

**103-O-24**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending City Code Sections 4-16-4 and 4-16-6**

**WHEREAS**, the Evanston City Council deems it is in the best interest of the City of Evanston to increase the fees for inspections of vacant buildings and for registration of vacant buildings as set forth in 4-16-4 and 4-16-6 of the City Code.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** Section 4-16-4 “Determination” of the City Code of 2024 is hereby amended to increase the inspection fee from \$500 to \$550, effective January 1, 2025, as follows:

**4-16-4. - DETERMINATION.**

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The notice shall specify a date and time on which the owner shall allow for a code compliance inspection of the interior of the vacant building to determine the extent of compliance with city property, building codes, health, fire, water and sewer codes. The owner shall pay the ~~five hundred and fiftyfive hundred~~ dollar (\$~~55000~~.00) inspection fee to the city within thirty (30) days of the inspection. An unpaid fee shall be a lien upon the premises.

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**SECTION 2:** Section 4-16-6 “Obligation to Register” of the City Code of 2024 is hereby amended to increase the registration fee from \$400 to \$450 and the inspection fee from \$500 to \$550, effective January 1, 2025, as follows:

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(A)Registration Requirements.

1.a. Register the building with the director of Community and Economic Development, on a form provided by the director and pay the four hundred and fifty dollar (~~\$45000~~.00) annual nonprorated vacant building registration fee.

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2. Renew the vacant building registration each year on the anniversary date of the first filing for the time the building remains vacant and pay the required four hundred and fifty dollar (~~\$45000~~.00) annual fee; and

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(B) *Notice; Inspection.*

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The owner shall allow for a code compliance inspection of the interior of the vacant building and shall pay the five hundred and fifty dollar (~~\$55000~~.00) fee therefor within thirty (30) days of the inspection. Such inspection will determine the extent of compliance with city property, building codes, health, fire, water and sewer codes.

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**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** If any provision of this Ordinance 103-O-24 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

**SECTION 5:** The findings and recitals contained herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance 103-O-24 shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2025, after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provi

Introduced: December 09, 2024

Approved:

Adopted: December 09, 2024

December 09, 2024

*Daniel Biss*

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Daniel Biss, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

*Stephanie Mendoza*

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Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

*Alexandra B. Ruggie*

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Alexandra Ruggie,  
Corporation Counsel