

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," SECTION 34-6 THEREOF, TO INCREASE CERTAIN FIRE PERMIT FEES FOR BULK PLANTS, TERMINALS, MANUFACTURING, AND SIMILAR FACILITIES FOR STORAGE TANKS OF GREATER THAN 100,000 GALLONS USED FOR BULK STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, that Chapter 34 of the City Code, Section 34-6 thereof, is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

Chapter 34. Fire Prevention and Protection

Section 34-6. Fees for fire permits and commercial inspections.

(a) Fire permit fee. A fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the city for each fire permit obtained pursuant to the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as amended. Bulk plants, terminals, manufacturing, and similar facilities shall pay \$0.0005 per gallon of tank capacity for each storage tank used for bulk storage of flammable or combustible liquids. The permit fee shall be assessed on each flammable or combustible liquid storage tank that has a capacity greater than 100,000 gallons. Before any tank not permitted for flammable or combustible liquid storage may be used, a permit shall be issued. The permit fee for any tank not used at the time of the annual inspection, but placed into service later, shall be prorated and set to expire with all other annual fire permits for that facility. Permits shall be valid for one year unless the permit is for a specific event, such as a fireworks display, in which case such permit shall expire upon the conclusion of the event for

which the permit was issued. Reinstatement of a permit after revocation of that permit shall require payment of a fee.

(b) Commercial establishment inspection fee. A fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the city for each inspection of a commercial establishment conducted to determine compliance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as amended. For purposes of this section, "commercial establishment" shall mean an establishment which is not used entirely for residential purposes.

(State law reference: Code of Virginia, Section 27-98)

This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council