



Fee Schedule



Inspections Department
City of Burlington, NC

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Building Permit Fees

Residential Construction

New Construction

Permits for new construction including additions for single family dwellings, two family dwellings, modular homes, townhouses and guesthouses (not including condominiums)

- \$.31 per heated square foot or \$52.00 per inspection (whichever is greater) up to 2500 square feet.
- \$.072 per square foot or \$52.00 per inspection (whichever is greater) over 2500 square feet and any unheated square footage including attached garages, porches and decks.
- \$.072 per square foot or \$52.00 per inspection (whichever is greater) for detached private garages, workshops, storage buildings and similar residential buildings.

Other

- Permit fees for fences, pools, renovations, roofing, siding, structures other than buildings, retaining walls, windows, etc. are calculated on cost; refer to Table 1 below.
- Insulation inspection.....\$ 52.00
- Homeowner’s Recovery Fee (new construction, additions, Alterations, and renovations).....\$ 10.00
- Mobile Home site\$ 52.00
- Mobile Home set-up.....\$ 52.00
- Permit renewal or contractor change.....\$ 42.00
- House moving.....\$ 208.00

Table 1

Minimum Inspection Fee.....	\$ 52.00
Up to the first \$1,000.00.....	\$ 52.00
Each additional \$1,000.00 or any part of \$1,000 up to \$100,000.00	\$ 7.00
Each additional \$1,000.00 or any part of \$1,000 over \$100,000.00	\$ 6.00

Building permit fees

Commercial Construction

New Construction

Permit fees for new construction of commercial buildings and structures (i.e. new buildings, shells and additions) are based on the value from ICC table or the building construction cost provided by the contractor, whichever is greater. Please note that the building construction cost does not include plumbing, electrical or mechanical costs. To calculate the value from the ICC table go to <https://www.iccsafe.org/codes-tech-support/codes/code-development-process/building-valuation-data/> and select either PDF or XLS format under the Building Valuation Data section. When referring to the table you will need to know the type of construction and group (occupancy classification) and the square footage of the building. If there is more than one occupancy code, calculate the cost of the square footage for each one and sum to determine the total value. Once you have determined the total value deduct 30% (this represents plumbing, mechanical and electrical costs) and then use this figure or the building construction cost, whichever is greater and refer to Table 2 below to calculate the cost of the permit. Please note that the 30% is only to be deducted from the ICC table calculation; do not deduct the 30% from the building construction cost provided by the contractor.

Other

- Permit fees for commercial up-fits, renovations, alterations, fences, pools, roofing, siding, storage buildings, structures other than buildings, vanilla boxes, windows, retaining walls, etc.; use actual costs (not ICC) refer to Table 2 below.
- Commercial Plan Review: 4,000 Square feet or less..... \$104.00
 4,001 to 49,999 square feet..... \$208.00
 50,000 square feet or more..... \$313.00
- Insulation Inspection \$ 52.00
- Day care & Assisted Living \$ 84.00
- Construction/office trailer set-up \$ 42.00
- Construction/office trailer site \$ 42.00
- Stocking permit..... \$ 52.00
- Permit Renewal or Contractor Change..... \$ 42.00

Table 2

Minimum Inspection Fee.....	\$ 52.00
Up to the first \$1,000.00.....	\$ 42.00
Each additional \$1,000.00 or any part of \$1,000 up to \$100,000.00...\$	7.00
Each additional \$1,000.00 or any part of \$1,000 over \$100,000.00....	\$ 6.00

Electrical Permit Fees

New Construction

Electrical permit fees are based on size of service and are calculated as follows:

- Up to and not over 200 amps..... \$ 90.00*
 *Plus: for any underground inspections (slab, ditch, etc.)..... \$ 52.00
- Up to and not over 400 amps..... \$122.00*
 *Plus: for any underground inspections (slab, ditch, etc.)..... \$ 52.00
- Each additional 100 amps or any part thereof..... \$ 38.00

Minimum charges for alterations or additions not involving a service change are calculated as follows:

- \$73.00 for first 2,000 square feet
- \$10.00 for additional 1,000 square feet or any part thereof

Miscellaneous Electrical Fees:

- Residential Service Change..... \$ 52.00
- Low Voltage..... \$ 94.00
- Mobile Home..... \$ 52.00
- Welder..... \$ 52.00
- Saw service..... \$ 52.00
- Trailer service..... \$ 52.00
- Commercial & Industrial Service Change up to 400 amps..... \$104.00*
 *Plus: for each 100 amps over 400 amps..... \$ 32.00

Minimum inspection fee per trip	\$ 52.00
First extra inspection	\$ 52.00
Second extra inspection	\$ 78.00
Third & all additional extra inspections	\$104.00

Mechanical Permit Fees

Heating and Cooling Fees (Schedule I)

- Heat only (including boilers)..... \$.00075 x BTU
(output)*
*or \$52.00 per inspection, whichever is greater
- Cooling only..... \$.00130 x BTU
(output)*
*or \$52.00 per inspection, whichever is greater
- Heat & cooling (Total BTU)..... \$.00075 x BTU
(output)*
*or \$52.00 per inspection, whichever is greater
- Maximum cap for
boilers.....\$834.00

NOTE: BTU output to be determined by manufactures' label and/or literature at highest BTU rating.

Refrigeration Systems (Schedule II)

- Refrigeration (including chillers).....\$.00063 x BTU (output)*
*Plus: for each trip other than final inspection..... \$ 52.00
- Maximum cap for chillers..... \$ 834.00

Gas appliances Exhaust Ducts, Hoods, etc. (Schedule III)

- Gas appliance, Exhaust Ducts, Hoods:..... \$ 212.00
- Ansul test on hoods:..... \$ 72.00

Minimum inspection fee per trip	\$ 52.00
First extra inspection	\$ 52.00
Second extra inspection	\$ 78.00
Third & all additional extra inspections	\$104.00

Plumbing Permit Fees

Residential single/two-family dwellings and townhouses

- Kitchen, Laundry, Bath.....
\$84.00
- Each additional full bath.....
\$31.00
- Each additional half bath.....
\$21.00

Commercial

- First Fixture.....
\$52.00
- Each Additional Fixture.....
\$10.00

Minimum inspection fee per trip	\$ 52.00
First extra inspection	\$ 52.00
Second extra inspection	\$ 78.00
Third & all additional extra inspections	\$104.00

Other Permit Fees

- On-Site Consultations (all trades)..... \$ 42.00
- Handicap Signs..... \$ 31.00
- Van Accessibility or Minimum Penalty Signs..... \$ 8.00
- Journeyman card (test or re-test)..... \$ 31.00
- Inspection for ABC license \$ 25.00
- Penalty for beginning work without a permit..... permit fee is doubled

Contact Information

The Inspections Department is available to answer any questions you may have concerning this fee schedule.

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