

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 45-25

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE EXISTING PERMANENT ORDINANCE 21-24 SECTION A SETTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT INSPECTION FEES PURSUANT TO LANCASTER CODIFIED 1107.02(a) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City's Zoning Code authorizes City Council to establish fees for the approvals of subdivisions and permits including inspection fees for public improvements pursuant to Lancaster Codified Ordinance 1107.02(a); and

WHEREAS, Permanent Ordinance 21-24 was enacted by Council on June 10, 2024, to delineate the fees and funds where those fees should be credited; and

WHEREAS, the Service Safety Director would like to modify the fund allocation to collect all the fees in one fund that will pay for one inspector to perform all the required inspections at the same time; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Permanent Ordinance 21-24 SECTION A shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“ A. FEES FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

1. Inspection fees for Public Improvements as authorized under Lancaster Codified Ordinance 1107.02(a). The following fees shall be paid to the City of Lancaster Engineering Department and deposited in the Inspection Fees Fund 1001.0000.44039:
 - a. Sanitary Sewer System
 1. For public improvements initiated after December 31, 2004, the inspection rate shall be five percent (5%) of the certified engineer's estimate of public sanitary sewer improvements.
 - b. Water System
 1. For public improvements initiated after December 31, 2004, the inspection rate shall be five percent (5%) of the certified engineer's estimate of public water system improvements.
 - c. Street Improvements
 1. For public improvements initiated after December 31, 2004, the inspection rate shall be five percent (5%) of the certified engineer's estimate of public street improvements.
 - d. Stormwater Management System
 1. For public improvements initiated after December 31, 2004, the inspection rate shall be five percent (5%) of

- the certified engineer's estimate of the stormwater and erosion control, excluding curb and gutter or roadside ditches considered in the public street improvements.
- e. No inspection fees shall be required where improvements are constructed under a City contract as authorized by the Service-Safety Director.
- f. Initiated is defined as follows:
1. Sanitary Sewer- All fees paid, and tap is made to public sewer system.
 2. Water- All fees paid, and tap is made to public water system.
 3. Streets- Center line is staked.
 4. Stormwater- All fees paid, and tap is made to public stormwater management system or drainage swales staked, whichever comes first."

SECTION 2. That City Council hereby finds that this Ordinance was deliberated upon and passed in an open meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is necessary to start depositing fees in the Inspection Fees Fund to pay an inspector; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Law Committee

I, Anitra Scott, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2025 in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council