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## Private Acts of 1963 Chapter 29

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the effective date of this Act, any person or persons desiring to erect or have erected, constructed, or reconstructed any building or structure in Dyer County, or any person or persons desiring to alter or have altered any existing building or structure in Dyer County, where the cost of such alteration will exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), shall first apply to the Tax Assessor of Dyer County for a building permit for such erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration. Said application shall be in a form to be prescribed by the Tax Assessor and shall contain the following information: (1) whether the proposed work is to be new construction or the alteration of an existing structure (2) the location or address of the proposed construction or alteration (3) the identity of the owner or owners of the premises (4) the cost of the completed structure in the case of new constructions, or in the case of the alteration of an existing structure, the value of such structure before and after such alteration and (5) such other information as the Tax Assessor shall prescribe.

Upon proper application, duly filed with the Tax Assessor for the issuance of a building permit, the Tax Assessor shall then issue such permit without cost, and shall take note of the fact of such erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration for his tax records.

No new or additional property tax shall be assessed against such premises unless and until such erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration is completed or at least completed to the extent that they are habitable or may be put to use. However, in the case of the alteration of an existing structure not theretofore on the tax books of the county, or against which no property tax has been assessed, the Tax Assessor is not precluded from assessing such structure at its value before such alteration is completed and subsequently increasing the assessment upon completion of such alteration, so as to include the value thereof.

**SECTION 2.** That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, upon conviction thereof, by a fine of not less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

**SECTION 3.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Dyer County, on or before the next regular meeting of such Court occurring more than thirty days (30) after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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