



Legislation Text

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Fee For Work Without a Permit - Discussion Only

History

The Mayor's Office has requested this item to be placed on the board agenda for discussion after receiving a complaint from a contractor who was assessed a \$750 fee for doing work without a permit.

The Village code was amended by the Village Board on January 1, 2018 and now assesses a \$750 fee for work being done without the proper permits. This code change was adopted as a result of a review of all Village permit fees towards the end of the FY2017, in conjunction with the development of the FY2018 budget. This fee is in addition to doubling the regular permit fee.

This fee was added to penalize those who attempt to ignore the code, as opposed to raising regular permit fees across the board for everyone who complies. This Village Board unanimously approved amending the code, by charging \$750 for contractors and \$150 for homeowners who are caught doing work without a permit. The rationale behind the two different fees is that some homeowners may not know when a permit is required or not; but a reputable contractor would know and common practice is that if they are unaware, they should contact the Village to inquire. All of the Village's codes are available on our website. Additionally, many times not only does the contractor not get the permit, but they are also not licensed/bonded with the Village. The following are the results of the first year of enforcement:

Total # of permits assessed fee - 84

52 Contractors (\$750) - 9 were repeat offenders

32 Homeowners (\$150)

Total # of all permits issued as of 12/28/18 - 3,941

Total # of permits that complied with getting permit - 3,857

Compliance - 97.87%

Total # of licensed contractors - 222

Total revenue received - \$43,800

On January 21, 2019 the Board Meeting was adjourned after the consent agenda and this item was postponed to tonight's Special Meeting.