant shall deposit with the Borough at the time the permit application is filed the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) as security for the payment of additional fees under subsection (b), and shall replenish any sums drawn against the escrow upon demand.

(d) No Special Footer/Foundation Permits. All building permits and fees for building permits are required before any work commences, including any footers and foundations.

(e) Additional Inspection Fees. If additional inspections are required with respect to the work covered by any building permit because the permittee failed any regular inspection, the permittee shall pay the cost of the additional inspection at the prevailing rate paid by the Borough to the inspector(s) for the inspection.

DULY ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, this 11th day of March, 1998, in lawful session duly assembled.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF ALBURDIS**

Steven R. Hill, President

Attest:

Louise Stahley, Secretary

AND NOW, this 11th day of March, 1998, the above Ordinance is hereby APPROVED.

Ronald J. DeIaco, Mayor