

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 0-2020-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2005-03 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARD TO ISSUE BUILDING PERMITS AND COLLECT FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS** (the" City") has adopted an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of building permits and collecting fees for such permits; and,

**WHEREAS,** as more and more structures (residential house and the like) are being built in this growing city, it becomes necessary to enact rules and penalties when a structure or other such activity identified in Ordinance 2005-03 Section 1 has commenced without first obtaining the proper permit.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS THAT ORDINANCE 2005-03 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS;**

**SECTION 4: VIOLATION AND PENALTIES:**

**I. Stop Work Order Issuance:**

- a. A Stop Work Order may be issued whenever work on any building or structure is being executed contrary to the provisions of the City of Ward Ordinance 2005-03, SECTION 1.
- b. Upon issuance of a Stop Work Order, all work shall be immediately stopped until a proper permit is issued.
- c. The Stop Work Order shall be in writing and shall be posted in a location clearly visible from the street accessing the property. Work crews on-site will be made aware of the Stop Work Order as well as the owner/developer if they can be located in a timely manner.
- d. The Stop Work Order shall state the violation and the conditions under which work will be permitted to resume.

**II. Penalty:**

- a. Anyone issued a permit after a Stop Work Order has been issued will be charged the normal fee for the permit PLUS an additional 100% penalty.
- b. Both the normal fee and penalty MUST be paid before the permit is issued.

**SECTION 5 (ADDED): SEVERABILITY:** If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

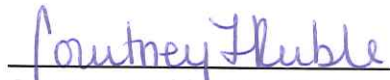
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2020

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APPROVED:

  
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Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

