



## ORDINANCE

### AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULES OF THE CITY BUILDING REGULATIONS

### CITY OF NASHUA

*In the Year Two Thousand and Five*

*The City of Nashua ordains* that Chapter 6 entitled "Building Regulations", Article III entitled "Fees", Section 6-21 "Permits and fee schedules" of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new language in italics as follows:

#### **“ARTICLE III. FEES**

##### **Sec. 6-21. Permits and fee schedules.**

(a) A permit shall not be valid until the prescribed fees have been paid and the permit issued. No permit to begin work for new construction, alteration, removal, demolition or other building operation shall be issued until the fees prescribed in this section have been paid to the department of building safety, nor shall an amendment to a permit necessitating an additional fee because of an increase in the estimated cost or scope of work involved be approved until the additional fee has been paid.

Where a permit has either been revoked, or a project discontinued or abandoned within six (6) months of the issuance of such permit, such permit may be returned to the building official for cancellation. One-half (1/2) of the permit fee shall be refunded by the city treasurer on certificate of the ~~code~~*building* official, except all penalties that may have been imposed on the permit held under the requirements of this chapter shall first be collected. If a project is abandoned without notice being made to the code official before a six-month interval has elapsed since the date such permit was issued, no refund shall be made. Residential or nonresidential use shall be in accordance with the intent of the Building Code of the City of Nashua, New Hampshire.

The fees for permits shall be charged as follows: The total amount of the permit shall be rounded to the nearest dollar (drop the total amount due under fifty cents (\$0.50) and increase the total amount due from fifty cents (\$0.50) to ninety-nine cents (\$0.99) to the next whole dollar).

(b) The board of aldermen may, at its option, waive or reimburse, as the case may be, payment of fees payable under this section, in whole or in part, to the extent of the value of municipal public improvements and/or land dedication, which an applicant obligates itself to make, over and above impact fees and the applicant’s fair share of off-site improvements imposed as a condition of site plan or subdivision approval.

BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

(1) A nonrefundable application processing fee shall be paid at the time of filing of any application

Building permit	<del>\$20.00</del> \$25.00
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(2) New buildings, additions, alterations, mobile homes, in-ground swimming pools, ~~repairs—~~ basements, connecting structures, future expansion areas and areas capable of being used as living or occupiable space shall be included to calculate aggregate floor area.

<del>Up to 500 square feet of aggregate floor area</del>	<del>35.00</del>
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~~Excess beyond 500 square feet (fee for each additional 100 square feet or part thereof)~~

<i>Residential (per square foot of area affected)</i>	<del>8.50</del> .10
<i>Commercial (per square foot of area affected)</i>	<del>17.00</del> .19

(3) *Alterations, repairs, fire damage -*

<i>Residential (per square foot of area affected)</i>	.05
<i>Commercial (per square foot of area affected)</i>	.10

~~(3)~~(4) Additional plan review for minor modifications of previously approved drawings, including commercial tenant fit-up

Residential (per square foot of area affected)	<del>.025</del> .03
Commercial (per square foot of area affected)	<del>.05</del> .06

When in the building official’s opinion the nature of the work is not related to floor area, the permit fee may be based on construction cost of ~~0.002 (two mills)~~ .005 (five mills) per dollar

<del>(4)</del> (5) Moving a building from lot to lot	<del>130.00</del> 140.00
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~~(5)~~(6) Demolition – *the total removal and disposal of a structure*

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Up to 1,000 square feet	<del>15.00</del> 20.00
Excess beyond 1,000 square feet (fee for each additional 100 square feet or part thereof of aggregate floor area)	<del>1.00</del> 2.00

~~(6)~~(7) Fire protection systems

a. Sprinkler systems:	
Base fee	20.00
Per head	.65
b. Other suppression systems: CO2, dry chemical, halon, foam, etc.	40.00
c. Fire alarm systems:	
Fire alarm and annunciator panels (each)	20.00
Fire alarm initiating device - Smoke detector, pull station, etc. (per device)	1.30

~~(7)~~(8) Signs

50 square feet or less	45.00
51 to 349 square feet	85.00
350 square feet and over	160.00

~~(8)~~(9) Elevators ~~70.00~~ 80.00

~~(9)~~(10) Special construction - Not including signs, but including and not limited to membrane structures, temporary structures, canopies and awnings, pedestrian walkways, radio and television towers, ~~and~~ radio and television antennas, *and commercial (other than asphalt roofing shingles) re-roofing.*

Fee shall be based on construction or installation cost of ~~.002-.005~~ ~~(two mills)~~(five mills) per dollar

~~(10)~~(11) Retaining walls over 4 foot in height *above grade min.* ~~25.00~~ 50.00  
Or per linear foot .20  
(whichever is greater)

~~(11)~~(12) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each) excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section, *example: residential antenna, small sheds (less than 500 sq. ft.), construction trailers or as deemed appropriate by the building official or his or her designee.*

Residential	<del>5.00</del> —10.00
Commercial	<del>10.00</del> —30.00

~~(12)~~(13) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection 40.00

(14) *Phased construction (foundation permits, interior demolition permits or shell permits) - phased construction shall be charged a 25% surcharge on the original permit fee for each upgrade phase.*

~~(13)~~(15) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed 250.00

(16) *Expedite service fee for special processing, and after hours service \$75 hour/per staff member with minimum of \$150 (2 hours) for weekends, or time not contiguous with normal work hours.*

**MECHANICAL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

*Residential Mechanical - Including Multi-Family*

(1) A nonrefundable application processing fee ~~\$20.00~~ 25.00

(2) Delivery system:

Gas supply piping (base fee) ~~15.00~~ 17.00

Gas supply outlets (each) ~~2.50~~ 3.00

Fuel oil storage tanks ~~(If underground or exceeds 660 gallons, building permit also required)~~

~~5.00~~ 6.00

(3) Equipment

Furnace ~~30.00~~ 35.00

Refrigeration system piping, coil, or condensing unit ~~5.00~~ 6.00

Boiler - Water or steam ~~30.00~~ 35.00

Boiler - Water or steam with domestic hot water generator ~~35.00~~ 40.00

Burner - Conversion or replacement - Oil or gas ~~5.00~~ 6.00

Heater - Vented or unvented - Floor, wall, or room ~~5.00~~ 6.00

(4) Wood or pellet stove and associated chimney ~~15.00~~ 17.00

(5) Factory built fireplace and associated chimney ~~20.00~~ 22.00

(6) Masonry fireplace and associated chimney ~~40.00~~ 45.00

(7) Chimney ~~20.00~~ 22.00

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- (8) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section ~~5.00~~ 30.00
- (9) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection 40.00
- (10) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed 250.00

*Commercial Mechanical*

- (1) A nonrefundable application processing fee ~~20.00~~ 25.00
- (2) Delivery system
  - Gas pipe (per 1000 BTU) (maximum \$300) ~~.15~~ .20
  - Fuel oil pipe (per 1000 BTU) (*maximum \$300*) ~~.15~~ .20
  - Fuel oil storage tanks ~~5.00~~ 6.00
- (3) Equipment
  - Furnace ~~35.00~~ 40.00
  - Boiler ~~40.00~~ 45.00
  - Single package (includes rooftops), air handlers ~~15.00~~ 17.00
  - Chiller/condenser ~~15.00~~ 17.00
  - Duct work (per 10 square ft of area served - minimum \$25.00) ~~.025~~ .030
  - Fire and smoke dampers ~~5.00~~ 6.00
- (4) Chimney (masonry or metal) 35.00 40.00
- (5) Vented unit heater ~~15.00~~ 17.00
- (6) Fans ~~15.00~~ 17.00
- (7) Kitchen exhaust systems:
  - Hoods (each) ~~25.00~~ 30.00
  - Fans associated with hoods (each) ~~2.50~~ 3.00
- (8) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section ~~10.00~~ 30.00
- (9) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection 40.00

- (10) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed 250.00

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Residential Electrical - Including Multi-Family

- (1) A nonrefundable application processing fee ~~\$20.00~~ 25.00

Note: If the items in Nos. (2)--(6) are included with any other work listed in those sections, there is no additional fee. (Example: If doing new construction, there is no charge for the house meter.) The higher price will prevail.

- (2) New construction, additions, renovations (per square feet of habitable area) ~~.05~~ .06

- (2a) Service entrance - (new dwelling only) 25.00

- (3) House meter ~~35.00~~ 40.00

- (4) Service change:

- Up to 3 units 35.00 40.00
- Each additional unit 7.00 8.00

- (5) Adding subpanel(s) (each) ~~15.00~~ 17.00

- (6) Adding or relocating meter(s) ~~35.00~~ 40.00

- (7) Pools (in-ground) ~~35.00~~ 40.00

- (8) Temporary service (each) ~~10.00~~ 35.00

- (9) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section ~~5.00~~ 30.00

- (10) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection 40.00

- (11) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed 250.00

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*Commercial Electrical*

(1) A nonrefundable application processing fee	<del>20.00</del>	25.00
(2) Electrical service entrance and service change (per amp)	<del>—</del>	.30
(3) Temporary service (each)	<del>30.00</del>	35.00
(4) Panels and subpanels (each)	<del>5.00</del>	6.00
(5) Outlets		
For switches, receptacles, fire and smoke detectors (each)	<del>.75</del>	.80
For lighting and lighting fixtures, except as otherwise provided – Each four (4) feet of continuous fluorescent lighting shall be deemed a separate lighting fixture (each)	<del>.75</del>	.80
For ranges, dryers, and similar heating devices (each)	<del>4.00</del>	5.00
For high intensity lighting and fixtures (each) (250 watt and above)	<del>7.00</del>	8.00
(6) Fixed multi-outlet receptacle assemblies (for each 6 feet)	<del>3.00</del>	4.00
(7) Track lighting (each 10 feet)	<del>3.00</del>	4.00
(8) Motor control centers (each), automatic transfer switches (each), wiring of hvac units (per unit)	<del>24.00</del>	26.00
(9) Water heaters (each)	<del>7.00</del>	8.00
(10) Electric baseboard heat (per unit)	<del>4.00</del>	5.00
(11) Buss ducts (each section)	<del>5.00</del>	6.00
(12) Transformers, generators, motors, x-ray machines (each)	<del>15.00</del>	17.00
(13) Paging and sound systems:		
Per speaker	<del>1.00</del>	1.50
Per console	<del>15.00</del>	17.00
(14) Signs (each)	<del>20.00</del>	25.00
(15) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section	<del>10.00</del>	30.00

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- (16) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection ~~20.00~~ 40.00
- (17) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed 250.00
- (18) Annual permit fee ~~100.00~~ 150.00

In lieu of an individual permit for each alteration to an already approved electrical installation, the code official shall issue an annual permit upon application therefore to any person, firm or corporation regularly employing one or more certified electricians in the building, structure or on the premises owned or operated by the applicant for the permit.

Annual Records: The person to whom an annual permit is issued shall keep a detailed record of all alterations to an approved electrical installation made under such annual permit, and such records shall be accessible to the code official at all times or shall be filed with the code official as designated.

**PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

*Residential Plumbing – Including Multi-Family*

- (1) A nonrefundable application processing fee ~~20.00~~ 25.00
- (2) Per fixture (tub, shower, sink, water closet, lavatory, dishwasher, garbage grinder, outside faucet, clothes washing machine, backflow preventer, etc.) ~~5.00~~ 6.00
- (3) Irrigation system (includes backflow preventer) ~~7.00~~ 8.00
- (4) Pumps and ejectors (each) ~~10.00~~ 11.00
- (5) Water heaters (each) ~~5.00~~ 6.00
- (6) Gas piping for water heaters (Mechanical permit applies for other gas piping) ~~2.50~~ 3.00
- (7) Water pipes (per 100 feet or part thereof) ~~10.00~~ 11.00
- (8) Sanitary sewer connection ~~10.00~~ 11.00
- (9) Drainage, waste and vent pipes: (per 100 feet or part thereof) ~~10.00~~ 11.00

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| (10) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section                            | <del>5.00</del> 30.00 |
| (11) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection | 40.00                 |
| (12) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit – one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed              | 250.00                |

*Commercial Plumbing*

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| (1) A nonrefundable application processing fee   | <del>\$ 20.00</del> 25.00 |
| (2) Per fixture (tub, shower, sink, water closet, lavatory, floor drain, drinking fountain, urinal, dishwasher, garbage grinder, outside faucet, clothes washing machine, wash down station, etc.) | <del>5.00</del> 6.00      |
| (3) Pumps and ejectors (each)  | <del>20.00</del> 25.00    |
| (4) Grease interceptor   | <del>15.00</del> 17.00    |
| (5) Water heaters (each)   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (6) Gas piping for water heaters (each)<br>(See mechanical permit for other gas piping)  | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (7) Medical gas piping (per 100 feet or part thereof)  | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (8) Irrigation system (includes backflow preventer)  | <del>12.00</del> 13.00    |
| (9) Backflow preventer (each)  |                           |
| Atmospheric vacuum breakers  | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| Pressure vacuum breakers   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| Dual check valve   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| Reduced pressure principle   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (10) Water pipes: (per 100 feet or part thereof)   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (11) Sanitary sewer connection   | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |
| (12) Drainage, waste and vent pipes: (per 100 feet or part thereof)  | <del>10.00</del> 11.00    |

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(13) Storm (drain) sewer connection	<del>10.00</del> 11.00
(14) Storm piping: (per 100 feet or part thereof)	<del>10.00</del> 11.00
(15) Roof drains (each)	<del>10.00</del> 11.00
(16) Minimum fee/miscellaneous equipment (each), excluding the application fee, where not otherwise provided for by this section	<del>10.00</del> 30.00
(17) Reinspection of the same work due to the failure to pass an initial inspection or the unavailability of the premises at the time of initial inspection	40.00
(18) Surcharge for permits issued after construction started without a permit one hundred (100) percent of applicable fee, but not to exceed	250.00”

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2005.