

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, ALABAMA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VARIOUS STANDARD BUILDING CODES RELATING
TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN, ALABAMA,
ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES, AND
PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council of the Town of Franklin, Alabama to adopt, in all respects, the various Codes relating to building, residential, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, existing buildings, fire prevention, swimming pools & spas, energy conservation, and accessible designs; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these Codes is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the Town of Franklin, Alabama relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the corporate limits of said town and relating to public safety, health, and general welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin, Alabama as follows:

SECTION 1: Building Codes

That the following Codes promulgated and published by the International Code Council (ICC) are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully and are hereby made applicable in and within the Town of Franklin:

- 2021 International Building Code (with State of Alabama amendments)
- 2021 International Residential Code
- 2021 International Plumbing Code
- 2021 International Mechanical Code (with State of Alabama amendments)
- 2021 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2021 International Existing Building Code
- 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (with State of Alabama amendments)
- 2020 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)
- 2021 International Fire Code (with State of Alabama amendments)
- 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

Should any conflict arise between any adopted codes, town ordinances, or state regulations, the most restrictive guideline will be used.

SECTION 2: Permit Fees

The following schedule of fees for erecting buildings/structures, repairing buildings/structures, or altering building/structures shall apply:

PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$0.00 to \$2,000	\$50.00 flat fee
\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$50.00 for the first \$2,001.00 plus \$8.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00.

PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE CONTINUED

<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$165.00 for the first \$25,001.00 plus \$8.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$265.00 for the first \$50,001.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$465.00 for the first \$100,001.00 plus \$6.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 and over	\$1,465.00 for the first \$500,001.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

1. Moving of Building or Structures:
 - a. For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$200.00.
2. Demolition of Building or Structures:
 - a. For the demolition of any building or structure, the fee shall be calculated according to the Permit Fee Schedule above.
3. Swimming pool permits are calculated according to the Permit Fee Schedule above.
4. When the valuation of the proposed construction exceeds \$1,000.00 and a plan is required by the 2021 International Building Code, a plan review fee shall be paid to the Town of Franklin at the time of submitting plans and specifications for review. Said plan review fee shall be charged at the hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour or any portion thereof.
5. Re-inspection fee to be paid at time of rescheduling.....\$50.00 each.
6. Additional plan review required by change, additions, or revision to approved plans....\$50.00 per hour or any portion thereof.

SECTION 3: Enforcement of Ordinance; Powers and Duties Generally

The Building Official of the Town of Franklin, Alabama shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and may enter any building, structure, or premises within the Town to perform any duties imposed by such Ordinance. It shall be the duty of the Building Official to inspect or cause to be inspected all installations, alterations, or repairs and to enforce all the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Prerequisite to Issuance of Permit

No permit shall be issued to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity until the fees herein prescribed shall have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be approved until the additional fee, if any, is paid.

SECTION 5: Failure to Obtain Permit

If any work has commenced by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity subject to the provisions of this Ordinance before obtaining the necessary permit, the fees set forth in this Ordinance shall be doubled. The payment of such double permit fees shall not relieve said person, firm, corporation, or other entity from fully complying with the requirements of this Ordinance, nor shall it exempt said person, firm, corporation, or other entity from any other penalties of this Ordinance as hereinafter prescribed. Each additional failure will result in the addition of \$100.00 to the overall cost of the permit.

SECTION 6: Expiration of Permit

All permits required under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be good for continuous performance of the work named thereon. Permits shall expire when work ceases for a period of ninety (90) days unless written approval is secured from the Building Official; provided, however, such permits shall expire in six (6) months because of abandonment of the work and, in such case of expiration, no fees shall be refunded. A new permit shall be applied for and new fees paid.

SECTION 7: Violation of Ordinance

Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity that fails to comply with, or otherwise violates, any provisions of this Ordinance shall stop work until such person, firm, corporation, or other entity is in full compliance with this Ordinance. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity found to be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00. Each violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

SECTION 8: Non-Liability of Town

This Ordinance shall not be interpreted or construed as imposing upon the Town, nor any employees thereof, any liability or responsibility whatsoever for damages to property or to any person injured by any defect in any building or structure, nor shall the Town's Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals, or Building Official thereof be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of any inspection authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9: Severability

Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision thereof, and should any provision be declared void or invalid, it shall not affect any other provision thereof. It is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might be held invalid.

Section 10: Exceptions

Exception(s) to Section 113 of the International Building Code and Section 108 of the International Fire Code:

All appeals from decisions of the Building Official shall be heard by the Town of Franklin Board of Zoning Adjustment or its designated governing body.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin, Alabama that any matters in said codes which are contrary to the existing Ordinance of the Town shall prevail and any existing Ordinances to the contrary are hereby repealed only to the extent of any such conflict and to that extent only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that within said codes when reference is made to the duties of certain officials named therein, that designated official of the Town of Franklin, Alabama who has the assigned duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said codes are concerned.

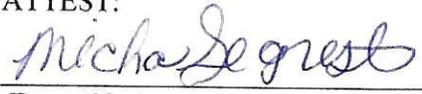
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026



Rheba J. Knox, Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Franklin, Alabama do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted and approved by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin, Alabama, at a regular meeting on the same held on January 13, 2026. The said Ordinance is posted at three (3) public places in the Town beginning January 14, 2026 at the following locations:

1. Town Hall;
2. Franklin Volunteer Fire Rescue Department;
3. Sunoco Gas Station

It is also posted on the Town of Franklin website: www.franklinalabama.gov



Micha Segrest, Town Clerk