ORDINANCE NO.	2010-04
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DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS

WHEREAS Section 2(33) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland grants the authority to the Town to establish and collect reasonable fees and charges for franchises, licenses, or permits authorized by law to be granted by a municipal corporation; and Section 21.(b)(21) of the Charter of the Town of Washington Grove grants the authority to the Council to establish and collect reasonable fees and charges for such franchises, licenses or permits authorized by law or associated with the exercise of any governmental or proprietary function authorized by law to be exercised by the Town of Washington Grove and

WHEREAS the cost of processing a building permit has risen due to the use of a building code inspector and a new fee schedule is needed to reflect this. It is proposed that the new fee be set to allow for the 2.5 hours of the building inspector's time that we believe will be the minimum time needed per permit.

Therefore, be it ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Washington Grove, Maryland, that Article XVI Section 3 is hereby modified to read:

Section 3. Building Permits Applications.

- (a) Minor building permit. A minor building permit is defined as a building permit that does not require approval by the government of Montgomery County, Maryland, only requires approval by the Planning Commission of the Town of Washington Grove and does not require inspection by the code inspector. The filing fee for an application for a minor building permit is \$10.00.
- (b) Major building permit. A major building permit is defined as a permit for demolition or construction which requires approval not only by the Planning Commission of the Town of Washington Grove, but also by one or more offices of the Montgomery County Government. A major building permit requires the use of a code inspector to verify that the permit parameters are correct. The filing fee for an application for a major building permit will be 2.5 times the hourly rate for the TWG code inspector. Currently the hourly rate for the town code inspector is \$40. The new filing fee for a major building permit will be $$100 (2.5 \times $40)$.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of enactment hereof in the absence of a petition by qualified voters as set forth in Section 15 of the Charter of the Town.

		Approved by the Mayor and Town Council	
ATTEST:			
		Mayor	Date
 Town Clerk	Date		