

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2006

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 94.040 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO
ESTABLISHING FIRE INSPECTION FEES WITHIN THE
CITY OF VALPARAISO, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso Fire Department incurs administrative time and expense in connection with the performing of fire inspections within the City of Valparaiso; and

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso City Fire Chief has studied the aforementioned costs and expenses associated with the performing of fire inspections within the City of Valparaiso; and

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso City Fire Chief has made certain recommendations to the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso suggesting that the current schedule of fire inspection fees be amended and otherwise modified; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso is desirous of implementing the recommendations of the Valparaiso City Fire Chief and in so doing amending Section 94.040 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code and in so doing modifying the fire inspection fee schedule contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso that Section 94.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Valparaiso should be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 94.040 Inspection Fees.

(A) Fire Inspections shall be performed for all new businesses and current businesses at an annual rate based on occupancy as follows:

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| (1) | A Class (Assembly) | \$100 - 100 or more people;
\$ 75 - 50-99 people;
\$ 40 - 49 or fewer people; |
| (2) | B Class (Business) | \$ 75 - 2500 sq. ft. and larger;
\$ 40 - 2499 sq. ft. and less; |
| (3) | E Class (Educational) | \$100 - 2500 sq. ft. and larger;
\$ 60 - 2499 sq. ft. and less; |
| (4) | F Class (Factory, Industrial) | \$125 - 10,000 sq. ft. and larger;
\$ 75 - 2500 - 9999 sq. ft.;
\$ 40 - 2499 sq. ft. and less; |
| (5) | H Class (Hazardous) | \$125; |
| (6) | I Class (Institutional) | \$100; |
| (7) | M Class (Mercantile) | \$125 - 10,000 sq. ft. and larger;
\$ 75 - 2500 - 9999 sq. ft.;
\$ 40 - 2499 sq. ft. and less; |
| (8) | R Class (Residential) | \$ 60, and an additional \$10 for every structure used for residential occupancy associated with the complex; |
| (9) | S Class (Storage) | \$ 40; |

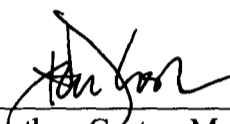
(10) U Class (Utility and Misc.) \$ 20.

- (B) A Fire Inspector may reduce the Inspection Fee by up to 50% if no serious fire safety violations are found at the time of inspection.
- (C) The above fees do not reflect any fines or penalties associated with inspections found to be in violation.

Any and all other provisions of Section 94.040 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as originally adopted or subsequently amended.


The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption or as otherwise provided by state statute.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 60 vote of all members present and voting this 13th day of February, 2006.



Jonathon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

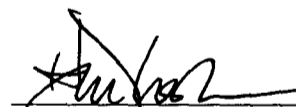


Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2006, at 8:15 o'clock P m.

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this 13th day of FEB., 2006, at 8:15 o'clock P m.



Jonathon Costas, Mayor