

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey on June 21, 2021 and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a public hearing during the regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on July 6, 2021 at 7:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. The summary of the terms of such Ordinance follows: Title: ***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 96 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM***, specifically Subsection 96-4 "Fees" and is numbered ORDINANCE #18-2021. Purpose: ***The purpose of the ordinance is to revise the Township's Construction Code Fees to clarify elements of the fee schedule, correct some sections that are not in line with the Administrative Code and add new elements that the Construction Code must inspect.*** Due to the size of the document, copies of said ordinance are available from the Municipal Clerk upon request. Please email your request to Karin Parker, Municipal Clerk at parker@readingtontwpnj.org or call the office of the Clerk at (908) 534-4051, ext. 223. (A full copy of the ordinance is also available on the Township's website).

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE
ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 96 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED
"CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM"**

Ordinance #18-2021

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments shall be made to the Construction Code Fee Schedule of the Township of Readington established pursuant to Subsection 96-4 "Fees" of Chapter 96 entitled "Construction Codes, Uniform" of the Code of Readington Township (language underlined **thus** represents new language; language with strike-outs ~~thus~~ signifies deletions):

SECTION 1.

Construction Codes Fee Schedule

Building Subcode Fees:

New Construction and additions.....

Use Groups R-3, R-5	\$.045 per cubic foot
Minimum fee for additions	\$200.00
Pre-fab sheds	
Over 200 sq.ft.	\$100.00
All other use groups	
Up to and including the first 100,000 cu.ft.	\$.045 <u>\$.055</u>
Over 100,000 cu.ft.	\$.03 <u>\$.045</u>
Minimum fee	\$400.00
Bonafide Farm per N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d)	\$.01 <u>.02</u> per cu.ft.

Renovations, Alterations and Repairs

Groups R-3, R-5 – Actual cost of work per \$1,000.00 or portion thereof;

First \$50,000@ \$30.00/ Over \$50,000 @ \$25.00

Minimum fee \$75.00

All Other Use Groups - Actual cost of work per \$1000.00 or portion thereof;

First \$50,000 @ ~~\$35.00~~ **40.00** / Over \$50,000 @ ~~\$30.00~~ **35.00**

Minimum fee \$ 200.00

Maximum fee for Roofing Coverings \$1,000.00

Swimming Pools

In-ground **R-3 and R-5** \$250.00

All other uses \$500.00

Above-ground \$ 75.00

Decks

~~\$30.00~~ \$25.00 per thousand of estimated cost of work ... minimum fee \$ ~~100.00~~ \$125.00

Roofing—Siding—Fences greater than 6 feet and Replacement Pool Barriers for Groups R-3, R-5

Flat fee \$75.00 Use Groups R-3 and R-5

Deer Fencing No fee

All other use groups \$200

Demolition

One- and two-family structures \$ 200.00

Structures accessory to above and/or on bonafide farms ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

All other Use Groups \$300.00

Signs

\$3.00 per sq.ft. minimum fee \$ 75.00

Temporary Structures including but not limited to tents and site trailers\$ 200.00 each

Building Moved or Relocated

Flat fee \$300.00 .. covers moving, foundation and necessary work for completion

Site construction associated with pre-engineered systems of commercial farm buildings,

pre-manufactured construction and external utility connections

—————\$30.00 per thousand of estimated cost of work

Retaining Walls

Class 3 Residential structures with a surface area greater than 550 square feet .. \$200.00

Class 3 Residential structures with a surface area equal to or less than 550 square feet .. \$ 125.00

For all other Use Groups the fee shall be \$25.00 times the estimated cost of construction

Photovoltaic Systems

Roof Mounted:

Groups R-3, R-5 .. \$150.00 flat fee

All other Groups 1 – 100 kilowatts \$ 400.00

Greater than 100 kilowatts \$ 800.00

Ground Mounted:

Accessory to R-3 and R-5 Use groups \$25 per \$1,000 cost of work

All other use groups \$35 per \$1,000 cost of work

Plumbing Subcode Fees

a. ~~The fee shall be computed per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system, and for each appliance connected to the gas piping or oil piping system except as indicated in b.thru d. below;~~

~~_____ All Groups _____ \$ 20.00~~

b. ~~The fee shall be per device for the following special devices: grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventers with test ports, steam boilers, hot water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors, **roof-top and prepackaged HVAC units and chillers.**~~

~~_____ Groups R-3, R-5 _____ \$ 85.00~~

~~_____ All other Groups _____ \$ 120.00~~

c. ~~The fee for all gas and oil piping, including provisions for the installation of up to four appliances shall be:~~

~~_____ Groups R-3, R-5 _____ \$ 65.00~~

~~_____ All other Groups _____ \$ 95.00~~

~~_____ The fifth and each additional appliance shall be an additional \$ 20.00 each.~~

d. ~~The fee shall be \$60.00 for single boiler hydronic piping for a single family residence. For all other structures, the fee shall be \$90.00 per floor of each structure or tenant.~~

e. ~~**The fee for recording the inspection and annual re-testing of equipment listed in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(1)1 thru 4 that requires an annual Certificate of Compliance shall be \$85.00 for the first device and \$25.00 for each additional device in the same building or structure.**~~

f. ~~The minimum plumbing subcode fee shall be \$75.00 for ~~R-3 and R-5 structures~~ residential use groups and \$100.00 \$125.00 for all other Use Groups.~~

<i>Water closet</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 / <u>\$25</u></i>
<i>Urinal/bidet</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 /<u>\$25</u></i>
<i>Bathtub</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 /<u>\$25</u></i>
<i>Lavatory</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 /<u>\$25</u></i>
<i>Shower</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 /<u>\$25</u></i>

<i>Floor drain</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20/ 25</i>
<i>Sink</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 <u>/\$25</u></i>
<i>Dishwasher</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 <u>/\$25</u></i>
<i>Drinking fountain</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$50_</i>
<i>Washing machine</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 <u>/\$25</u></i>
<i>Hose bibb</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>\$20 <u>/\$25</u></i>
<u><i>New or Replacement Residential Water heater</i></u>	<u><i>Each</i></u>	<u><i>\$75</i></u>
<u><i>New or Replacement Water Heater Other than Residential</i></u>	<u><i>Each</i></u>	<u><i>\$100</i></u>
<i>Fuel oil piping</i>	<i>Flat fee</i>	<i>\$75 for the first 4 appliances; \$25 for each additional appliance</i>
<i>Gas piping</i>	<i>Flat fee</i>	<i>\$75 for the first 4 appliances; \$25 for each additional appliance</i>
		<u><i>Flat Fee \$20 each/\$35</i></u>
<i>Steam boiler</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$75/\$125</i></u>
<i>Hot water boiler</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>75/ \$125</i></u>
<i>Sewer pump</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$75/ 85</i></u>
<i>Interceptor/separator</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>75/ \$200</i></u>
<i>Backflow preventer</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$75/ 100</i></u>
<i>Grease trap</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>75/ \$200</i></u>
<i>Sewer connection</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$75/ 125</i></u>
<i>Water service connection</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$75/125</i></u>
<i>Stacks</i>	<i>Each</i>	<u><i>\$20/25</i></u>
<u><i>New or Replacement Residential Furnace, Coil, Air Handler and/or Condenser</i></u>	<u><i>Flat</i></u>	<u><i>\$125</i></u>
<u><i>New or Replacement Furnace, Coil, Air Handler and/or Condenser other than residential</i></u>	<u><i>Flat</i></u>	<u><i>\$150</i></u>

Other:

<i>Active solar systems</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>150/ <u>\$300</u></i>
<i><u>Roof drains</u></i>	<i><u>Each</u></i>	<i><u>\$35</u></i>
<i><u>Other HVAC-R Systems not specifically listed above</u></i>	<i><u>Each</u></i>	<i><u>\$125</u></i>
<i><u>Cross-connections and backflow preventers subject to testing and requiring reinspection or annual testing</u></i>	<i><u>Flat fee</u></i>	<i><u>\$100</u></i>
<i>LP tanks</i>	<i>Flat fee</i>	<i>\$75/ <u>125</u></i>
<i>Hydronic piping</i>	<i>Flat fee per story</i>	<i><u>\$50 PER STORY/ \$75 PER ZONE</u></i>

Electrical Subcode Fees

1. ~~1-10~~ receptacles, fixtures or devices rated 20 amperes or less and motors and equipment rated less than one horsepower (hp) or one kilowatt (kw). This shall include lighting fixtures, wall switches, convenience receptacles, sensors, dimmers, alarm devices, smoke and heat detectors, communications outlets, light standards eight feet or less in height, emergency lights, electric signs, exit lights and similar electric devices, floor heat to 5kw
.....\$75.00
Each Additional ~~25~~ Units\$25.00

2. ~~For each motor or electrical device rated from one hp or one kw to 5 hp or 5 kw: for each transformer or generator rated from one kw or one kva to 10 kw or 10 kva: for each replacement of wiring involving one branch circuit: each storable pool or hydro massage bath tub, for each household electric cooking equipment rated up to 16 kw, each security or burglar alarm control unit, each receptacle rated from 21 amperes to 50 amperes, each light standard greater than eight feet in height, each communications closet and each panel board up to 99 amperes-
..... ea \$75.00~~

3. ~~For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 5 hp or 5 kw to 35 hp or 35 kw, each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor control center or disconnecting means rated 225 amperes or less, each transformer or generator rated from greater than 10 kw or~~

<i>Storable pool, spa, hot tub (R-3 and R-5 use groups)</i>	<i>Flat fee</i>	<i>\$100 each</i>
<u><i>Storable pool, spa, hot tub (all other use groups)</i></u>	<u><i>Flat Fee</i></u>	<u><i>\$150 each</i></u>
<i>Annual inspection. of commercial pools, spas, or hot tubs [per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(1)]</i>	<i>Flat fee</i>	<u><i>\$125 each</i></u>

Motors and apparatus rated in/by horsepower

<u><i>Includes, but is not limited to garbage disposal, space heater/air handler, motors, all other, 1 HP and over</i></u>	<u><i>Equal to or greater than:</i></u>	
	<u><i>1 HP up to 5 HP</i></u>	<u><i>\$50 each</i></u>
	<u><i>5 HP up to 50 HP</i></u>	<u><i>\$100 each</i></u>
	<u><i>50- 100</i></u>	<u><i>\$200 each</i></u>
	<u><i>100 HP +</i></u>	<u><i>\$600 each</i></u>

Transformers and app. rated in/by kilowatt

<u><i>Includes, but is not limited to electric range/receptacle, oven/surface unit, electric water heater, electric dryer/receptacle, dishwasher, central A/C unit, space heater/air handler, baseboard heat, transformers/generators, electric sign/outline lighting</i></u>	<u><i>Equal to or greater than:</i></u>	
	<u><i>1 KW up to 5 KW</i></u>	<u><i>\$50 each</i></u>
	<u><i>5 KW up to 50 KW</i></u>	<u><i>\$75 each</i></u>
	<u><i>50 KW up to 100 KW</i></u>	<u><i>\$200 each</i></u>
	<u><i>100 KW</i></u>	<u><i>\$600 each</i></u>

Service panels, panels and MCCs rated in amperes

<u><i>Includes, but is not limited to, service, subpanels, motor control center</i></u>	<u><i>Equal to or less than 200 amperes</i></u>	<u><i>\$100 each</i></u>
	<u><i>Greater than 200, equal to or less than 600 amperes</i></u>	<u><i>\$250 each</i></u>
	<u><i>Greater than 600 amperes</i></u>	<u><i>\$800 each</i></u>

~~7. Fee for each permanently installed private swimming pool, spa, hot tub or fountain including any required bonding, and associated equipment such as filter pumps, motors, disconnecting means, switches, required receptacles and underwater lighting fixtures, except panelboards—
..... ea. \$100~~

~~8. Fee for public swimming pools, *spas, and hot tubs* shall be charged on the number of electrical fixtures and rating of electrical devices involved in accordance with 1 through 5—
above.....
Minimum Fee..... \$300.00~~

~~9. Fee for the installation of single and multiple station smoke or heat detectors and fire, burglar or security systems in any one or two family dwellingea unit \$50.00~~

~~For fire, burglar and security alarm systems and detectors in buildings other than one and two family dwellings the fee shall be charged in accordance with 1 and 2 above—
.....Minimum Fee \$75.00~~

~~10. For installations of multimeter stacks, the fee shall be based on the ampere rating of the main bus—
Individual loadside panel boards shall be charged in accordance with 2 through 6 above.~~

~~11. For electrical work requiring replacement of service entrance conductors or feeder conductors only, the fee shall be charged in accordance with 2 through 6 above based on the rating of the overcurrent device of the service or feeder.~~

~~12. The fee for process equipment shall be based on the ampere rating of the overcurrent device protecting the conductor feeding the process equipment or the cutoff device.~~

~~13. For the purpose of computing these fees, all electrical and communication devices, utilization equipment and motors which are part of the premises wiring, except those which are portable plug-in type, shall be counted.~~

~~14. Demolition of electrical system, meter socket replacement and service re-connection
..... \$75.00 /100~~

~~15. Each Utility Load Management system\$46.00~~

~~16. Photovoltaic Solar System: The fee shall be based on the designated kilowatt rating of the photovoltaic system as follows:~~

- ~~1. One to 50 kilowatts the fee shall be \$200.00~~
- ~~2. Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$300.00~~
- ~~3. One hundred-one to 999 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$ 750.00~~
- ~~4. 1,000 kilowatts and greater, the fee shall be \$1,500.00~~

~~17. New residential installation of generator and transfer switch rated 20kw and 200
ampres or less\$200.00~~

~~18. Electrical re-connection of appliances/equipment 20 ampres or less under the Mechanical
Subcode~~

..... **\$25.00/appliance**

Car Charging Port/Station:

R-3 and R-5 uses Flat Fee per \$100

All other uses Flat Fee \$125

Generator (non portable):

R-3 and R-5 uses Flat Fee \$200

All other uses Flat Fee \$400

Minimum Electrical Permit Fee: \$50.00

Fire Subcode Fees

Fire Suppression:

- (a)Automatic Sprinklers
 - 1 to 20 heads \$100.00
 - 21 to 100 heads \$200.00
 - Over 101 to 1000 heads \$ 2.00 per head**
 - ~~Over 1000 heads \$ 1.50 per head~~
- (b)Sprinkler valves \$150.00 ea
- (c)Standpipe Riser \$225.00 ea
- (d)Fire Pump \$300.00 ea
- (e)Private Hydrants \$150.00 ea
- (f)Fire Tanks \$300.00 ea
- (g)Underground Piping \$100.00 ea
- (h)Pre-Engineered Systems \$200.00 ea

Alarm Systems:

- (a)Group R-3 & R-5 ~~\$ 60.00~~ **\$75.00** Flat Fee
- (b)All Other Use Group (per device) \$ 5.00 ea
- (c)Smoke Control Systems \$250.00 ea
- (d)Fire Alarm Control Panel ~~\$400.00~~ **\$125.00**ea

Mechanical Systems:

- (a)Heat Producing Device – Groups R-3 & R-5 \$ 25.00 ea
- (b)Heat Producing Device – All Other Groups.. \$ 50.00 ea
- (c)Hoods & Kitchen Exhaust – Commercial \$200.00 ea
- Residential.... \$ 75.00 ea
- (d)Spray Booths \$100.00 ea
- (e)Incinerators \$450.00 ea
- (f)Crematoriums \$450.00 ea
- (g) Solid Fuel Stoves (Wood,Pellet,Coal) \$ 75.00 ea
- (h)Metal Chimney & Chimney Liners \$ 75.00 ea

Regulated Fuel Storage Tanks – Underground:

- (a) Up to 10,000 gallons \$200.00 ea
- (b) Over 10,000 gallons \$250.00 ea

Regulated Fuel Storage Tanks – Above Ground:

- (a) Up to 2,000 gallons \$ ~~55.00~~ **75**
- (b) Over 2,000 gallons \$200.00 ea

Removal/Abandonment of Non-regulated fuel tanks \$75.00 ea

Minimum Subcode Fee:

All-Groups **Residential Uses** \$ ~~75.00~~ **55.00**

All other Uses **\$75**

<u>Fire Subcode Fees</u>		
A. Tanks:		
<u>1. Regulated Fuel Storage Tanks – Underground:</u>		
	(a) Up to 10,000 gallons	\$200.00 each
	(b) Over 10,000 gallons	\$250.00 each
<u>2. Regulated Fuel Storage Tanks – Above Ground:</u>		
	(a) Up to 2,000 gallons	\$55.00 \$75.00 each
	(b) Over 2,000 gallons	\$200.00 each
<u>3. Removal/Abandonment of Non-regulated fuel tanks</u>		<u>\$75.00 each</u>
<u>4. Minimum Subcode Fee:</u>		
	(a) All-Groups <u>Residential Uses</u>	\$75.00 \$50.00
	(b) <u>All other Uses</u>	\$75.00
B. Alarm Systems:		
	1. Group R-3 & R-5	\$60.00 \$75.00 Flat Fee
	2. All Other Use Group (per device)	\$5.00 each
	3. Fire Alarm Control Panel	\$100.00 \$125.00 each
C. Suppression Systems:		
	1. Fire Pump	\$300.00 each
	2. Sprinkler valves	\$150.00 each
	3. <u>Sprinkler heads:</u>	
	(a) 1 to 20 heads	\$100.00
	(b) 21 to 100 heads	\$200.00
	(c) <u>Over 101 to 1000 heads</u>	\$2.00 per head
	(d) Over 1000 heads	\$1.50 per head
	4. Standpipe	\$225.00 each

<u>D. Pre-engineered Systems:</u>		
1.	Pre-engineered Systems	\$200.00 each
2.	Private Hydrants	\$150.00 each
3.	Fire Tanks	\$300.00 each
4.	Underground Piping	\$100.00 each
<u>E. Other Systems:</u>		
1. <u>Kitchen Hood Exhaust System:</u>		
	(a) Commercial	\$200.00 each
	(b) Residential	\$75.00 each
2.	Smoke Control Systems	\$250.00 each
3. <u>Fuel-Fired Appliances:</u>		
	(a) Group R-3 & R-5	\$25.00 each
	(b) All Other Groups	\$50.00 each
4.	Venting & Chimney	\$75.00 each
5.	Spray Booths	\$100.00 each
6.	Incinerators	\$450.00 each
7.	Crematoriums	\$450.00 each
8. <u>Photovoltaic Systems:</u>		
	(a) <u>Group R-3 & R-5</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>
	(b) <u>All Other Groups</u>	<u>\$200.00/per 20 panels</u>

Mechanical Subcode Fees (R-3, R-4 & R-5 Use Groups only).

Fixture/Equipment_a

Cost

Water Heater

Flat fee for each item ~~-\$60~~ \$75

Each additional item ~~-\$20~~ \$25

Fuel Oil Piping (Up to THREE connections, all additional connections will be an additional item)

Gas Piping (Up to THREE connections, all additional connections will be an additional item)

Steam Boiler
 Hot Water Boiler
 Hot Air Furnace
 Oil Tank
 LPG Tank
 Fireplace
 Generator

Air Handler

Air Condenser

Chimney Liner

Gas Fired Pool Heater

Newly installed fuel fired domestic appliances

Newly installed ductwork per HVAC system FLAT FEE \$75/ 25 PER

ADDITIONAL

NOTES:

a If new electrical work is required in the installation of fixture/equipment a properly filed Electrical Subcode Technical Section Form F-120B must be filed with the application for permit and certified as required by the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 45:5A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:31.

b If installation of fixture/equipment will encompass backflow or cross connection work a separate Plumbing Subcode Technical Section Form F-130B must be filed with the application for permit and certified as required by the Master Plumbers Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 45:14C-7 et seq., N.J.S.A. 45:1-3.2 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.

c If replacement of fixture/equipment will include fuel or gas piping as part of the proposed work, fee(s) are based on the fixture/equipment only.

d A chimney certification for replacement of fuel fired equipment may be accepted per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.20(e).

Certificate and Other Permit Fees

Certificate of Occupancy	10% of Total Permit Fee
Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to a Change of Use	\$200.00 <u>\$300.00</u>
Certificate of Continued Occupancy -	\$200.00
Temporary certificate of Occupancy	
First issuance and renewal.....	\$30.00
Exception: There shall be no fee for the first issuance provided the certificate of occupancy fee is paid at that time.	
Reinstatement of Lapsed Permit	\$30.00
Change of Contractor update	\$25.00 per subcode

Application for a Variation

Class I Structures.....	\$400.00
Resubmission for Class I Structures	\$125.00
Class II and III Structures	\$150.00 <u>\$300.00</u>
Resubmission for Class II and III Structures	\$100.00

Lead Hazard Abatement Permit / Clearance Certificate \$100.00 / \$45.00

Annual Inspection/**Registration** of Cross Connections and Backflow Preventers..... ~~\$100.00~~ **\$75.00**

Annual Electrical Inspection of Public Pools, Spas or Hot Tubs..... ~~\$100.00~~ **125**

Local Plan review fees for prototype plans shall be 20% for the initial review and 5% for all additional prototype plans reviews. Plan review fee shall be 5% of the amount charged for the permit for all prototype ***plans issued by the Department.*** ~~releases.~~ The fee shall be 20% for all other reviews. This fee shall be paid before the before the plans are reviewed

The fee for review of any amendment or change to a plan that has already been released and does not require a subcode submittal shall be charged an hourly rate of **\$100.00** per hour. A minimum review time of one-half hour will be charged. Review times will be rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

Elevators

Plan review, acceptance inspections and tests and semi-annual inspections Per State Fee Schedule

No person shall be charged a construction permit ~~surcharge~~ fee or enforcing agency fee for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement designed and undertaken solely to promote accessibility by disabled persons to an existing private structure or any of the facilities contained herein.

(2)

A disabled person, or a parent or sibling of a disabled person, shall not be required to pay any municipal fee or charge in order to secure a construction permit for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement which promotes accessibility to his or her own living unit.

(3)

"Disabled person" means a person who has the total and permanent inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, including blindness, and shall include but not be limited to any resident of this state who is disabled pursuant to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 416), or the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. § 231 et seq.) or is rated as having a 60% disability or higher pursuant to any federal law administered by the United States Veterans' Act. For purposes of this

subsection "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20° shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

SECTION 2. Any or all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION 3. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. The sections, subsections and provisions of this ordinance may be renumbered as necessary or practical for codification purposes.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.