

# **Permit Fees: Building, Plumbing, Electrical, & Mechanical**

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## **BUILDING PERMITS**

### **§ 170.10.25. Permits and fees.**

(a) The fee for each permit shall be as set forth in the schedule of fees. The fee for each permit or reinspection shall be paid when the application is filed in the case of a permit fee, or upon receipt of a statement in the case of a reinspection fee. The declaration of estimated construction cost shall be made by the permit applicant. If the department determines that the estimated construction cost is unreasonable, the department may request the permit applicant to show proof of the actual construction cost, and may adjust the fees to reflect the actual construction cost. The value to be used in computing the building permit fees shall be the total value of all construction work including materials and labor for which the permit is issued and shall also include all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire-extinguishing systems and any other permanent equipment.

#### **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

(b) The schedule of fees shall be as follows:

(1) Commercial fee schedule:

TABLE INSET:

<b>ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	<b>FEE</b>
\$0.00 to \$1,000.00	\$20 minimum
\$1,000.01 to \$5,000.00	\$20.00 + \$0.53 per hundred or part hereof over \$1,000.00
\$5,000.01 to \$10,000.00	\$41.20 + \$0.42 per hundred or part thereof over \$5,000.00
\$10,000.01 to \$50,000.00	\$62.20 + \$0.32 per hundred or part thereof over \$10,000.00
\$50,000.01 to \$100,000.00	\$190.20 + \$0.26 per hundred or part thereof over \$50,000.00
\$100,000.01 to \$500,000.00	\$320.00 + \$0.23 per hundred or part thereof over \$100,000.00
\$500,000.01 to \$1,000,000.00	\$1,240.20 + \$0.21 per hundred or part thereof over \$500,000.00
\$1,000,000.01 to \$5,000,000.00	\$2,290.20 + \$0.18 per hundred or part thereof over \$1,000,000.00
\$5,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000.00	\$9,490.20 + \$0.16 per hundred or part thereof over \$5,000,000.00

\$10,000,000.01 to \$50,000,000.00	\$17,490.20 + \$0.13 per hundred or part thereof over \$10,000,000.00
\$50,000,000.01 to \$100,000,000.00	\$69,490.20 + \$0.11 per hundred or part thereof over \$50,000,000.00
Over \$100,000,000.00	\$124,490.20 + \$0.06 per hundred or part thereof over \$100,000,000.00
In addition to a permit fee, a project review fee of	\$0.0015 x the project value will be charged at the time of permit application (nonrefundable)
Re-inspection fee	\$40.00
Inspection fee where no fee is specifically indicated (minimum 1 hour)	\$40.00 per hour
Inspection fee outside of normal business hours (minimum 1 hour)	\$40.00 per hour
Transfer fee In the event that an unexpired building permit is to be transferred to another contractor, the contractor to whom the permit is to be transferred must obtain a new permit. If no changes have been made from the original permit, the fee will be:	\$40.00

(2) Residential fee schedule:

(i) Fee schedule for new single family dwellings, new two-family dwellings, and new additions to single family and two-family dwellings:

For new single-family dwellings and new two-family dwellings, the permit fee is based on the square footage of the living space of the proposed building. For new additions to single-family and two-family dwellings, the permit fee is based only on the square footage of the proposed new addition. To determine square footage of living space, measurements will be taken from the outside face of exterior walls. Areas such as closets, corridors, stairways, furnace rooms, fireplaces, and wall thicknesses cannot be excluded from living space. The square footage of garages and porches are not to be included as living space square footage. The square footage of all living space in second and additional floors shall be included as living space square footage. The permit fee for all of the above will be based on \$0.12 per square foot of living space. For this section, a basement is defined as a space having a floor at least two feet below any adjacent grade. The square footage of all finished space in basements or in walk-out lower levels shall be indicated on plans and shall be included in the living space square footage and figured at \$0.04 per square foot. All floor plans must be drawn to scale with the scale of the drawing clearly shown on the plans. The calculated square footage of living space shall also be clearly shown on the plans. The permit applicant must also declare the value of the building in order for the building department to maintain statistical records.

(ii) Fee schedule for single family dwellings and two family dwellings not falling into the residential fee category shown in (i) immediately preceding this section:

Total valuation or work to be performed

TABLE INSET:

\$1.00 to \$	\$11.50
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1,000.00	
1001.00 to 2,000.00	\$11.50 for the first \$1,000 plus \$0.60 for each \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00
2,001.00 to 25,000.00	\$17.50 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
25,001.00 to 50,000.00	\$80.75 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$2.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
50,001.00 to 100,000.00	\$137.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$1.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
100,001.00 to 500,000.00	\$224.50 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$1.15 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
500,001.00 and up	\$684.50 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$0.85 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof.

(iii) Additional fees associated with sections (i) and (ii) immediately preceding this section:

TABLE INSET:

Reinspection fee	\$20.00 each
Inspection fee where no fee is otherwise specifically indicated	\$20.00 an hour
Inspection outside of normal business hours (minimum charge--1 hour)	\$20.00 an hour
Transfer fee In the event that a building permit is to be transferred to another contractor, the person to whom the transfer is made shall obtain a new permit. If no changes have been made from the original permit and the permit has not expired, the fee will be	\$20.00

(c) Whenever any work for which a permit is required by this chapter has commenced without first obtaining a permit, a fee of either \$100 or an amount equal to the permit fee, whichever is greater, shall be assessed. This fee shall be in addition to the normal permit fee, and any other fine or fee that may be applicable.

(d) Whenever equipment or construction work, for which a permit is required, is concealed from view before the required inspections have been made by the department, the contractor or person responsible for concealing the work shall be required to pay a fee as follows: \$50 for the second occurrence (and \$50 for each subsequent occurrence) in a given calendar year. The contractor or person responsible for concealing the work will also have to expose the work so that the inspections can be made by the department.

(e) All fees collected shall be placed in the building and zoning special fund and shall be appropriated only for the payment of the ordinary and necessary expenditures of the department of building and zoning.

(Ord. No. 826-12-06, § 1(Exh. A), 12-19-06; Ord. No. 014-01-09, § 1, 1-6-09; Ord. No. 239-04-09, § 1, 4-21-09; Ord. No. 357-06-09, § 1, 6-16-09)

**§ 170.10.26. Refunds.**

Any applicant or permittee who decides not to proceed with the work proposed, may file a request for a refund. If the request is made within 60 days of the application

date, the department shall provide a full refund. If the request for refund is made more than 60 days but less than 120 days of the application date, the applicant or permittee will be allowed a refund of 80% of the original fee. No refunds will be granted if a request is not made within the time frames stated above, or if any work has begun.

(Ord. No. 826-12-06, § 1(Exh. A), 12-19-06)

**§ 170.10.27. Special historic buildings and districts.**

The provisions of this Code relating to the construction, repair, alteration, enlargement, restoration and movement of buildings or structures shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures identified and classified by local government authority as landmarks, subject to the approval of the building official to be safe and in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare regarding any proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement or relocation. All such approvals shall be based on the applicant's complete submission of professional architectural and engineering plans and specifications bearing the professional seal of the designer.

(Ord. No. 826-12-06, § 1(Exh. A), 12-19-06)

**§ 170.10.999. Penalty provisions.**

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty not less than \$50 per day nor more than \$500. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to this penalty the department may utilize any other statutory or common law remedies deemed appropriate by a court of law.

(Ord. No. 826-12-06, § 1(Exh. A), 12-19-06)

## **PLUMBING PERMITS**

**§ 171.10.13. Fees.**

The fee for each permit or reinspection shall be as follows and shall be paid when the application is filed in the case of a permit fee, or upon receipt of a statement in the case of a reinspection fee:

- a. The minimum permit fee \$20.00
- b. Plumbing fixtures 5.00 each
- c. Plumbing waste opening requiring a trap 5.00 each
- d. Installation of a new waste and/or water lines to a plumbing fixture or fixture stop 5.00 each
- e. Floor drain 5.00 each
- f. Inside downspout opening 5.00 each

- g. Drinking fountain 5.00 each
- h. The installation or relocation of each hydronic boiler
  - 1. New 50.00
  - 2. Replacement 30.00
- i. Fuel gas piping
  - 1. Gas piping systems per outlet 3.00 each
- j. Reinspection fee (see section 171.10.09) 20.00
- k. Inspection fee where no fee otherwise specifically indicated 20.00 per hour  
Minimum charge 20.00
- l. Inspection outside of normal business hours 20.00 per hour  
Minimum charge 20.00
- m. Transfer fee: In the event a plumbing permit is to be transferred to another contractor, the person to whom the transfer has been made shall obtain a new permit. If no changes have been made from the original permit and the permit has not expired, the fee will be \$20.00
- n. Whenever any work for which a permit is required by this chapter has commenced without first obtaining a permit, a fine of either \$100 or an amount equal to two times the permit fee, whichever is greater, shall be assessed. This fine shall be in addition to any other fine or fee that may be applicable.

(Ord. No. 675-12-97, § 1(Exh. B), 12-2-97, Ord. No. 519-07-05, 07-19-05)

#### **§ 171.10.14. Refunds.**

Any applicant or permittee who decides not to proceed with the work proposed, may file a request for a refund. If the request is made within 60 days of the application date, the department shall provide a full refund. If the request for refund is made more than 60 days but less than 120 days after the application date, the applicant or permittee will be allowed a refund of 80% of the original fee. No refunds will be granted if a request is not made within the time frame stated above, or if any work has begun.

(Ord. No. 675-12-97, § 1(Exh. B), 12-2-97)

#### **§ 171.10.999. Penalty.**

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty not less than \$50 per day nor more than \$500. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to this penalty the department may utilize any other statutory or common law remedies deemed appropriate by a court of law.

(Ord. No. 519-07-05, 07-19-05)

## **ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

### **§ 172.10.15. Fees.**

The fee for each permit or reinspection shall be as follows and shall be paid when the application is filed, in the case of a permit fee, or in the case of a reinspection fee prior to the reinspection:

a. Electrical service entrances.

1. Existing structures. All current consuming outlets are included.

Ampere Service

Up to 100	\$ 25
101 to 225	45
226 to 400	75
401 to 800	110
801 to 1200	145
1201 to 1600	165
1601 to 2000	200
Above 2000	245

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3. New structures. All current consuming outlets are included.

Ampere Service

Up to 100	\$ 35
101 to 225	60
226 to 400	125
401 to 800	245

801 to 1200	365
1201 to 1600	540
1601 to 2000	605
Above 2000	850

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5. Trailer courts.

For the first ten pedestals, each \$15

All pedestals thereafter, each \$10

For each trailer connection \$15

b. No service work.

1. Moved structures. \$20

2. New wiring, rewiring existing structures Every 5000 square feet or portion thereof \$20

3. Signs, each \$20

4. Reinspection \$20

5. Permit fee where no fee is specifically indicated \$20

6. Inspection outside of normal business hours, per hour \$20

c. Transfer fees. In the event an electrical permit is to be transferred to another registered electrical contractor, the contractor to whom the transfer has been made shall obtain a new electrical permit. If no changes will be made to the original scope of work, and the permit has not expired, the transfer fee will be \$20.

d. Refunds. Any applicant or permittee who decides not to proceed with the work proposed, may file a request for a refund. If the request is made within 60 days of the application date, the department shall provide a full refund. If the request for refund is made more than 60 days but less than 120 days of the application date, the applicant will be allowed a refund of 80% of the original fee. No refunds will be granted if a request is not made within the time frames stated above or if any electrical work has begun.

e. When any work for which a permit is required by this chapter has commenced without first obtaining a permit, a fee of either \$100 or an amount equal to the permit fee, whichever is greater, shall be assessed. This fee shall be in addition to the normal permit fee, and any other fine or fee that may be applicable.

(Ord. No. 721-9-91, 9-3-91, Ord. No. 519-07-05, 07-19-05)

## **MECHANICAL PERMITS**

## § 173.10.12. Fees.

The fee for each permit or re-inspection shall be as follows and shall be paid when the application is filed in case of a permit fee, or upon receipt of a statement in the case of a re-inspection:

a. Residential fees:

1. R-4 new single-family:

Furnace/air conditioning	\$50.00
Each additional furnace, air conditioning	\$25.00

Includes air conditioning, exhaust for bathrooms, and kitchens, venting of dryers, gaslines, and duct work installations.

Boiler - hot water or steam	\$50.00
Each additional boiler of either type	\$25.00
Solid fuel/vented decorative appliances	\$30.00
Gas log conversion	\$30.00

2. R-4 new duplex:

Furnace/air conditioning per unit	\$50.00
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Includes air conditioning, exhaust for bathrooms and kitchens, venting of dryers, gaslines, and duct work installations.

Boiler - hot water or steam	\$50.00
Solid fuel/vented decoration appliance	\$30.00
Gas log conversion	\$30.00

3. Replacement:

Furnace	\$30.00
Air conditioning	\$30.00
Boiler - hot water or steam	\$30.00
Furnace and air conditioning	\$40.00

4. Manufactured fireplaces, free-standing solid fuel heaters, and recessed fireplace inserts, gas log conversions, duct work and room heaters:

One	\$30.00
Each additional	\$15.00

b. Commercial fees--R-1, hotels, motels R-2, multifamily, 3-plex and above:

1. R-1 hotels and motels, new construction:

Includes air conditioning, exhaust for bathrooms, and kitchens, venting of dryers, gas, venting, and duct work installations, per unit \$40.00

2. R-2, multifamily, 3-plex and above, new construction:

Includes air conditioning, exhaust for bathrooms, and kitchens, venting of dryers, gas, venting, and duct work installations, per unit.

One to eight units, per unit \$50.00

Nine and above, per unit \$30.00

3. R-1 and R-2, replacements:

R-1, per unit \$30.00

R-2, per unit \$40.00

c. Fees for use groups:

Assembly	Group A-1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Business	Group B
Educational	Group E
Factory and Industrial	Group F-1, 2
High Hazard	Group H-1, 2, 3, 4
Institutional	Group I-1, 2, 3
Mercantile	Group M
Storage	Group S-1, 2
Utility and Miscellaneous	Group U

1. Combination heating or cooling unit (split or roof top):

a. Up to 5 tons

\$75.00 per unit.

b. 6 to 10 tons

\$85.00 per unit.

c. Each ton over 10

\$1.00 per ton, per unit.

Includes main ducts, branch ducts, all diffuser for supply and return air, restroom exhaust, and gas piping for new construction.

2. Spray booth exhaust/ventilation

\$50.00

3. Commercial kitchen hood/exhaust with or without fire suppression, includes make up air system

70.00 per hood

4. Exhaust:

Hazardous

\$50.00 each

Restroom

\$25.00 each

All other exhaust systems

\$25.00 per fan

5. Gas piping

Up to four openings

\$25.00

Four and above, per opening

\$3.00

6. Replacement of any HVAC equipment

\$50.00

7. Replacement duct system \$50.00

8. Specific appliances

\$30.00 each

factory-built fireplaces  
pellet fuel-burning appliances  
fireplace stove and room heaters  
factory-built barbecue appliances  
decorative gas-fired appliances for installation in vented fireplaces  
gas-fired log lighters  
vented gas-fired decorative appliances  
incinerators & crematories  
cooling towers, evaporative condensers  
& fluid coolers  
vented wall furnaces  
floor furnaces  
duct furnaces  
direct-fired air-heating equipment  
infrared radiant heaters  
clothes dryers - commercial  
illuminating appliances  
sauna heaters  
engine & gas turbine-powered equipment  
pool & spa heaters  
cooking appliances - commercial  
unit heaters  
unvented room heaters  
vented room heaters

9. Walk-in and reach-in coolers and freezers

\$30.00 per unit

d. Miscellaneous fees

1. Reinspection

\$20.00

2. Inspection fee where no fee is specifically indicated per hour

\$20.00

Minimum charge, per hour

\$20.00

3. Inspection outside of normal business hours

\$20.00

Minimum charge, per hour

\$20.00

4. Transfer fees. In the event a mechanical permit is to be transferred to another contractor, the person to whom the transfer has been made shall obtain a new permit. If no changes have been made from the original permit and the permit has not expired, the fee will be

\$20.00

- e. Whenever any work for which a permit is required by this chapter has commenced without first obtaining a permit, a fee of either \$100 or an amount equal to the permit fee, whichever is greater, shall be assessed. This fee shall be in addition to the normal permit fee, and any other fine or fee that may be applicable.

(Ord. No. 597-7-91, 7-16-91; Ord. No. 675-12-97, § 1(Exh. D), 12-2-97, Ord. No. 196-4-98, § 1, 4-21-98; Ord. No. 826-12-06, 02-01-07)

### **§ 173.10.13. Refunds.**

Any applicant or permittee who decides not to proceed with the work proposed, may file a request for a refund. If the request is made within 60 days of the application date, the department shall provide a full refund. If the request for refund is made more than 60 days but less than 120 days of the application date, the applicant or permittee will be allowed a refund of 80% of the original fee. No refunds will be granted if a request is not made within the time frames stated above or if any mechanical work has begun.

(Ord. No. 597-7-91, 7-16-91)

**§ 173.10.999. Penalty.**

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty not less than \$50 per day nor more than \$500. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to this penalty the department may utilize any other statutory or common law remedies deemed appropriate by a court of law.