

Chapter 300. Construction Codes, Uniform

§ 300-3. Fees for construction permits; surcharge fee.

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A. The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the subcode fees listed in Subsection **A(1)** through **(5)** hereof and shall be paid before the permit is issued.

(1) The building subcode fee shall be as follows:

- (a) For new construction, \$0.030 per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures of all use groups as classified and defined in the building subcode, except that the fee shall be \$0.021 per cubic foot of volume for Use Groups F, S-1 and S-2, and the fee shall be \$0.008 per cubic foot for structures on farms used exclusively for the storage of food or grain or the sheltering of livestock, with the maximum fee for such structures on farms not to exceed \$1,060; provided, however, that the minimum fee shall be \$50, except for residential lawn sheds of 200 square feet or less, for which the minimum fee shall be \$35.
- (b) Fees for renovations, alterations, repairs, installation and foundation systems for premanufactured construction, underground storage tanks and leak detection systems shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be in the amount of \$20 per \$1,000 or any portion thereof. Above \$100,000, the additional fee shall be in the amount of \$15 per \$1,000 of estimated cost; however, the minimum fee shall be \$50.
- (c) Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis as for new construction for the added portion.
- (d) Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be computed as the sum of the fees computed separately in accordance with Subsection **A(1)(a)** and **(b)** above.
- (e) The fee for aboveground swimming pools shall be \$50. The fee for in-ground swimming pools and open structural towers shall be \$150.
- (f) The fee for a demolition or removal permit shall be \$75 for one- or two-family residences, residential accessory buildings and structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings under N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d), and \$125 for all other use groups.
- (g) The building subcode fee for the removal of a building or structure from one lot to another or to a new location on the same lot shall be based upon the estimated cost for moving, for new foundation and for placement in a completed condition in the new location, and shall be computed in accordance with Subsection **A(1)(b)** above.
- (h) The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be \$1 per square foot of the surface area of the sign, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$50 for any sign permit issued. In the case of double-faced signs, the area of the surface of only one side of the sign shall be used for purposes of the fee computation.
- (i) The fee for asbestos abatement shall be \$70.
- (j) The fee for lead hazard abatement work shall be \$140.

- (k) The fee for protection fences to be installed around swimming pools shall be \$50.
- (2) The plumbing subcode fees shall be as follows:
- (a) Plumbing fixtures and stacks. The fee shall be in the amount of \$15 per fixture or stack for all fixtures except as listed in Subsection **A(2)(b)** below.
 - (b) The fee shall be \$75 for the following special devices: grease traps, oil separators, water-cooled air-conditioning units, refrigeration units, utility service connections, utility service disconnections, backflow preventers equipped with test ports (double check-valve assembly, reduced-pressure-zone and pressure-vacuum-break backflow preventers), steam boilers, hot-water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), gas piping, active solar systems, sewer pumps, interceptors and fuel oil piping and manufactured home hookups. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.
 - (c) For the purpose of computing this fee, fixtures or stacks shall include but not be limited to lavatories, kitchen sinks, slop sinks, sinks, urinals, water closets, bathtubs, shower stalls, laundry tubs, floor drains, drinking fountains, dishwashers, garbage disposals, clothes washers, hot-water heaters or similar devices.
 - (d) For cross connections and backflow preventers requiring inspection every 12 months, the fee shall be \$45 for each such device.
 - (e) The fee shall be \$75 for water-pressure-booster pumps.
 - (f) The minimum plumbing subcode fee shall be \$50.
- (3) The electrical subcode fees shall be:
- (a) Electrical fixtures and devices.
 - [1] The fee shall be as follows:
 - [a] For the first block, consisting of one to 50 receptacles, fixtures or devices, the fee shall be \$55.
 - [b] For each additional block, consisting of up to 25 receptacles, fixtures or devices, the fee shall be \$15.
 - [2] For the purpose of computing this fee, receptacles, fixtures or devices shall include lighting fixtures, wall switches, convenience receptacles, sensors, dimmers, alarm devices, smoke and heat detectors, communications outlets, light-standards eight feet or less in height, including luminaries, emergency lights, electric signs, exit lights or similar electric fixtures and devices rated 20 amperes or less, including motors or equipment rated less than one horsepower or one kilowatt.
 - (b) For each motor or electrical device rated from one horsepower or one kilowatt to 10 horsepower or 10 kilowatt; for each transformer or generator rated from one kilowatt or one kilovolt-amperes to 10 kilowatt or 10 kilovolt-amperes; for each replacement of wiring involving one branch circuit or part thereof; for each storable pool or hydromassage bathtub; for each underwater lighting fixture; for household electric cooking equipment rated up to 16 kilowatt; for each fire, security or burglar alarm control unit; for each receptacle rated from 30 amperes to 50 amperes; for each light-standard greater than eight feet in height, including luminaries; and for each communications closet, the fee shall be \$15.
 - (c) For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 10 horsepower or 10 kilowatt to 50 horsepower or 50 kilowatt; for each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center, or disconnecting-means rated 225 amperes or less; for each transformer or generator rated from greater than 10 kilowatt or 10 kilovolt-amperes to 45 kilowatt or 45 kilovolt-amperes; for each electric sign rated from greater than 20 amperes to 225 amperes, including associated disconnecting-means; for each receptacle

rated greater than 50 amperes; and for each utility load management device, the fee shall be \$65.

- (d) For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 50 horsepower or 50 kilowatt to 100 horsepower or 100 kilowatt; for each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting-means rated from greater than 225 amperes to 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator rated from greater than 45 kilowatt or 45 kilovolt-amperes to 112.5 kilowatt or 112.5 kilovolt-amperes, the fee shall be \$125.
 - (e) For each motor or electrical device rated greater than 100 horsepower or 100 kilowatt; for each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting-means rated from greater than 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator rated greater than 112.5 kilowatt or 112.5 kilovolt-amperes, the fee shall be \$425.
 - (f) The fee charged for electrical work for each permanently installed private swimming pool as defined in the building subcode, spa, hot tub or fountain shall be a flat fee of \$55, which shall include any required bonding and associated equipment such as filter pumps, motors, disconnecting-means, switches, required receptacles, and heaters, etc., excepting panelboards and underwater lighting fixtures. For public swimming pools, the fee shall be charged on the basis of number of electric fixtures and rating of electrical devices involved.
 - (g) For installations consisting of multimeter stacks, the fee shall be based on the ampere rating of the main bus and not upon the number of meters or rating of disconnects on the meter stack. Individual loadside panel boards shall be charged in accordance with above. There shall be no additional fee charged for the concurrent installation of individual feeder conductors, as per Subsection **A(3)(c)**, **(d)** or **(e)**.
 - (h) For electrical work requiring replacement of service entrance conductors or feeder conductors only, the fee shall be based on the designated ampere rating of the overcurrent device of the service or feeder, as per Subsection **A(3)(c)**, **(d)** or **(e)**.
 - (i) The fee for yearly inspections for each public swimming pool, spa or hot tub shall be \$75.
 - (j) The minimum electrical subcode fee shall be \$55.
- (4) Fire protection subcode fees.
- (a) Fees for sprinklers shall be as follows:
 - [1] For 20 or fewer heads: \$70.
 - [2] For 21 to 100 heads: \$130.
 - [3] For 101 to 200 heads: \$245.
 - [4] For 201 to 400 heads: \$630.
 - [5] For 401 to 1,000 heads: \$870.
 - [6] Over 1,000 heads: \$1,115.
 - (b) Fees for detectors shall be as follows:
 - [1] For one to 12 detectors: \$50.
 - [2] Each additional 25 detectors: \$15.
 - (c) Fee for each standpipe shall be \$245.
 - (d) Fee for each independent pre-engineered suppression system shall be \$100.

- (e) Fee for each nonresidential kitchen exhaust system shall be \$50.
 - (f) Fee for each incinerator or crematorium shall be \$390.
 - (g) Fee for each gas- or oil-fired appliance that is not connected to the plumbing system shall be \$50.
 - (h) Fee for single- and multiple-station smoke or heat detectors and fire alarm systems in any one- or two-family dwellings shall be \$25.
 - (i) Fee for tank installation shall be \$50 per tank.
 - (j) The minimum fire subcode fee shall be \$50.
- (5) The mechanical subcode fee shall be:
- (a) The fee for LPG, NG, and oil-fired hot water boilers, warm air furnace, water heaters, etc.: \$75.
 - (b) The fee for generators, LPG and NG: \$75.
 - (c) The fee for tanks, oil and LPG: \$75.
 - (d) The fee for piping connections, LPG, NG, and oil: \$75.
 - (e) The fee for any item not listed herein shall be determined by the Construction Official and Plumbing Subcode Official.
- (6) The fee for plan review shall be 20% of the amount to be charged for the construction permit. The amount paid for this fee shall be credited toward the construction permit fee at the time of issuance of the construction permit.
- (a) In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126c, the fee specified in accordance with this subsection shall be waived for any county, municipality or any agency or instrumentality thereof.
- (7) Certificates of occupancy, plan review, revisions and/or prior use letter fees.
- (a) The fee for a certificate of occupancy for new construction shall be \$125 for all use groups; except for one- or two-family dwellings, the fee for which shall be \$75. For structures on farms used exclusively for storage of food or grain or sheltering of livestock or residential accessory buildings, the fee shall be \$50.
 - (b) The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to a change of use shall be \$250.
 - (c) The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy shall be \$200.
 - (d) The fee for a lead abatement clearance certificate shall be \$28.
 - (e) The fee for an asbestos removal certificate of occupancy shall be \$14.
 - (f) The fee for a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO): \$100.
 - (g) The fee for a plan review revision: \$50.
 - (h) The fee for a prior use letter: \$100.
 - (i) There shall be no fee for a certificate of approval or certificate of compliance.

B. Elevator subcode fees.

- (1) Fees for witnessing acceptance tests and performing inspections on new and altered elevator devices shall be as follows:

- (a) Basic fees for elevator devices in structures not in Use Group R-5 or in an exempted R-2 structure shall be as follows:
 - [1] Traction and winding drum elevators:
 - [a] One to 10 floors: \$209.
 - [b] Over 10 floors: \$350.
 - [2] Hydraulic elevators: \$186.
 - [3] Roped hydraulic elevators: \$209.
 - [4] Escalators and moving walks: \$186.
 - [5] Dumbwaiters: \$47.
 - [6] Stairway chairlifts, inclined and vertical wheelchair lifts and manlifts: \$47.
- (b) Additional fees for devices equipped with the following features shall be as follows:
 - [1] Oil buffers (charge per oil buffer): \$37.
 - [2] Counterweight governor and safeties: \$93.
 - [3] Auxiliary power generator: \$70.
- (c) The fee for elevator devices in structures in Use Group R-5 or otherwise exempt devices in R-2 structures shall be \$140. This fee shall be waived when signed statements and supportive inspection and acceptance test reports are filed by an approved qualified agent or agency in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.19 and 5:23-2.20.
- (d) Fee for performing inspections of minor work shall be \$47.
- (2) Fees for routine and periodic tests and inspections for elevator devices in structures not in Use Group R-5 or otherwise exempt devices in R-2 structures shall be as follows:
 - (a) Fees for the six-month routine inspection of elevator devices shall be as follows:
 - [1] Traction and winding drum elevators.
 - [a] One to 10 floors: \$130.
 - [b] Over 10 floors: \$168.
 - [2] Hydraulic elevators: \$93.
 - [3] Roped hydraulic elevators: \$130.
 - [4] Escalators and moving walks: \$130.
 - (b) Fees for one-year periodic inspection and witnessing of tests of elevator devices, which shall include a six-month routine inspection, shall be as follows:
 - [1] Traction and winding drum elevators.
 - [a] One to 10 floors: \$186.
 - [b] Over 10 floors: \$223.
 - [2] Hydraulic elevators: \$140.
 - [3] Roped hydraulic elevators: \$186.
 - [4] Escalators and moving walks: \$299.

- [5] Dumbwaiters: \$75.
- [6] Manlifts, stairway chairlifts and inclined and vertical wheelchair lifts: \$113.
- (c) Additional yearly periodic inspection charges for elevator devices equipped with the following features shall be as follows:
 - [1] Oil buffers (charge per oil buffer): \$37.
 - [2] Counterweight governor and safeties: \$75.
 - [3] Auxiliary power generator: \$47.
 - [4] Alterations: \$47.
- (d) Fees for the three-year or five-year inspection of elevator devices shall be as follows:
 - [1] Traction and winding drum elevators.
 - [a] One to 10 floors (five-year inspection): \$316.
 - [b] Over 10 floors (five-year inspection): \$354.
 - [2] Hydraulic and roped hydraulic elevators.
 - [a] Three-year inspection: \$233.
- (e) Fees for plan review shall be as follows.
 - [1] Residential: \$46.
 - [2] Apartment dwellings and commercial buildings: \$239.^[1]
 - [1] *Editor's Note: Former § 206-8C, regarding an annual 3% increase in fees beginning in 2007, which previously followed this subsection, was repealed 10-28-2008 by Ord. No. 2008-68.*

C. As required by the Department of Community Affairs, and to provide for the training, certification and technical support programs required by the Uniform Construction Code Act and the regulations, the Construction Enforcement Agency shall collect, in addition to the fees specified above, a surcharge in accordance with state regulations. Volume shall be computed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28. Said surcharge shall be remitted to the Bureau of Construction Code Enforcement, Department of Community Affairs, on a monthly basis as prescribed by regulation.

D. Waiver of fees; handicapped accessibility to buildings (see N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126e).

- (1) No person shall be charged a construction permit fee pursuant to this chapter for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement designed and undertaken solely to promote accessibility by the handicapped to an existing public or private structure or any of the facilities contained therein.
- (2) For the purposes of this Subsection D, "handicapped person" means a person who has the total and permanent inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, including blindness, and shall include, but not be limited to, any resident of this state who is disabled pursuant to the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 416) or the Federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. § 231 et seq.) or is rated as having a sixty-percent disability or higher pursuant to any federal law administered by the United States Veterans' Act. For purposes of this subsection, "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20° shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.