

TOWN OF ROCK HALL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Chapter 102 (Fees) of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall, Maryland

Fee Schedule – Copies of Town Records and Legislation

FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 102 of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall to provide that the Council may adopt a resolution establishing a schedule of fees for obtaining copies of Town records and legislation and may amend the same from time to time as appropriate; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to water and sewer usage rates in the Town of Rock Hall.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 97-04, which was passed by the Council of the Town of Rock Hall (the “Council”) on October 10, 1997, the Council added Chapter 102 (Fees) to the Code of the Town of Rock Hall (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, Article IV of Chapter 102 establishes a schedule of fees for copies and facsimile transmissions of Town records and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Council is desirous of amending certain fees set forth in Article IV; however, the Council desires to do so by resolution rather than ordinance to allow for a less rigorous means of amending the schedule of fees from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town to amend Chapter 102 (Fees) of the Code for the purpose of providing that the Council may adopt a resolution establishing a schedule of fees for obtaining copies of Town records and legislation and may amend the same from time to time as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Rock Hall, Maryland that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 102 (Fees) of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 102-8. Fee schedule [adopted].

~~[Pursuant to authority granted them in Article V of the Charter of the Town of Rock Hall, the Mayor and Council adopt the following fee schedule:~~

~~A. Copies (per page): \$1.~~

~~B. Local fax (per page): \$1.~~

~~C. Long distance fax (per page): \$3.~~

~~D. Code of the Town of Rock Hall: \$200.~~

~~E. Zoning Ordinance: \$100.~~

~~F. Floodplain Ordinance: \$50.~~

~~G. Subdivision Ordinance: \$50.~~

~~H. Comprehensive Plan: \$50.~~

~~I. Other publications: \$50.~~

~~J. Annual financial report (per report): \$30.~~

~~K. Transcription of tapes (per page): \$5; plus labor as provided in Subsection L.~~

~~L. Labor (per hour): \$15; minimum charge: \$10.~~

~~M. Administration charge: 25% of total cost of any copying, faxing, transcribing or labor charges.}~~

The Council may adopt a resolution establishing a schedule of fees for obtaining copies of Town records and legislation, and may amend the same from time to time as appropriate.

SECTION 2. The recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. In this Ordinance, unless a section of the code is expressly repealed in its entirety and reenacted, new or added language is underlined and in boldface type, and deleted text is crossed out and enclosed in brackets. Language added after the date of introduction is in bold, italicized font and language deleted after the date of introduction is crossed out with a double strikethrough.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Council that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. The title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

This Ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Council of the Town of Rock Hall, held on the **10th day of July, 2014** and having been reviewed and considered for final action after a public hearing on the **14th day of August, 2014**, was duly passed and enacted on the **14th day of August, 2014**.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL, MARYLAND, that this Ordinance shall become effective on the **4th day of September, 2014**.

VOTE

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

YEAS_____

Brian L. Jones, Council Vice President

NAYS_____

ABSTAINING_____

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian S. Nesspor, Councilmember

Approved as to form:

Charles D. MacLeod, Town Attorney

Date of Introduction: **July 10, 2014**
Date of Public Hearing: **August 14, 2014**
Date of Enactment: **August 14, 2014**
Effective Date: **September 4, 2014**