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Fee Type		FY 2023-24 Approved Fees	FY 2024-25 Approved Fees
Part 4-101 (Building Fees)			
All building plan reviews will require a plan review fee at the time of building plan application submittal. The amount of the plan review fee will be subtracted from the cost of the building permit fee at the time of permit issuance. If the building permit application exceeds six months with no activity, the building permit application will be voided, and the plan review fee will not be refunded.			
Schedule A-E		FY 2024-25 Approved FEES	
New residential dwellings (1 and 2 family, including townhouse unit ownership)			
	Building Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	
Up to 1,200 sq. ft. (gross area)	\$146	\$146	
1,201 to 1,800 sq. ft.	\$325	\$146	
1,801 to 2,400 sq. ft.	\$400	\$146	
2,401 to 3,000 sq. ft.	\$456	\$146	
3,001 to 3,600 sq. ft.	\$537	\$146	
3,601 to 4,200 sq. ft.	\$650	\$146	
4,201 to 5,000 sq. ft.	\$740	\$146	
5,001 sq. ft. and over	\$810	\$146	
Schedule B			
New multi-family residential buildings (apartments, condominiums, triplex and fourplex)			
	Building Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	
1 st unit	\$300	\$450	
Each additional unit, per building	\$150	no additional fee	
Schedule C			
Accessory buildings			
	Building Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	
No footing	\$50	\$50	
Footing	\$100	\$50	
Schedule D			
Residential renovations and additions			
Additions:			
	Building Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	
\$0 to \$10,000 - no footing (add \$40 if footing required)	\$125	\$125	
\$10,000 and over - no footing (add \$50 if footing required)	\$250	\$125	
Interior renovations:			
\$0 to \$10,000	\$125	\$125	
\$10,000 and over	\$250	\$125	
Schedule E			
Nonresidential Buildings (Cost will be based on construction contracts unless a reason is identified to base cost on other information)			
	Building Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	
\$0 to \$5,000	\$104	\$104	
\$5,001 to \$50,000 (plus \$7.80 per 1,000 or fraction thereof over \$5,000)	\$104	\$104	
\$50,001 to \$100,000 (plus \$6.60 per 1,000 or fraction thereof over \$50,000)	\$456	\$230	

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\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$786	\$400
(plus \$4.32 per 1,000 or fraction thereof over \$100,000)		
Over \$500,000	\$2,513	\$1,300
(plus \$1.25 per 1,000 or fraction thereof over \$500,000)		
Schedule F		
Miscellaneous		
Mobile home (unit installation and foundation)	\$150	\$150
Modular unit (unit installation and foundation)	\$200	\$200
Moving permit (including new foundation)	\$125	\$125
Demolition permit:		
Up to 5,000 sq. ft.	\$75	\$75
Over 5,000 sq. ft. (no additional cost per 1,000)	\$150	\$150
Demolition associated with forthcoming permit	\$75	\$75
Residential reroofing (addition)	\$75	\$75
Commercial roofing/reroofing:		
\$0 to \$20,000	\$100	\$100
Over \$20,000	\$150	\$150
Residential decks (1 and 2 family)	\$100	\$100
Change of occupancy permit (if no building permit is otherwise required/no construction necessary)	\$50	\$50
Reinspection fees:		
Not ready for inspection	\$100	\$100
8 or more code violations found	\$100	\$100
2 nd reinspection	\$100	\$100
3 rd reinspection	\$200	\$200
4 th reinspection	\$300	\$300
Search and duplication fee for past permit, inspection and Certificate of Compliance records	\$10/page	\$10/page
Re-Stamp Plans or replacement copy of Digital Plans	\$20 per plan	\$20 per plan
Change of address, PIN, or PID on permitsv(building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and/or fire)	\$10 per trade	\$10 per trade
Issuance of duplicate placard	\$5	\$5
Work begun without permit	Double fee	Double fee
Voiding of permits (no maximum)	15% of permit cost	15% of permit cost
Stocking approval	\$100	\$100
Partial occupancy approval	\$200	\$200
Posting of occupancy (not associated with a permit)	\$50	\$50
Homeowner's recovery fund	\$10	\$10
Change of impervious surface on a permit	\$250	\$250
Plans Review - re-review (applies to each trade re-review):		
1st re-review	\$0	\$0
2nd re-review	\$200	\$200
3rd re-review	\$300	\$300
Floodplain development permit (small; does not require review of a flood study or approval by an elected body)	\$150	\$150
Floodplain development permit (large; does require review of a flood study or approval by an elected body)	\$500	\$500
Schedule G		
Fire Prevention Construction Permits and Plans Review Fees:		
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage (ERRC) Systems Permit	\$65	\$65
Gate and Barricade Permit	\$65	\$65
Smoke Control or Smoke Exhaust System Fees:		

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Smoke Control /Smoke Exhaust System Permit	\$65	\$65
Smoke Control /Smoke Exhaust System Review Fee	\$70	\$70
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Fees:		
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Permit	\$65	\$65
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Review Fee	\$70	\$70
Building plans review	\$53	\$53
Sprinkler plans review	\$60	\$60
Fire alarm plans review	\$70	\$70
Other plans review	\$53	\$53
Fire protection construction permits	\$65	\$65
Schedule H		
Enhanced Plan Review	\$600	\$600
Schedule I		
After Hours Inspections / hour	\$125	\$125
Part 4-102 (Sign Fees)		
The following schedule of fees applies to permits required by the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):		
Freestanding signs, per sign	\$0	\$0
Temporary signs, per sign	\$0	\$0
All other signs requiring sign permits, per sign	\$0	\$0
Minimum fee for any sign permit	\$0	\$0
Work not ready and reinspection. When a permit holder has failed to have work ready for a required inspection after having called for such an inspection, the permit holder shall pay a fee of \$50. When a permit holder has failed to correct any code violation(s) which had been cited on a previous called inspection, any subsequent inspection necessary to approve the work shall constitute an extra inspection and the permit holder shall pay a fee according to the following schedule:		
2 nd reinspection	\$0	\$0
3 rd reinspection	\$0	\$0
4 th reinspection	\$0	\$0
Any inspection, other than an extra inspection, which is performed to determine that the work authorized by the sign permit meets the requirements of applicable laws and regulations, shall be performed without further charge.		
Work begun without permit	\$0	\$0
Voiding of permits (no maximum)	\$0	\$0
Part 4-103 (Temporary Electrical Service)		
Application for permit for temporary electrical service	\$100	\$100
Each additional inspection	\$0	\$0
Part 4-104 (Electric Wiring and Equipment)		
Schedule A		
New residential (1 and 2 family, including townhouse unit ownership) Multi-family residential (apartments, condominium, triplex, and fourplex)		
100 to 200 amp service	\$156	\$156
400 amp service	\$187	\$187
Schedule B		
Outlets		
1 to 10 outlets	\$21	\$21
Each additional outlet	\$0.83	\$0.83
Schedule C		
Fixtures		
1 to 10 fixtures	\$21	\$21

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Each additional fixture	\$0.83	\$0.83
Schedule D		
Motors and generators of one-sixth horsepower (hp) or larger		
Electric motors and generators		
Minimum charge	\$18	\$18
Each motor	\$3.22	\$3.22
Additional charge per hp or fraction thereof, applied against total hp	\$0.62	\$0.62
Schedule E		
Branch circuits supplying appliances, devices, or equipment		
Disposal under 1 hp	\$10.90	\$10.90
Dryers and dishwashers	\$10.90	\$10.90
Electric water heaters or boilers	\$10.90	\$10.90
Electric signs and outline lighting:		
1 st circuit	\$10.90	\$10.90
Each additional circuit for same sign	\$3.22	\$3.22
Electric heat:		
Wall or baseboard heaters, 1 st unit	\$10.90	\$10.90
Each additional unit	\$3.95	\$3.95
Electric unit heaters:		
1 st kW	\$10.90	\$10.90
Each additional kW	\$1.56	\$1.56
Electric furnaces, duct heating units, supplementary or auxiliary units installed in ducts or plenums:		
1 st kW	\$10.90	\$10.90
Each additional kW	\$1.56	\$1.56
All other devices, appliances or equipment which are installed on individual branch circuits and not covered in other schedules, each	\$10.90	\$10.90
Schedule F		
Miscellaneous wiring not covered in Schedules A, B, C, D, E		
Lampholders for marquee and/or festoon lighting	\$55	\$55
Service equipment as determined by ampacity of buses in equipment:		
Up to 100 amperes	\$34	\$34
Each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof	\$6.97	\$6.97
Transformers, dry or liquid type, each:		
Up to 45 kVA	\$33	\$33
46 to 150 kVA	\$43	\$43
Over 150 kVA	\$55	\$55
Feeders of all types:		
Each feeder up to 100 amps	\$10.90	\$10.90
Additional charge per 100 amps or fraction thereof applied against total ampacity after deducting 100 amps per feeder	\$1.56	\$1.56
Schedule G		
Miscellaneous		
Fire Prevention Construction Permits and Plan Review Fees:		
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage (ERRC) Systems Permit	\$65	\$65
Gate and Barricade Permit	\$65	\$65
Smoke Control or Smoke Exhaust System Fees:		
Smoke Control /Smoke Exhaust System Permit	\$65	\$65
Smoke Control /Smoke Exhaust System Review Fee	\$70	\$70
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Fees:		
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Permit	\$65	\$65
Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems Review Fee	\$70	\$70

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Solar panel inspections:		
Residential	\$100	\$100
Commercial roof top	\$150	\$150
Commercial ground-mounted	\$150	\$150
Commercial ground-mounted, charge per trip for 3rd and subsequent inspections	\$50	\$50
Service or saw pole - 1 inspection only	\$65	\$65
Service or saw pole - extra inspection, each (instead of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinspection fees listed below in this Schedule G)	\$47	\$47
Temporary service connection - residential	\$100	\$100
Temporary service connection - commercial	\$150	\$150
Mobile home - 1 inspection	\$65	\$65
Mobile home - extra inspection, each (instead of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinspection fees listed below in this Schedule G)	\$47	\$47
Modular unit	\$69	\$69
Commercial reinspection	\$65	\$65
Minimum electrical permit fee	\$65	\$65
Reinspection fees:		
Not ready for inspection	\$100	\$100
5 or more code violations found	\$100	\$100
2 nd reinspection	\$100	\$100
3 rd reinspection	\$200	\$200
4 th reinspection	\$300	\$300
HVAC replacement - one inspection	\$65	\$65
HVAC replacement - additional inspections, each (instead of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinspection fees listed below in this Schedule G)	\$50	\$50
Work begun without a permit	Double fee	Double fee
Voiding of permits (no maximum)	15% of permit cost	15% of permit cost
Minimum fee for any permit requiring a rough-in inspection:		
Commercial	\$150	\$150
Residential	\$100	\$100
Schedule H		
After Hours Inspections / hour	\$125	\$125
Part 4-105 (Mechanical (Heating and Air) Code-related)		
Schedule A		
Residential (One- and Two-Family, including Townhouses and Condominiums, per Dwelling Unit or Side)		
Installation of a heating/cooling system with any concealed ductwork or component	\$125	\$125
Replacement or conversion of a heating/cooling system - 1st inspection	\$65	\$65
Subsequent inspections, each (instead of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinspection fees listed below in this Schedule G)	\$50	\$50
Installation of fireplace stoves, factory-built fireplaces, floor furnaces and wall furnaces	\$52	\$52
Gas piping	\$65	\$65
Fuel Lines	\$65	\$65
Schedule B		
Multi-family residential (Apartments, Triplexes and Fourplexes)		
Installation of a heating/cooling system (each dwelling unit)	\$100	\$100
Replacement or conversion of a heating/cooling system	\$65	\$65
Subsequent inspections, each (instead of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinspection fees listed below in this Schedule G)	\$50	\$50
Nonresidential heating/cooling: Installation of heating/cooling system, including boiler, furnace, duct heater, unit heater, air handling units and air distribution system		

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Upfits per sq. ft. (minimum \$98; maximum \$3,000)	\$0.058	\$0.058
Heating system in total BTU input per floor or per individual system:		
0 to 150,000	\$131	\$131
150,001 to 300,000	\$205	\$205
300,001 to 500,000	\$290	\$290
500,001 to 1,000,000	\$426	\$426
1,000,001 to 2,500,000	\$510	\$510
2,500,001 to 5,000,000	\$644	\$644
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	\$774	\$774
Over 10,000,000	\$929	\$929
Replacement of any component of heating/cooling system such as furnace, boiler, unit heater, duct heater, condensate receiver, feedwater pump, etc.	\$70	\$70
Schedule D		
Commercial cooling (with separate distribution system): Installation of a complete cooling system, including the distribution system and air handling units, with either a condenser, receiver, cooling tower or evaporative condenser coils		
Cooling or chiller in total tons:		
0 to 25 tons	\$83	\$83
Over 25 tons	\$166	\$166
Replacement of any component of cooling system	\$83	\$83
Schedule E		
Commercial ventilation and exhaust systems: Installation of ventilation and/or exhaust systems, including fans, blowers and duct systems for the removal of dust, gases, fumes, vapors, etc.		
Total motor horsepower:		
0 to 5	\$72	\$72
6 to 15	\$111	\$111
16 to 25	\$178	\$178
26 to 50	\$219	\$219
Over 50	\$262	\$262
Schedule F		
Hood for commercial type cooking, per hood	\$150	\$150
Minimum fee for any heating/cooling permit or ventilation:	\$65	\$65
Schedule G		
Reinspection fees:		
4 or more code violations	\$100	\$100
Not ready for inspection	\$100	\$100
2 nd reinspection	\$100	\$100
3 rd reinspection	\$200	\$200
4 th reinspection	\$300	\$300
Work begun without a permit	Double fee	Double fee
Voiding of permits (no maximum)	15% of permit cost	15% of permit cost
Schedule H		
After Hours Inspections / hour	\$125	\$125
Part 4-106 (Plumbing)		
Schedule A		
New residential construction; 1 and 2 family, including townhouse unit ownership; installation of new plumbing fixtures, building water and sewer service		
All dwellings	\$170	\$170
See Note 1.		

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Schedule B			
New multi-family construction (3 and 4 family apartments); installation of new plumbing fixtures, building water and sewer			
Per fixture		\$6.24	\$6.24
Minimum, per building		\$127	\$127
See Note 1.			
Schedule C			
New non-residential; installation of new plumbing fixtures, building water and sewer			
Per fixture		\$7.90	\$7.90
Minimum (without water and sewer)		\$187	\$187
Minimum (with water and sewer)		\$265	\$265
See Note 1.			
Schedule D			
Additions, residential and non-residential; installation of new plumbing fixtures, building water and sewer			
1 to 4 fixtures		\$65	\$65
1 to 7 fixtures		\$94	\$94
8 to 15 fixtures		\$119	\$119
Over 15 fixtures (per fixture)		\$7.90	\$7.90
See Note 1.			
Schedule E			
Fixture replacement; no change to rough-in			
1 to 4 fixtures		\$65	\$65
5 fixtures and over:			
Per fixture		\$6.86	\$6.86
Electric water heater (permit required)		\$65	\$65
See Note 1.			
Schedule F			
Miscellaneous			
Residential sprinkler permit		\$170	\$170
Gas piping		\$0	\$0
Mobile home		\$65	\$65
Modular unit		\$78	\$78
Not listed above but has water or sewer connection		\$65	\$65
Reinspection fees:			
4 or more code items		\$100	\$100
Not ready for inspection		\$100	\$100
1 st reinspection		\$100	\$100
2 nd reinspection		\$200	\$200
3 rd reinspection		\$300	\$300
Work begun without a permit		Double fee	Double fee
Voiding of permits (no maximum)		15% of permit cost	15% of permit cost
Note 1: For inspections under all Schedules in this Part 4-106: When due to the length of water or sewer work more than two trips are required, an additional charge for each trip after the second trip is imposed, of \$50.00.			
Schedule H			
After Hours Inspections / hour		\$125	\$125
Part 4-107 (Surcharge for Paper Application)			
\$5 surcharge added to the total fee for each plumbing, electrical or mechanical application submitted manually (paper submittal) as opposed to electronic submittal (paperless submittal)		\$5	\$5