

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 8
BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

No..... Date.....

Approved.....Mayor

1 *Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:*

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3 Section I. Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended to
4 add the following:

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6 **Sec. 8-1. – Penalties for failure to obtain building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical**
7 **permits.**

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9 (a) Any person, firm, corporation or other entity who erects, enlarges or alters a structure, or installs
10 or alters any equipment, the installation of which is regulated by an applicable code, without
11 first obtaining a building permit or permits for plumbing, electrical and mechanical from the
12 city shall be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-4. The responsibility for paying the
13 fines or penalties shall rest with the owner of the real estate. These fines or penalties are in
14 addition to such other remedies as the city may have.

15 (b) Any contractor, who erects, enlarges or alters a structure, or installs or alters any equipment, the
16 installation of which is regulated by an applicable code or performs other work requiring a
17 building, electrical, plumbing or mechanical permit without first obtaining said building permit
18 from the city, shall be subject to punishment as follows:

19 (1) For a first offense, a fine or penalty of \$250.00 for each permit plus a processing fee of
20 \$750.00 plus the cost of each building permit that should have been applied for in the first
21 instance. The responsibility for paying the fines, fees or penalties shall rest with the
22 contractor. These fines, fees or penalties are in addition to such other remedies as the city
23 may have;

24 (2) For a second offense within 12 months of the first offense, a fine or penalty of \$500.00 for
25 each permit plus a processing fee of \$1,500.00 plus the cost for each permit that would
26 have been incurred if a building permit were issued in the first instance. The responsibility
27 for paying ~~this~~ the fines, fees or penalties shall rest with the contractor. These fines, fees or
28 penalties are in addition to such other remedies as the city may have.

29 (3) For a third offense within 12 months of the first offense, a fine or penalty of \$500.00 for
30 each permit plus a processing fee of \$2,250.00 plus the cost for each permit that would
31 have been incurred if a permit were issued in the first instance. The responsibility for

1 paying the fines, fees or penalties shall rest with the contractor. These fines, fees or
2 penalties are in addition to such other remedies as the city may have.

3 (3 4) Failure to pay any and all fines, ~~or~~ penalties, or processing fees shall prohibit the building
4 official from issuing any additional permits to said registered or licensed contractor until
5 such time as all fines, ~~or~~ penalties, or processing fees are paid to the City of Warwick for
6 the subject property; provided however, if the contractor has three offenses within 12
7 months of the first offense, then the city may refuse to issue any permit for 6 months after
8 the date of the third offense.

9 (4 5) All fines, ~~and~~ penalties, or processing fees assessed under this ordinance are in addition to
10 and not in substitution of the contractor's responsibility to obtain the applicable ~~building~~
11 permits and pay to the city the requisite associated ~~fee~~-amounts.

12 (c) The building official shall notify the State Contractors Registration and Licensing Board and/or
13 the applicable division at the Department of Labor and Training within five days of any
14 violations issued to a contractor for being in violation of this ordinance.

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17 Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

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