Building Code Enforcement One-Stop Permitting Fee Schedule

Effective Aug. 1, 2026; Public Notice July 1, 2026

Residential Dwelling Units

- Permits/new and additions, (attached, heated or unheated): Permit fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits shall be determined by multiplying the total gross building floor area, (under roof), by a cost per square foot of $0.84

- Permits/new and additions, (detached, unheated): Permit fees for building and electrical permits shall be determined by multiplying the total gross building floor area by a cost per square foot of $0.24.

- These permits will be affected by a $10.00 surcharge effective October 1, 1991, as mandated by House Bill 37 "Homeowners Recovery Fund" (G.S. 87-15.6)

Commercial Construction

Permit fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits shall be determined by multiplying the total gross building floor area by the cost per square foot in the following table:

Commercial Construction Cont.

Table 1 Commercial Project Permit Fees

Occupancy Group	12,000 sq ft and less	Greater than 12,000 sq ft
Assembly	$0.66	$0.60
Business	$0.46	$0.40
Educational	$0.66	$0.60
Factory/Industrial	$0.36	$0.29
Hazardous	$0.29	$0.23
Institutional	$0.66	$0.62
Mercantile	$0.31	$0.26
Residential	$0.40	$0.36
Storage	$0.50	$0.40
Utility	$0.24	$0.19
Plan Review Fee	$0.05	$0.04

RTAP 50% of revised area

**Fees will be calculated to the nearest dollar amount.

Electrical Schedule

Table 2 Electrical Permit Fees

0 to 100 amps	$130.00
101 to 200 amps	$200.00
201 to 400 amps	$270.00
401 to 600 amps	$340.00
601 to 1000 amps	$400.00
1001 to 2000 amp	$540.00
2001 and above amps	$600.00
Wiring for mechanical or plumbing change out	$100.00
Identical replacement of equipment	$100.00
Fee for all other installations	$100.00

Solar Farms

Table 3 Solar Farm Permit Fees

Per megawatt up to 5 megawatts	$1620.00
Per megawatt up to 5 to 10 megawatts	$1380.00
Per megawatt over 10 megawatts	$1260.00

Mechanical Schedule

Table 4 Mechanical Permit Fees

Heat Pump, Gas Pack, Furnace with or without AC	$100.00
Gas Water Heater, Light, Line etc.	$100.00
Fee for all other installations	$100.00

Plumbing Schedule

Table 5 Plumbing Permit Fees

Water Heater	$100.00
Fee for all other installations	$100.00
Miscellaneous Fixtures	$100.00

Mobile Homes

Table 6 Mobile Home Setup Permit Fees

Single Wide Mobile Home Setup	$390.00
Double Wide Mobile Home Setup	$430.00

Pools

Table 7 Fees for Pools and Hot Tubs

In Ground Pools	$340.00
Above Ground Pools and Hot Tubs	$140.00

Other Permit Fees

Table 8 Other Permit Fees

Modular Home (Residential)	70% of Residential Rate
Move-In Residence	70% of Residential Rate
Residential Renovations	Area Square Footage x $.84 x 50%
Modular Unit (Commercial)	Square Footage x Fee of Occupancy x 70%
Construction Trailer	$100.00 per Trade
Shell Building (Initial Permit)	Square Footage x Fee of Utility Occupancy
Upfit of Shell Building	Square Footage x Fee of Occupancy
Commercial Renovations	Area Square Footage x Occupancy Fee x 75%
Daycare, Therapeutic & Group Home	$100.00
Change of Occupancy Permit (Change of Use)	$100.00
Conditional Power (Power and Gas)	$100.00
Demolition Permit (Residential and Commercial)	$100.00
Sign Permits	$190.00
Minimum Fee	$100.00
Starting work without a permit	Double Permit Fee
Re-inspection Fee	$120.00
Change of Contractor	$100.00
Zoning Permit	$60.00
Application Fee for Land Use Board	$800.00
Archive Research	$25.00
Refunds on Permit (No refunds after first inspection)	$100.00
Returned Check	$25.00
State Recovery Fund Charge to Contractors	$10.00

Additional inspections trips made necessary through the failure of any person, firm or corporation in charge of work, to give specific locations of work to be inspected, or to otherwise create conditions making such additional.

Inspections or trips necessary, are hereby designed "Extra Inspections." For each such "Extra Inspection", a fee of $100.00 shall be imposed for each offense.

A permit issued pursuant to G.S. 153-A-357 expires six months, or any lesser time fixed by ordinance of the County, after the date of issuance if the work authorized by the permit has not commenced. If after commencement the work is discontinued for a period of 12 months, the permit therefore immediately expires. No work authorized by a permit that has expired may thereafter be performed until a new permit has been secured. (G.S. 153A-358)

Therefore, the following fees will be charged for permits that are allowed to expire:

1. Permit expiring six months after issuance
    A. A new, second, permit will be issued within six months of the expiration date of the first Permit for a fee of $100.00.
    B. Time that lapses beyond six months of the expiration date will require the full amount of fees to be charged.
2. Permits expiring after a year with no work being done
    A. A new, second permit will be issued with the full amount of fees being charged.