



THE COMMON COUNCIL

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I, Kerri A. Mellott, Deputy Clerk of the Common Council, hereby certify on this 23 day of June 2021 that the following Ordinance is a true and exact copy of one and the same adopted by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, assembled in regular session on the 22 day of June 2021.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 6-27 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE PERTAINING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester Building Official is responsible for issuing building permits and the enforcement of building construction regulations as established by the Winchester City Code and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC); and,

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 36-105(B) enables localities to levy necessary fees to defray the costs of enforcing the USBC; and,

WHEREAS, the application of a fee for inspections of work initiated or completed prior to obtaining a valid work permit would offset the City's expenses relating to the enforcement of the USBC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, Virginia, that Chapter 6, Article II, Division 2, Section 6-27 of the Winchester City Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as provided in the accompanying document.

Ordinance No. O-2021-4

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Winchester on this 22 day of June 2021.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Winchester, Virginia.



Kerri A. Mellott
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council

CHAPTER 6 – BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE II. – UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE VOLUME ONE, NEW CONSTRUCTION CODE

DIVISION 2. – BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Sec. 6-27. – Prescribed, generally.

A permit for the construction or alteration of a building, structure, sign, plumbing, gas or mechanical work shall be charged a fee according to the following schedule. Fees shown are based on a per square foot basis unless otherwise indicated. In addition to these fees, an additional levy established by 13VAC5-63-70, Section 107, Fees, shall be charged to support the Virginia Building Code Academy and other training programs in accordance to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

New construction and additions:

Residential and institutional construction (Churches, schools, etc.).

Finished floor area\$00.16

Unfinished floor area\$00.12

Minimum fee\$40.00

Commercial and industrial

Finished floor area\$00.24

Minimum fee\$60.00

Industrialized buildings or shells, including slab and foundation (warehouse, etc.)\$00.20

Remodeling and/or finishing of shell space.

Residential\$00.14

Minimum\$40.00

Institutional, commercial or industrial\$00.16

Minimum\$60.00

Garage or carport\$00.14

Accessory building or structure\$00.14

Prefabricated homes with third party inspection seal (each)

(plus foundation permit)\$120.00

Replacement, special items, and services:

Deck or porch (each)\$50.00

Demolition (each)\$80.00

Plus bond\$500.00

(Note: An irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution in the amount of \$500.00 may be placed on file with the city treasurer in place of a bond.)

Asbestos removal permit\$60.00

Automotive lifts (per unit)\$40.00

Dumbwaiters (each)\$40.00

Elevators (each)\$100.00

Escalators (each - per floor)\$40.00

Fence (over 6 feet - per 50 linear feet)\$40.00

Retaining wall (per 50 feet)\$40.00

Fireplace, chimney, or wood stove (each)\$40.00

Foundation only (each)\$80.00

Moving building (plus foundation permit)\$100.00

Radio towers and like structures (each)\$40.00

Re-roofing (per job location):

 Residential\$50.00

 Non-residential\$100.00

Re-siding (per job location)\$50.00

Sign permit (per sign)\$40.00

Swimming pool (each):

 Residential\$60.00

 Non-residential\$100.00

Storage tanks (under or above ground - each):

 Removal\$50.00

 Installation\$80.00

Temporary structures\$60.00

Tents on residential property\$40.00

Tents on non-residential property\$60.00

Bleachers and grandstands (per site)\$40.00

Safety glass replacement\$30.00

Window Replacement (in Historic Winchester Zoning District)\$30.00

Services:

Temporary certificate of occupancy:

Residential (per unit)\$60.00

All other\$150.00

Renewal (all TCO's)\$100.00

Permit renewal\$50.00

Refunds - All permits:

Permits less than \$20.00 and minimum and base feesNo Refund

No work started: 75% of the fee above the minimum or base fee.

Work started: Based on percentage of work complete.

Not to exceed 50% of permit fee. Base fee is non-refundable.

Annual permit (where approved)\$200.00

Re-inspection (failure to be ready or second rejection)\$50.00

Inspection of work initiated without/prior to issuance of work permit:

Residential.....\$100.00

Commercial.....\$200.00

Pre-application plan preview

Residential one- and two-family\$60.00

Residential (three units)\$100.00

Additional per unit\$20.00

Non-residential\$200.00

New plans on previously approved project requiring a new plan review (per s.f.)
.....\$00.04

Change of use inspection

Residential\$40.00

Commercial, industrial\$100.00

Occupancy inspection

One- and two-family residential\$40.00

Other residential (per unit)\$60.00

Non-residential\$100.00

For work not specifically listed above or unable to be evaluated, the fee shall be \$6.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, of estimated cost, which includes materials and labor.

Plumbing Work:

Base permit fee:

Residential (per unit)\$30.00

Non-residential (per unit or floor)\$40.00

Water service inspection\$16.00

Sewer service inspection\$16.00

Per fixture (includes floor drain, hose connections, and outlets)\$7.00

Re-inspection (failure to be ready or second rejection)\$50.00

Prefabricated homes with third party inspection seals\$40.00

Cross connection device (each)\$10.00

Maximum\$200.00

Irrigation sprinkler system (base)\$40.00

Additional per head\$3.00

Mechanical Work:

Base permit fee:

Residential (per unit)\$20.00

Non-residential (per unit or floor)\$30.00

Heat pumps and Air Conditioning (per unit)\$30.00

Each additional ton over 5\$10.00

Maximum per unit\$240.00

Furnace or boiler to 100,000 BTU (per unit)\$30.00

Each additional 100,000 BTUs\$10.00

Maximum\$240.00

Fire dampers (each)\$5.00

Crematorium and incinerators (each)\$80.00
Commercial range hoods (each)\$50.00
Refrigeration systems (per unit)\$50.00
 Each additional ton over five\$10.00
Oil burners conversion or replacements\$60.00
Re-inspection (failure to be ready or second rejection)\$50.00
Other mechanical work not specified \$6.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, of
estimated cost, \$40.00 minimum

LP Gas Work:

Base permit fee:

 Residential (per dwelling unit)\$20.00

 Non-residential\$30.00

Per appliance or outlet\$7.00

Re-inspection (failure to be ready or second rejection)\$50.00

Natural Gas Work:

Note: The Shenandoah Gas Company provides funding for inspection of all natural gas work performed in the City. Permits are required, but there are no fees charged to the customer.

Fire Protection:

Automatic Sprinklers:

 Residential (13D)\$50.00

 Limited Area (per 20 heads)\$50.00

 Commercial (NFIPA systems) (base fee)\$60.00

 Additional per head\$1.00

Fire pumps (per pump)\$80.00

Standpipe systems (per riser)\$80.00

Underground fire line (per line)\$60.00

Water fixed spray, Foam, Carbon Dioxide, Halogenated, Dry chemical, Wet chemical systems (base fee)\$60.00

 Additional per head/outlet\$2.00

Fire alarm systems (base fee)\$60.00

Additional per device\$1.00

Re-inspection fees:

Hydrostatic retest (after one test)\$100.00

Fire alarm systems (after two inspections):

Base fee\$50.00

Additional per device\$00.50

Change from approved plans requiring new plan review:

Base fee\$50.00

Additional per added or moved device or head\$00.50

All other (failure to be ready or second rejection)\$50.00

Electrical:

*Note: Electrical inspections are performed by a third party firm under contract with the City of Winchester. Permit fees are collected by the third party firm as agent for the Building Official. A fee of \$1.50 shall be paid by the third party firm to the City for each permit obtained.

Annual Elevator Certification:

Passenger or Freight elevators (each)\$20.00

Escalators (each)\$20.00

Dumbwaiters (each)\$20.00

Man Lift\$20.00

Amusement Devices:

Fee established per 13VAC5-31-75, Virginia Amusement Device Regulations.

(Ord. Dated 8-9-76, 5-5—5-13; Ord. No. 016-80, 5-5—5-13; Ord. No. 027-83, 5-26, 8-9-83; Ord. No. 006-84, 5-26, 4-10-84; Ord. No. 016-87, 5-26, 6-9-87; Ord. No. 026-87, 5-26, 8-11-87; Ord. No. 004-90, 5-27, 2-13-90; Ord. No. 023-92, 5-27, 5-37, 5-66, 5-76, 5-85, 5-113, 5-132, 12-8-92; Ord. No. 040-95, 9-12-95; Ord. No. 026-2002, 10-8-02; Ord. No. 032-2003, 10-14-03; Ord No. 2016-10, 3-22-16)

State Law reference— Code of Virginia, § 36-105, authority to levy fees to defray cost of enforcement of building code.

Building code reference—USBC Section 107.