

**Substitute Ordinance No. BL2004-175
Fee Comparison
Metro Council Analysis Report – April 6, 2004**

[Title 16 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION](#)

[Chapter 16.12 PLUMBING CODE](#)

16.12.220 Fee schedule--Fixture classifications.

A. No plumbing permit shall be held valid until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid, nor shall an amendment or change to an existing permit be approved until such additional fees as may be due shall have been paid.

B. Permit fees for the installation of plumbing systems, devices, equipment and fixtures, including but not limited to the installation of fixtures, sewer connections, septic tanks, hot water heaters, repairs and alterations to existing plumbing installations and systems, shall be as follows:

Minimum fee (each permit) ...	\$25.00	\$50.00
*Plumbing fixtures (each fixture) ...	3.00	\$6.00
Each additional building drain ...	40.00	\$20.00
Sewer connection ...	25.00	\$50.00
Water service connection ...	25.00	\$50.00
Septic tank and disposal field ...	25.00	\$50.00
Repair or alteration to an existing septic tank or field ...	40.00	\$20.00
Hot water heater ...	6.00	\$12.00
Reinspection fee ...	25.00	\$30.00

* Each fixture outlet shall be counted as one fixture in figuring the total permit fee, whether or not the fixture is actually set at the time the plumbing system is installed.

C. The classifications listed below, among others, shall each be counted as one fixture:

Area drains;
Backflow preventers;
Baptisteries;
Bathtubs (with or without overhead shower);
Boiler blow-off tanks;
Combination sink and tray;
Commercial icemakers.
Dental lavatory;
Dental unit or cuspidor;
Diluting tanks and interceptors;
Dishwasher (fixed unit);
Disposal units (commercial);
Drinking fountains;
Floor drains;
Grease traps and interceptors;
Kitchen sinks;

Lavatory;
 Pools, fountains and aquaria;
 Roof drains;
 Shower drains;
 Slop sinks
 Solar panels when connected to plumbing system;
 Sump pumps;
 Swimming pools;
 Urinals;
 Washers (clothes, domestic, fixed drains);
 Washers (commercial, fixed drains);
 Water closets;
 Water tanks;
 (Ord. 92-118 § 10, 1992; Ord. 89-1001 § 3, 1989; Ord. 89-820 §§ 1, 2,
 1989; prior code § 33-1-37)

16.20.250 Fees--Schedule.

A. No electrical permit shall be held valid until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid, nor shall an amendment or change to an existing permit be approved until such additional fees, as may be due, shall have been paid.

B. In addition to any other penalty imposed for failure to obtain a permit where electrical work of any type, for which a permit is required, is commenced before a permit is issued, the permit fees shall be tripled.

C. Permit fees for the installation of any electrical system or part thereof, including but not limited to the installation of both new electrical systems and additions, alterations and repairs to existing electrical systems, the installation of electrical fixtures, equipment and devices and appurtenances thereto, shall be as follows:

1. Lighting circuits or any circuit where outlets are intended to be installed for low-voltage devices or lamp-holding devices and receptacles for the attachment of small, portable electrical devices and appliances; 130 volts or less:

a. For the installation of 10 or less such outlets ... ~~\$ 3.00~~ **\$4.50**

b. For additional outlets over 10, each ... ~~0.25~~ **\$0.40**

2. Motors and generators:

One horsepower or less each ... ~~4.00~~ **\$1.50**

Over 1 and including 10 horsepower, each ... ~~4.00~~ **\$6.00**

Over 10 horsepower, each ... ~~7.00~~ **\$10.50**

Motor-generator sets ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**

3. Electric ranges:

Residential, each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**

Commercial, each ... ~~42.00~~ **\$18.00**

4. Water heaters:

Residential, each ... ~~8.00~~ **\$12.00**

Commercial, each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**

5. Electric heat and electrically heated appliances other than ranges and water heaters:

Over 1 kw and including 5 kw, each ... ~~4.00~~ **\$6.00**

Over 5 kw and including 10 kw, each ... ~~7.00~~ **\$10.50**

Over 10 kw, each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**

6. Electric dryers:

Residential, each ... ~~5.00~~ **\$7.50**

Commercial, each ... ~~7.00~~ **\$10.50**

7. Electric signs (excluding service), each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**

8. Lunch wagons, bookmobiles, medical service vehicles, and similar structures on wheels, for lighting only ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**
(Motors, appliances and devices installed in such lunch wagons and similar structures shall be charged the same rate as prescribed for such motors, appliances and devices.)
9. Service, new installation, increasing size, or relocation, per meter ... ~~6.00~~ **\$9.00**
10. Installation of any wiring, device, apparatus, appliance or equipment not specifically covered herein, such as but not limited to disconnects, 220 volt receptacles, each ... ~~4.00~~ **\$6.00**
11. Distribution, lighting or switch panels:
Up to and including 200 amperes, each ... ~~5.00~~ **\$7.50**
201 to 400 amperes, each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$15.00**
401 to 800 amperes, each ... ~~45.00~~ **\$22.50**
801 to 1600 amperes, each ... ~~25.00~~ **\$37.50**
1601 to 3000 amperes, each ... ~~40.00~~ **\$60.00**
3001 to 6000 amperes, each ... ~~75.00~~ **\$112.50**
Each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof ... ~~4.50~~ **\$2.25**
12. Minimum fee ... ~~25.00~~ **\$50.00**
(Including permit for the installation of any electrical system or part thereof, including but not limited to the installation of both new electrical systems and additions, alterations and repairs to existing electrical systems, the installation of electrical fixtures, equipment and devices and appurtenances thereto, temporary services, etc.)
13. Re-inspection fee ... ~~25.00~~ **\$30.00**
14. Service releases:
Residential, one-family or two-family, except condominium units, each service riser ... ~~25.00~~ **\$50.00**
Residential, more than two-family, and condominium units, each service riser ... ~~25.00~~ **\$50.00**
Commercial or industrial, each service riser ... ~~50.00~~ **\$75.00**
15. Emergency reconnection of service, each ... ~~50.00~~ **\$75.00**
(Ord. 91-1583 § 1, 1991; Ord. 91-1558 §§ 9, 10, 1991; Ord. 91-1526 § 2, 1991; Ord. 89-821 §§ 1 -- 3, 1989; prior code § 14-1-39)

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[Chapter 16.24 PROPERTY STANDARDS](#)

16.24.650 Costs of repair or demolition--Lien on property.

A. The amount of the direct and indirect costs of such repairs, alterations, or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the department shall be assessed against the owner of the property, and shall, upon the filing of the notice with the office of the register of deeds of Davidson County, be a lien on the property in favor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, second only to liens of the state of Tennessee and Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for taxes, any lien of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for special assessments, and any valid lien, right or interest in such property duly recorded or duly perfected by filing, prior to the filing of such notice. These costs shall be collected by the metropolitan trustee at the same time and in the same manner as property taxes are collected. If the owner fails to pay the costs, they may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as delinquent property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalty and interest as delinquent property taxes. Indirect costs that may be assessed against the property owner shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of

postage, advertising, title searches, and recording fees and shall include an administrative fee in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty dollars (\$280.00) per demolition project to cover staff time in the administration of each demolition case.

B. In addition, the metropolitan government may collect the costs assessed against the owner through an action for debt filed in any court of competent jurisdiction. The metropolitan government may bring one action for debt against more than one or all of the owners of properties against whom said costs have been assessed, and the fact that multiple owners have been joined in one action shall not be considered by the court as a misjoinder of parties. If the structure is removed or demolished by the director, the director shall sell the materials of such structure and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of the removal or demolition, and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the chancery court by the director, shall be secured in such manner as may be directed by such court, and shall be disbursed by such court to the person found to be entitled thereto by final order or decree of such court. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the metropolitan government to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement, by summary proceedings or otherwise. (Ord. BL2001-585 § 1 (part), 2001)

A. Building Permit Fees.

~~Total Valuation Fees~~

~~\$2,000.00 and less \$25.00~~

~~\$2,000.01 to \$25.00 for the first \$2,000.00~~

~~\$50,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00~~

~~\$50,000.01 to \$265.00 for the first \$50,000.00 \$100,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00~~

~~\$100,000.01 to \$465.50 for the first \$500,000.00 \$100,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00~~

~~\$500,000.01 and up \$1,665.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.~~

1. Building Permit Fees for Residential Construction based on valuation. Residential construction includes one-family and two-family residential construction but not multi-family construction.

-	<u>\$0.00 to \$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
-	<u>\$2,000.01 to \$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$25.00 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.</u>
-	<u>\$50,000.01 to \$100,000</u>	<u>\$265.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.</u>
-	<u>\$100,000.01 to \$500,000.00</u>	<u>\$465.50 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00</u>
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\$500,000.01 and up \$1665.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

2. Building Permit Fees for Commercial Construction and all other Construction based on valuation.

\$0.00 to \$2,000.00 \$35.00.

\$2000.01 to \$50,000.00 \$35.00 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$6.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.

\$50,000.01 to \$100,000.00 \$323.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$4.83 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.

\$100,000.01 to \$500,000.00 \$564.50 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$3.63 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.

\$500,000.01 and up \$2,016.50 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$2.42 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

B. Moving of Buildings or Structures. For the moving of any building or structure where such necessitates the transportation of such building or structure in public rights-of-way or on public streets, the fee shall be ~~two hundred~~ **two hundred and fifty** dollars **(\$250.00)**; except, that such fee shall not be charged for the moving of temporary construction office sheds, mobile homes or house trailers.

C. Signs. For the erection, construction or alteration of any sign, billboard, awning, marquee or similar structure, the fee shall be determined from Section A above.

D. Trailers and Mobile Homes. For each trailer or mobile home located on an individual site, lot, trailer park, mobile home subdivision or apartment complex, there shall be a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** dollars **(\$50.00)**, such fee to be charged on the original location of a trailer or mobile home on the site. For each succeeding trailer or mobile home moved onto a lot not within a trailer park, mobile home subdivision or apartment complex, there shall be required a use and occupancy permit.

E. Certificate of Occupancy and Compliance. For the issuance of a use and occupancy permit or certificate of compliance where there has been no building permit issued, the fee shall be ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** dollars **(\$50.00)**.

F. Blasting. For blasting permits required by section 16.28.020, the fee shall be Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a blasting permit valid up to six months, and One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a blasting permit valid up to twelve months.

G. Re-inspection Fee. For a re-inspection, the fee shall be Thirty dollars (\$30.00).

H. Plans Examination Fees.

1. For the examination for code compliance of plans, specifications, drawings and other data, the plans examination fee shall be: ~~equal to one-half of the~~

~~building permit fee as set forth in subsection A of this section. Such plan-examination fee is in addition to the building permit fee and in no case shall this plans examination fee exceed five hundred dollars except as required by Section 16.28.130 or be refunded even if there is not a subsequent building permit issued. If an issued building permit is due a refund as per Section 16.28.140, in no case shall the plans examination fee be refunded.~~

~~\$0.00 to \$275,000.00 one-half of the building permit fee as set forth in subsection A of this section.~~

~~\$275,000.01 to \$5,000,000.00 \$600.00 for the first \$275,000.00 plus \$0.08 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$5,000,000.00.~~

~~\$5,000,000.01 and above \$978.00 for the first \$5,000,000.00 plus \$0.03 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.~~

~~Such plan-examination fee is in addition to the building permit fee and in no case shall this be refunded even if there is not a subsequent building permit issued. If an issued building permit is due a refund as per Section 16.28.140, in no case shall the plans examination fee be refunded.~~

2. Exceptions from plans examination fee:

- a. One- and two-family dwelling building permits;
- b. Townhouse building permits;
- c. Demolition permits;
- d. Blasting permits;
- e. Sign permits;
- f. U & O permits. (Ord. 95-1324 §§ 1, 2, 1995; Ord. 92-295 §§ 1--4, 1992; Ord. 92-118 §§ 21, 22, 1992; Ord. 91-1525 § 2, 1991; prior code § 11-1-42)

16.28.120 Valuations--Computations.

A. New Building or Structures and Additions. For the purpose of determining permit fees only for new buildings or structures and additions, valuations will be computed by using the "cost-per-square foot" figures as shown in the Building Valuation Data, as published by the International Code Council. Table for Good Construction, as published in the most recent issue of the Southern Building Magazine published by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., The value is based on construction type, occupancy group, the building area and without use of a regional modifier. "Valuation" means total cost of all structures which includes structural, electrical, plumbing, mechanical system and other systems, interior finish, normal site preparation (excavation and backfill for building), architectural and design fees, overhead and profit, but excluding land cost. ~~An additional classification shall be added to the Building Valuation Table.~~

Exception: "Mini-warehouses" or "self-service storage facility" shall be considered "average warehouse construction."

B. Remodeling Existing Buildings or Structures. For the purpose of determining permit fees, the "valuation" means the total cost of the project(s) including the cost of materials (including those supplied by owners), interior/exterior finishes, architectural and design fees, labor, overhead, profit, including all plumbing, electrical, mechanical and other systems. (Ord. 95-1324 § 3, 1995)