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**ORDINANCE NO. 1478**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 8-2, BUILDING OFFICIAL; POWERS, DUTIES, TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AND FINE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:**

**WHEREAS**, in order to oversee residential and commercial construction projects within the City of Columbus, Kansas, property owners shall be required to obtain building permits prior to beginning construction.

**SECTION 1.** That the 2020 Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas 2020, Chapter 8, Article I, Section 8-2; and Code 2014, §§ 4-203, 4-204 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 8-2. - Building official; powers; duties.**

- a) This chapter shall be administered and enforced by the building inspector. The building inspector shall act as chief building official and may assume the responsibilities of, or with the consent and approval of the city council, appoint a building inspector and such other assistants as may be advisable for the issuance of building permits and the inspection of building work.
- (b) The building inspector shall prepare such application, permit, inspection and record forms as may be required for the purposes of the chapter. The building inspector may make and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to obtain conformity with this chapter pertaining to the making of applications for building permits, issuing of building permits and inspecting of buildings and building works. In addition, the building inspector shall have the following duties:
- (1) To enforce all regulations relating to construction, alteration, repair, removal and demolition of building and structures;
  - (2) May permit, with the approval of the city council, on the basis of duly authenticated reports from recognized sources, the use of new materials or modes of construction, not provided for in this chapter, and may, for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this chapter adopt an accepted standard of material or workmanlike practices of federal or state bureaus, national, technical organizations or fire underwriters;

(3) To examine all buildings in the process of erection, construction, alteration or relocation in the city for the purpose of determining whether the work is in compliance with the permit given and in compliance with the regulations of the city pertaining to such work; and

(4) To keep comprehensive records of applications, of permits or certificates issued, of inspections made, of reports rendered, and of notices or orders issued. All such records shall be open to public inspection during stated office hours but shall not be removed from the office of the building official without his written consent.

(5) Applications for building permits may be obtained at City Hall and completed applications shall be submitted to the City's designated building official or code enforcement officer. Beginning work before a permit is issued or without a permit could result in a Stop Work Order.

(6) Violating a Stop Work Order will incur an administrative fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).


**SECTION 2.** All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon publication in the official City newspaper.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, this 5th day of April, 2021.

  
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Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cheri Chancellor, Columbus City Clerk

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