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**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MULTI-DWELLING INSPECTION FEES TO ENABLE THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE UNIFORM CODE**

**Whereas,** by letter dated June 21, 2024, the Commissioner for the Buildings Department has requested legislation authorizing the establishment of multi-dwelling inspection fees to ensure that the Buildings Department has sufficient resources to enforce the Uniform Code, thereby safeguarding residents' health, safety, and welfare in multi-dwelling properties; and

**Whereas,** the City of Mount Vernon has a growing population and an increasing number of multi-dwelling properties; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents living in multi-dwelling properties by enforcing the Uniform Code through regular inspections; and

**Whereas,** the Buildings Department needs adequate resources to address deficiencies and perform all required code enforcement activities in the city; and

**Whereas,** the imposition of multi-dwelling inspection fees will provide the necessary funding for the Buildings Department to carry out these critical inspections and enforcement activities; and

**Whereas,** annual inspections of multi-dwelling structures will allow the city to maintain high standards of safety and quality of life for its residents; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Purpose.** This ordinance aims to establish multi-dwelling inspection fees to ensure that the Buildings Department has sufficient resources to enforce the Uniform Code, thereby safeguarding residents' health, safety, and welfare in multi-dwelling properties.

**Section 2. Definitions.** For this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. **"Multi-Dwelling Property"**: Any residential property containing three or more separate living units.
2. **"Buildings Inspection"**: An inspection conducted by the Buildings Department to ensure compliance with building codes and regulations.
3. **"Fire Inspection"**: An inspection conducted by the Buildings Department to ensure compliance with fire safety codes and regulations.

**Section 3. Inspection Fees.** The following fees shall be added to the Department of Buildings Fee Schedule:

1. **Buildings Inspection Fees:**
   - Inspection per building with less than ten dwelling units: $250.00
   - Inspection per building with more than ten dwelling units: $250.00 per 10 dwelling units
2. **Fire Inspection Fees:**
   - Inspection per building with less than ten dwelling units: $250.00
   - Inspection per building with more than ten dwelling units: $500.00

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**Section 4. Enforcement.** The Buildings Department shall conduct annual inspections of all multi-dwelling properties to ensure compliance with the Uniform Code. The fees collected from these inspections shall fund the inspection program and other code enforcement activities.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

By

Mayor

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Dept.

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/26/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Poteat: Yea Thompson:Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted