AN ORDIANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING PERMIT AND RELATED FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

WHEREAS, Virginia Code sections 15.2-2241 and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, provides for the collection of fees to cover the cost of making inspections, issuing permits, advertising, of notices and other expenses incident to the administration and processing of a subdivision or zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 36-105 establishes that fees may be levied by the local governing body to be paid by applicants for the issuance of a building permit; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Administrative Code (13VAC5-63-70. Section 107) authorizes localities to charge fees to defray the cost of enforcing the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 14, Subsection Twenty of the Charlottesville City Charter authorizes the passage of ordinances, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the State, deemed necessary for the good order and government of the city, the management of its property, and the conduct of its affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Charlottesville, as amended, provides in various places for the City Council's approval from time to time of a schedule of fees associated with other types of applications, petitions, inspections, permits, and approvals administered by the City's Department of Neighborhood Development Services (NDS); and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville building permit fee schedule has not been updated since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the cost of enforcing the Statewide Building Code has increased generally and specifically with the addition of a new building inspector position and new permit application software; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, the Charlottesville fee schedule for permits issued under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code is hereby adopted as shown on the attached fee schedule document.