

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 26-1418

AN ORDINANCE To Amend the Code of the Township of Upper Dublin, Chapter 73, Building Construction – Uniform Construction Code, Article III “Uniform Construction Code” To Amend Permit Fees for Work Commenced Before Permit Issuance and to Clarify Certain Fees

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Upper Dublin hereby enacts and ordains:

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Upper Dublin, Chapter 73, entitled “Building Construction – Uniform Construction Code,” Article III, “Uniform Construction Code,” Section 73-10 “Fees” shall be amended by making the following additions and deletions:

§ 73-10 Fees.

A. Payment of fees. A permit shall not be valid until the fees set forth in the Township Schedule of Fees and as otherwise prescribed by law have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.

B. Schedule of fees. Applicants for permits under the Code shall pay to the Township at the time of application the fees, escrows, and deposits set forth on the then-current fee schedule which shall have been adopted by resolution or ordinance by the Board of Commissioners. The relevant fees set forth on the schedule shall be designed to cover all costs of administering permits, including but not limited to administration, plan reviews, inspections and third party expenses. When a permit fee, escrow, or deposit is based on the cost of construction, the valuation of the subject work shall be the fair market value of all the construction work. The Code Official shall evaluate the accuracy of the estimate both initially and at final completion should changes occur as the work progresses.

C. Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, or electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the required permits shall be subject to a late fee for each required permit. The late fee shall be paid in addition to the required permit fee and shall be paid in an amount equal to the required permit fee.

D. Related fees. The payment of the fee for the construction, alteration, removal or demolition of work done in connection to or concurrently with the work authorized by a building permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of any other fees that are prescribed or authorized by law, including but not limited to the charge of \$4.50 as a Uniform Construction Code fee which shall be charged in addition to the payment of other fees upon application for any building, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, demolition, fire alarm or sprinkler permit.

E. Refunds. The Code Official is authorized to establish a refund policy.

F. Accounting. All fees collected shall be received and accounted for by the Department of Code Enforcement.

Section 2. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 73 of the Code of the Township of Upper Dublin, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 73 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted as if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 9th day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DUBLIN



IRA S. TACKEL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



KURT M. FERGUSON, MANAGER