



ORDINANCE 815

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 71-3, BUILDING PERMITS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE, TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING RENEWAL OF BUILDING PERMITS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 71-3 of the municipal code provides regulations regarding the renewal of building permits; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach find it reasonable to allow only one renewal of a building permit and eliminate any appeal to the Commissioners for an additional renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to ensure that building permits are based on current construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, having conducted a public hearing on May 4, 2023, to consider the proposal to remove inconsistent provisions governing the term of an issued building permit, recommended approval hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

Section 1. Amend §71-3G of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts and substitutions depicted below:

G. Building permits shall be valid for one year from date of issue, and may be renewed one time for one additional year ~~for a fee of \$50~~, provided renewal is applied for prior to expiration date., ~~except in extraordinary circumstances, an additional renewal may be allowed subject to Commissioners approval.~~ Projects for which the permit has expired will require a new permit based on a current construction cost estimate before continuing any work on the project. [Added 7-15-1988 by Ord. No. 121; amended 9-12-1992 by Ord. No. 245]

Section 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on this 16th day of June, 2023.

SYNOPSIS

This Act limits building permit renewals to a single renewal without appeal to the Commissioners for an additional renewal. Any projects for which a building permit has expired must reapply and provide a current construction estimate before resuming any work on the project.



Mayor, William Stevens



Town Manager, Bill Zolper