ORDINANCE NO. 28022

An ordinance amending Chapter 52, "Administrative Procedures for the Construction Codes," of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 303; providing a fee for a certificate of occupancy validation inspection; providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city council, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, the state law, and the ordinances of the City of Dallas, has given the required notices and has held the required public hearings regarding this amendment to the Dallas City Code; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Paragraph 303.5.9, "Fee for a Certificate of Occupancy," of Subsection 303.5, "Other Fees," of Section 303, "Fees," of Subchapter 3, "Permits and Inspections," of Chapter 52, "Administrative Procedures for the Construction Codes," of the Dallas City Code is amended by adding new Subparagraph 303.5.9.5, "Certificate of Occupancy Validation Inspection Fee," to read as follows:

"303.5.9.5. Certificate of Occupancy Validation Inspection Fee. The director of code compliance shall perform a certificate of occupancy validation inspection within 12 months after issuance of a new certificate of occupancy. An additional \$65.00 fee for a certificate of occupancy validation inspection must be paid with an application for a certificate of occupancy."

SECTION 2. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

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SECTION 3. That Chapter 52 of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2010, and it is accordingly so ordained. For applications for certificates of occupancy filed with the building official before October 1, 2010, the \$65.00 fee and the certificate of occupancy validation inspection are not required.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. PERKINS, JR., City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney