

ORDINANCE NO 16-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 155 BUILDING CODE, 157 MECHANICAL CODE, 156 PLUMBING CODE, 158 ELECTRICAL CODE, and 160 RESIDENTIAL CODE PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS OF PERMIT FEES

- Section 1. Purpose.
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Be it ordained by the City Council, City of Norwalk, Iowa:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish guidelines and rules for providing refunds of permit fees under circumstances when the construction project, for which a permit has been issued, has changed to the extent that the permit fee previously paid for the project would be lower had the changed plans been submitted at the time of the issuance of the permit. This Ordinance amends Chapters 155 Building Code, 157 Mechanical Code, 156 Plumbing Code, 158 Electrical Code, and 160 Residential Code of the Norwalk Code.

Section 2. Refund Guidelines. In the event a construction project is amended subsequent to the issuance of a permit, which amendment would result in a lower permit fee had the final amended project been originally permitted, the City shall issue a refund of the permit fee pursuant to the following guidelines.

- A. The request for refund is made by the holder of the permit in writing to the Building Official within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the permit.
- B. No work on the project, for which the permit was issued, has commenced.
- C. The refunded amount will not exceed 80% of the original cost of the permit.

Section 3. Repealer. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2016.

Jodi Eddleman, City Clerk