

ORDINANCE 2024-O-152

AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SAME-AMENDMENTS, SECTION 108.3 BUILDING PERMIT VALUATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING THE TABLE OF VALUATION; ADDING THE VALUATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE MOST CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) ADOPTED FOR COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION ONLY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo adopted a specific valuation table for Building Permit Valuations; and

WHEREAS, the valuation tables have not been revised since 2022; and

WHEREAS, the need to be amend and updating the valuation table would be eliminated by adopting the ICC Published Valuation Data as published for the most recent ICC Code adopted for commercial construction only by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Building and Building Administration, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 7-2. Same-Amendments.

Section 108.3. Building permit valuations. *Building valuations shall be based on the latest building valuation data published by the International Code Council in the most recent ICC Code adopted for commercial construction only by the City of Laredo.*

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of this ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not

affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council, without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

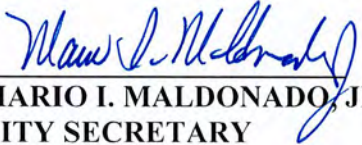
Section 4. After passage by City Council, this Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 5th
DAY OF August, 2024.**



**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

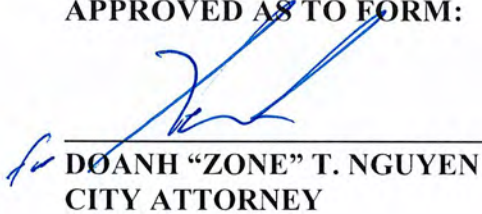
ATTEST:



**MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**

Building Valuation Data – AUGUST 2021

The International Code Council is pleased to provide the following Building Valuation Data (BVD) for its members. The BVD will be updated at six-month intervals, with the next update in February 2022. ICC strongly recommends that all jurisdictions and other interested parties actively evaluate and assess the impact of this BVD table before utilizing it in their current code enforcement related activities.

The BVD table provides the “average” construction costs per square foot, which can be used in determining permit fees for a jurisdiction. Permit fee schedules are addressed in Section 109.2 of the 2021 *International Building Code* (IBC) whereas Section 109.3 addresses building permit valuations. The permit fees can be established by using the BVD table and a Permit Fee Multiplier, which is based on the total construction value within the jurisdiction for the past year. The Square Foot Construction Cost table presents factors that reflect relative value of one construction classification/occupancy group to another so that more expensive construction is assessed greater permit fees than less expensive construction.

ICC has developed this data to aid jurisdictions in determining permit fees. It is important to note that while this BVD table does determine an estimated value of a building (i.e., Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost), this data is only intended to assist jurisdictions in determining their permit fees. This data table is not intended to be used as an estimating guide because the data only reflects average costs and is not representative of specific construction.

This degree of precision is sufficient for the intended purpose, which is to help establish permit fees so as to fund code compliance activities. This BVD table provides jurisdictions with a simplified way to determine the estimated value of a building that does not rely on the permit applicant to determine the cost of construction. Therefore, the bidding process for a particular job and other associated factors do not affect the value of a building for determining the permit fee. Whether a specific project is bid at a cost above or below the computed value of construction does not affect the permit fee because the cost of related code enforcement activities is not directly affected by the bid process and results.

Building Valuation

The following building valuation data represents average valuations for most buildings. In conjunction with IBC Section 109.3, this data is offered as an aid for the building official to determine if the permit valuation is underestimated. Again it should be noted that, when using this data, these are “average” costs based on typical construction methods for each occupancy group and type of construction. The average costs include foundation work, structural and nonstructural

building components, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and interior finish material. The data is a national average and does not take into account any regional cost differences. As such, the use of Regional Cost Modifiers is subject to the authority having jurisdiction.

Permit Fee Multiplier

Determine the Permit Fee Multiplier:

1. Based on historical records, determine the total annual construction value which has occurred within the jurisdiction for the past year.
2. Determine the percentage (%) of the building department budget expected to be provided by building permit revenue.
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$$\text{Permit Fee Multiplier} = \frac{\text{Bldg. Dept. Budget} \times (\%)}{\text{Total Annual Construction Value}}$$

Example

The building department operates on a \$300,000 budget, and it expects to cover 75 percent of that from building permit fees. The total annual construction value which occurred within the jurisdiction in the previous year is \$30,000,000.

$$\text{Permit Fee Multiplier} = \frac{\$300,000 \times 75\%}{\$30,000,000} = 0.0075$$

Permit Fee

The permit fee is determined using the building gross area, the Square Foot Construction Cost and the Permit Fee Multiplier.

$$\text{Permit Fee} = \text{Gross Area} \times \text{Square Foot Construction Cost} \times \text{Permit Fee Multiplier}$$

Example

Type of Construction: IIB

Area: 1st story = 8,000 sq. ft.

2nd story = 8,000 sq. ft.

Height: 2 stories

Permit Fee Multiplier = 0.0075

Use Group: B

1. Gross area:
Business = 2 stories x 8,000 sq. ft. = 16,000 sq. ft.
2. Square Foot Construction Cost:
B/IIB = \$213.38/sq. ft.
3. Permit Fee:
Business = 16,000 sq. ft. x \$213.38/sq. ft x 0.0075
= \$25,606

Important Points

- The BVD is not intended to apply to alterations or repairs to existing buildings. Because the scope of alterations or repairs to an existing building varies so greatly, the Square Foot Construction Costs table does not reflect accurate values for that purpose. However, the Square Foot Construction Costs table can be used to determine the cost of an addition that is basically a stand-alone building which happens to be attached to an existing building. In the case of such additions, the only alterations to the existing building would involve the attachment of the addition to the existing building and the openings between the addition and the existing building.
- For purposes of establishing the Permit Fee Multiplier, the estimated total annual construction value for a given time period (1 year) is the sum of each building's value (Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost) for that time period (e.g., 1 year).
- The Square Foot Construction Cost does not include the price of the land on which the building is built. The Square Foot Construction Cost takes into account everything from foundation work to the roof structure and coverings but does not include the price of the land. The cost of the land does not affect the cost of related code enforcement activities and is not included in the Square Foot Construction Cost.

Square Foot Construction Costs ^{a, b, c}

Group (2021 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	298.55	288.43	280.93	269.54	253.09	245.77	260.87	235.34	226.84
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	273.51	263.39	255.89	244.51	228.06	220.73	235.84	210.31	201.80
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	233.39	226.42	220.85	211.80	199.64	194.14	204.26	180.65	174.48
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	232.39	225.42	218.85	210.80	197.64	193.14	203.26	178.65	173.48
A-3 Assembly, churches	276.84	266.72	259.22	247.83	231.83	225.68	239.17	214.08	205.57
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	231.62	221.50	213.00	202.61	185.16	178.84	193.94	167.42	159.91
A-4 Assembly, arenas	272.51	262.39	253.89	243.51	226.06	219.73	234.84	208.31	200.80
B Business	240.93	232.14	224.41	213.38	194.94	187.44	204.97	171.50	163.65
E Educational	253.16	244.50	238.07	227.82	212.65	201.92	219.97	185.88	180.09
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	142.51	135.81	128.20	123.31	110.60	105.32	118.02	91.13	85.44
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	141.51	134.81	128.20	122.31	110.60	104.32	117.02	91.13	84.44
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	133.05	126.35	119.74	113.85	102.42	96.14	108.56	82.95	N.P.
H234 High Hazard	133.05	126.35	119.74	113.85	102.42	96.14	108.56	82.95	76.26
H-5 HPM	240.93	232.14	224.41	213.38	194.94	187.44	204.97	171.50	163.65
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	240.35	232.11	225.21	216.12	198.77	193.28	216.40	178.22	172.87
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	403.60	394.81	387.08	376.05	356.54	N.P.	367.65	333.11	N.P.
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	280.29	271.50	263.77	252.74	235.00	N.P.	244.34	211.57	N.P.
I-3 Institutional, restrained	273.98	265.19	257.46	246.43	229.58	221.08	238.03	206.14	196.29
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	240.35	232.11	225.21	216.12	198.77	193.28	216.40	178.22	172.87
M Mercantile	174.08	167.12	160.55	152.50	140.10	135.60	144.96	121.12	115.94
R-1 Residential, hotels	242.77	234.53	227.63	218.55	200.90	195.42	218.82	180.35	175.00
R-2 Residential, multiple family	203.34	195.11	188.20	179.12	162.64	157.15	179.40	142.08	136.73
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family ^d	189.34	184.22	179.47	175.04	169.94	163.79	172.07	157.66	148.33
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	240.35	232.11	225.21	216.12	198.77	193.28	216.40	178.22	172.87
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	132.05	125.35	117.74	112.85	100.42	95.14	107.56	80.95	75.26
S-2 Storage, low hazard	131.05	124.35	117.74	111.85	100.42	94.14	106.56	80.95	74.26
U Utility, miscellaneous	104.03	98.14	92.46	88.40	79.71	73.77	84.55	62.84	59.88

- Private Garages use Utility, miscellaneous
- For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent
- N.P. = not permitted
- Unfinished basements (Group R-3) = \$23.20 per sq. ft.

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 2024-O-152 **Version:** 1
Type: Final Readings **Status:** First Reading
File created: 7/5/2024 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 8/5/2024 **Final action:**
Title: An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 7, same-amendments, section 108.3 Building Permit Valuations, of the Code of Ordinances by deleting the table of valuation; adding the valuations published in the most current International Code Council (ICC) adopted for commercial construction only; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Sponsors:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING BUILDING VALUATION.pdf, 2. EXHIBIT A- BVD-BSJ-FEB2024.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/22/2024	1	City Council	close and introduce	Pass

SUBJECT

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On July 22, 2024 Council, adopted Ordinance 2024-O-152 where it set building valuations based on 2021 ICC data.

BACKGROUND

Council previously adopted Ordinance 2022-O-150 wherein it set valuations based on 2018 ICC data for commercial construction only. The 2021 ICC valuations have not been updated. Updating the valuation table to 2021 reflects current construction valuations. Building valuations shall be based on the laste adopted ICC Code.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

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Source of Funds:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A