AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO BUILDING PERMITS
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 155-2025-15

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IOWA:

1. Chapter 155 Building and Land Use Regulations is amended by repealing Sections 155.02, 155.08, and 155.14 and enacting the following substitutes for those sections:

Sec. 155-02. Building Official. The Mayor, Safe Building LLC, and anyone else the Mayor chooses to designate with the approval of the City Council, are considered "Building Official(s)", and are responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Chapter.

Sec. 155-08. Applications Approved or Denied. It is the duty of the Building Official to examine applications for permits within a reasonable time after filing. If, after examination, the Building Official finds no objection to the same and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the laws and ordinances applicable thereto, the Building Official shall issue said permit. Permits shall be issued in duplicate, one copy for the applicant and one copy to be retained in the City records. If said permit is denied by the Building Official after examination, the Building Official shall notify the applicant and forward the findings to the Council. The Council has final authority for approval or disapproval if the applicant chooses to appeal the decision of the Building Official pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 155-14 The permit becomes null and void if work or construction authorized is not commenced within 6 months, or if construction or work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 120 days at any time after work is commenced, or if the work is not completed within the time frame specified in the building permit. Extensions to these time frames may be granted by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of all the members of the Council.

2. Any Resolution, ordinance, or part thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance is repealed.

3. Severability clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

4. When effective. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2024.

City Council for the City of Linden, IA

Tom Kerkhoff

Mayor, City of Linden