

**BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Ordinance No. 397

(Duly Adopted May 29, 2002)

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), AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 357, BY INCREASING ONE COMPONENT OF THE BASE FEE FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FROM THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) TO THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) FOR EACH REQUIRED REGULAR INSPECTION, BY CLARIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, AND BY INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR A BOUNCED CHECK TO FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$45.00).

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;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1998, Borough Council adopted Ordinance 357 to amend Ordinance 342 with respect to the building permit fees; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to further amend Ordinance 342 with respect to building permit fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, as follow:

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Ordinance 342, as amended by Ordinance 357, shall be further amended as follows (with deletions indicated in ~~strike-outs~~ and insertions indicated by double underlining):

§ 8. Building Permits.

(a) Base Fees.

(1) In General. The base fee for a building permit shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each required regular inspection, 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) for each required regular inspection.

(2) Alterations. 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.

(3) Calculation and Payment. After the Building Code official receives an application for a building permit, he/she shall inform the applicant of the number of regular inspections which will be required under the permit, and shall calculate the base fee. All base fees must be paid before the building permit is issued.

(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) before the permit is issued

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.

SECTION 2. Section 12(e) of Ordinance 342, shall be amended as follows (with deletions indicated in ~~strike-outs~~ and insertions indicated by double underlining):

(e) Returned Checks. The fee for a returned check shall be ~~Twenty-five~~ Forty-five Dollars (~~\$25.00~~ \$45.00).

DULY ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Al-
burtis, this 29th day of May, 2002, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS

Steven R. Hill, President

Attest:

Melanie Hansen, Secretary

AND NOW, this 29th day of May, 2002, the above Ordinance is hereby APPROVED.

Russell J. Afflerbach, Mayor