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1 **2021-35 (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-28, THE 2021-  
2 22 BUDGET ORDINANCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT  
3 FEE TABLE DETAILED IN EXHIBIT J, THE SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION  
4 PERMIT CHARGES.

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5 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to change the Construction Permit fee table to incorporate  
6 all construction permit fees into a single table and to delete subsection (iii) of the table,  
7 which speaks of an “additional charge” of 0.25%.

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9 **Brief:**

- 10 • Exhibit J of the 2021-22 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2021-28, includes as  
11 its first section a table entitled “Construction Permit Charges.”
- 12 • The table consists of three subsections:
  - 13 ○ Subsections (i) and (ii) identify the fees
    - 14 ▪ for new single-family construction and
    - 15 ▪ for alterations of any structure based upon the dollar valuation of the  
16 permitted construction project, *and*
    - 17 ▪ for other new construction based upon an assessment per square foot.
  - 18 ○ Subsection (iii) adds a fee of 0.25% of the total charge for the permitted  
19 project.
- 20 • This ordinance amends the budget ordinance by
  - 21 ○ adjusting rates so as to incorporate all Construction Permit Charges into a  
22 single table, and
  - 23 ○ repealing sub-section (iii) identifying an “additional charge” to be used to  
24 meet workforce housing objectives.

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26 **Issues:**

- 27 • The amendment is recommended so as to apply all construction permit fee  
28 revenues to the payment of construction and code enforcement program costs,  
29 including those costs born directly by the Fire, Public Works, and Financial  
30 Services departments.

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32 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

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34 **Alternatives:** Do not pass the ordinance and leave rates as initially presented. This  
35 option is not recommended.

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37 **Financial Impact:** This ordinance has been designed to be revenue-neutral to the fee-  
38 payer and should have negligible, if any, financial impact upon the City.

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40 **Manager’s Recommendation:**

- 41 • I recommend 1<sup>st</sup> reading (8.24.21).

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43 **Attachment(s):** Proposed ordinance.

1 CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
 2 COUNTY OF HORRY  
 3 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-28,  
 THE 2021-22 BUDGET ORDINANCE,  
 WITH RESPECT TO THE  
 CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE TABLE  
 DETAILED IN EXHIBIT J, THE  
 SCHEDULE OF BUILDING PERMIT  
 CHARGES.

10 WHEREAS, Section 5-13-30(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina requires that a municipal  
 11 council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and to levy taxes pursuant to public notice; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Ordinance 2019-30, the City’s Budget Ordinance for FY 2021-22 was adopted by City  
 14 Council on June 8, 2021; and  
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16 WHEREAS, upon the advice and recommendation of City staff, Council now finds it desirable to  
 17 modify the designated uses of the City’s Construction Permit Fee so that all revenues raised from  
 18 that source are applied to offsetting the costs of the City’s Construction and Code Enforcement  
 19 activities;  
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21 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the City of Myrtle Beach in  
 22 Council duly assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the table entitled “Construction  
 23 Permit Fees,” appearing in *Exhibit J* of the 2021-22 Budget Ordinance, is hereby amended to read  
 24 in its entirety as follows.  
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26 **“Exhibit J. Schedule of Building Permit Charges**

27 **Construction Permit Fees**

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 29 (i) Single-family construction; alterations of any structure, single-family or other:  
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<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
32 Less than \$1,000	No permit required
33 \$1,000 to \$5,000	\$ 50.00
34 \$5,000 to \$25,000	\$ 50.00 for the first \$5,000 plus \$ 5.00 for each \$1,000, 35 or fraction thereof, over \$5,000.
36 \$25,000 to \$100,000	\$ 175.00 for the first \$25,000 plus \$ 4.75 for each 37 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$25,000.
38 \$100,000 TO \$150,000	\$ 532.00 for the first \$100,000 plus \$ 7.25 for each 39 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$100,000.
40 \$150,000 to \$250,000	\$ 769.00 for the first \$150,000 plus \$ 7.00 for each 41 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$150,000.
42 \$250,000 to \$750,000	\$1,244.00 for the first \$250,000 plus \$ 6.75 for each 43 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$250,000.
44 \$750,000 to \$5,000,000	\$3,619.00 for the first \$750,000 plus \$ 6.50 for each 45 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$750,000.
46 Over \$5,000,000	\$23,806.00 for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$ 5.50 for each 47 \$1,000, or fraction thereof, over \$5,000,000.

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(ii) All other permits for new construction:

Permit fees \$ 0.3075 per square foot

**CONFLICTS WITH PRECEDING ORDINANCES.** In the case of conflicts between this and any preceding ordinances, this ordinance shall prevail with respect to the conflicting provisions.

**VALIDITY OF THIS ORDINANCE.** If, for any reason, any sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

Attest:

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

First Reading: 8-24-2021  
Second Reading: