

**ORDINANCE NO: 009 - 2014**

**BUILDING CODES/ PERMIT ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided:

**Intent.** The intent of this ordinance is to: (a) promote the general welfare and safety of the community (b) Require a building permit for all incorporated areas of the City of Good Hope (permit must be obtained prior to start of project).

**Applicability.** It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, business, or corporation to undertake or cause to be undertaken any site preparation, development, renovations, improvements, construction or relocation of a building or structure (including manufactured housing) as in accordance with this ordinance, within the incorporated areas of the City of Good Hope unless a building permit has been obtained from the city clerk. Provisions of all other local, state, and/or federal codes, ordinances, and regulations shall be applicable for any project approved by the issuance of a building permit by the city clerk. It shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner to comply with such.

**Basic Format:** The basic format of the building permit shall include filling out the Building Permit Application form with the name, address, phone number, email (if available) of applicant and the land owner. Supply required/pertinent information requested on the Building Permit Application.

**Permit Fee Schedule:**

As Listed below:

**Each permit add \$10.00 issuance fee.**

<b><u>Amount of Project</u></b>	<b><u>Cost of Permit Only</u></b>
\$1,000 or less	\$20.00
\$1,001 - \$50,000	\$20.00 for first \$1,000 + \$6.00 each additional \$1,000
\$50,001 - \$200,000	\$314 for first \$50,000 + \$5.00 each additional \$1,000
\$200,001 & up	\$1,064 for first \$200,000 + \$4.00 each additional \$1,000

**Moving Fee**

For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$250.00 plus \$10.00 issuance fee

**Demolition Fee**

For the demolition of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$100.00 plus \$10.00 issuance fee.

For buildings less than 500 s.f., permit fee shall be \$25.00 plus \$10.00 issuance fee.

**Penalties**

Any person and contractor who fails to comply with any or all of the requirements or provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine to the City of Good Hope, of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The imposition of a fine or penalty for any violation or non-compliance with this ordinance shall not excuse the violation or non-compliance with this Ordinance or permit it to continue and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violation or non-compliance in a reasonable time. Any site preparation, development, structure constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, altered, or relocated in non-compliance with this Ordinance may be declared by the City of Good Hope to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

Where work for which permit is required by this ordinance is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified may be doubled, but the payment of such doubled fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this ordinance in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

Business license may also be subject to revocation after the first offense, if deemed necessary, by the city council.

The city council retains the right to bring appropriate action for injunctive relief to require the payment of damages, halt work and/or removal from the city or its jurisdiction all earth materials used either: (1) where prohibited; or (2) without first obtaining a permit in those areas for which a permit is required; or (3) when a false or improper statement is made on the application for permit.

**Codes**

The City of Good Hope adopts the following codes: International Building Code 2006, International Plumbing Code 2006, International Mechanical Code 2006, NEC 2005 Electrical Code, International Fuel Gas Code 2009, ADA 2010 Code, NFPA 101 Code 2006, and International Residential Code 2006.

**Liability**

The granting of a building permit shall not constitute a representation, guarantee or warranty of any kind by the City of Good Hope, or by any official, employee or agent thereof of the practicability or safety of the proposed use and shall create no liability upon the City of Good Hope, any official, employee or agent thereof.

**Severability**

If any provision of this Ordinance, including any exception, part, phrase, or term, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and in this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**Publication and Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2014.

ATTEST:

Jerry Bartlett  
Mayor, Jerry Bartlett

Christie Chamblee  
City Clerk