

## ARTICLE 1702

### Fees for the Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, Act No. 45-1999

#### 1702.01 Schedule of Fees.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Registration, Sale and Transfer of Real Estate - See ADM. Art. 119

#### 1702.01 SCHEDULE OF FEES.

Delete Section 401.2.a of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and insert the following:

##### **(a) Building Permit Fees**

##### **(1) Type 1, 2, & 3 Construction**

For inspection of each building classified as Type 1, 2 & 3 construction, the fee shall be one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for areas up to and including five hundred (500) square feet. For areas in excess of five hundred (500) square feet of floor area the fee shall be one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00), plus twenty cents (\$0.20) per square foot after 500 Square feet of floor area.

##### **(2) Type 4 & 5 Construction (Frame - Section 605.0 and 606.0)**

For the inspection of each building classified as type 4 and 5 construction the fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) up to and including five hundred (500) square feet of floor area. For areas in excess of five hundred (500) square feet of floor areas the fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) plus twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per square foot after 500 Square feet of floor area.

##### **(3) Computation of Floor Area**

In computing fees, a story higher than eighteen (18) feet and not more than thirty (30) feet shall be considered two (2) stories; a story higher than thirty (30) feet and no more than forty (40) feet shall be considered three (3) stories; except for one (1) story industrial uses (use Group F). The square foot area shall be based on outside dimensions of the structure. All floor area shall be calculated on the square foot basis except those areas with ceiling heights under five (5) feet, or crawl spaces.

- (4) For the inspection of buildings for which application is made for repairs or alterations, the fee shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) for the first five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of estimated cost of construction. For estimated construction costs which exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the fee charged shall be 1.2% up to \$500,000 cost of work plus .3% of cost of work over \$500,000.00.

- (5) The building official shall have the right to verify or correct the estimated value of any proposed building, structure, addition or alteration.

- (6) Demolition

The permit fee for all buildings or structures shall be one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) square feet of floor area, plus twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet of floor area or fraction thereof.

- (7) Moving Buildings

A permit shall be granted for the moving of a building upon payment of a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a dwelling or larger building and a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be added for each day a street, road, alley, or lane is occupied by a building or moving equipment. In addition, thereto, a permit shall be secured for the structure at the new location in accord with the permit fee schedule established for new construction.

- (8) Roof Replacement

For replacement of roofing material of residential single-family dwellings and appurtenant structures the permit fee shall be forty-two dollars \$42.00.

For all other roofing permits the fee shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) square feet and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet of roof area.

- (9) Swimming Pools

For private above grade pools thirty dollars \$30.00. For all other pools, 1.2% of estimated construction costs.

See section (h) regarding State fee added to all permits.

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

**(b) Electrical Fees****(1) Heating, Air Conditioners, Ranges, Water Heaters and Similar Equipment**

Per single unit	\$50.00
Each additional unit	\$15.00

**(2) Large Scale Industrial and Institutional - Yearly Permit Fees**

Large-scale industries and institutions that have a Master Electrician on their staff shall pay a yearly fee of \$350.00. This fee shall cover all of the maintenance work performed in that year. All new construction shall be covered under the fee schedule listed above.

**(3) Non-Residential Work**

Fee for installation of Electrical Systems in all other use groups, buildings new and remodeled, including Emergency Alarm Device, Smoke detectors, Computer wiring, or Phone Systems is as follows: 1.2% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .6% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with the minimum fee of \$90.00.

**(4) Nursing Homes**

Three (3) year State required minimum per hour or part thereof - \$75.00

**(5) Public Pools, & Spas**

Three (3) year inspection - State required \$125.00

**(6) Residential**

Fee for installation of Electrical Systems in a new single-family dwelling, the fee per dwelling unit will be: \$115.00

Service change not over 200 amp.	\$50.00
Each additional meter	\$15.00
Service change not over 400 amp.	\$90.00
Minor alterations (one to four devices)	\$50.00

Alterations, Additions, or Rewire Entire House  
Five (5) or more devices, including service \$90.00

## (7) Swimming Pools - Private

Above ground pool	\$50.00
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Permanent pool	\$80.00
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See section (h) regarding State fee added to all permits.

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

**(c) Schedule of Fire Code Fees**

Unless altered by subsequent Resolution approved by the City Council of the City of Bethlehem, the following schedule of fees shall apply:

## Flammable/Combustible Above or Underground Tanks (New)

Tanks above 500 gallons	\$150.00/Tank plus state fee
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Tanks below 500 gallons	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
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Flammable/Combustible Tank (Alterations)	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
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Underground Tank Removal	\$150.00/Tank plus state fee
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Over 2000 gallons	\$225.00/Tank
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Hazard Materials/Chemical Use	\$75.00/Material Type/Control Area plus state fee
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Flammable/Combustible Liquid Use/Storage	\$75.00 plus state fee
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Compressed/ Liquid Gas Use/Storage Tank	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
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## Flammable/Combustible Combination Above or Underground Tanks (includes operational permit)\*

Tanks 501 to 2000	\$150.00/Tank
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Tanks 500 gallons or less	\$100.00/Tank
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Tanks above 2000	\$350.00/Tank
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Flammable/Combustible Above Ground Alterations	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
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Stationary Per Tank Removal Above 2000 Gallons	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
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Stationary Per Tank Removal 2000 Gallons and Below	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
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Non-Medical Helicopter Landings within City	\$50.00 plus state fee
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Helicopter Use (Construction, etc.)	\$150.00/hour plus state fee
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Annual mobile cooking vendor (truck/trailer)*	\$100
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Cooking Vendor*	\$25.00/hr. Administrative/Review Fee
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Open flame cooking inspection*	\$25
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Tents 400 square feet or larger	\$50.00 plus state fee
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## Fire Department Operational Permit for existing commercial occupancies with a change of

commercial occupant	\$75.00
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Fire Department Administrative Fee	\$25.00
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Filing fee for records of all system inspections, tests and maintenance	\$15.00
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Per Resolution No. 2018-222

Construction Permits and Fire Department Operational Permits for new or existing commercial occupancies and commercial occupancies with a change of commercial occupant: Permit fees shall include one (1) inspection and one (1) re-inspection. All

subsequent re-inspections shall be billed at the rate of \$75.00 per hour with one (1) minimum to be billed in ¼ hour increments thereafter.

Fire Systems Construction permit fees shall cover Fire Department Operational Permit for new occupancies.

All permit fees are not inclusive of any required roster duty fees as deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal, and are not inclusive of any state fees where applicable. All Fire Department Construction Permit fees will include/cover the operational permit fee for the occupancies.

\* All operational and construction permits required in the 2009 International Fire Code will have a fee of \$50.00 with the exceptions of these permits.

Exception: Interior home heating oil tanks.

Exemptions: Tanks exempted by Pennsylvania Propane and LP Gas Law

Fire Code Violations

Penalties: Penalties shall be imposed to the maximum extent possible under Third Class City Code, specifically Section 141A04(c).

(Ord. 2017-51. Passed 12/19/2017.)

**(d) Mechanical Permit Fees**

For use groups R-3 - R-4 structure the cost will be \$50.00 for installation or replacement of the first device and \$15.00 for each device thereafter.

Fee for installation of fireplace, wood burning stove or coal stove shall be \$45.00

Fee for installation of Mechanical System in all other use groups, buildings new and remodeled is as follows: 1.2% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .6% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with a minimum fee of \$90.00.

See section (h) regarding State fee added to all permits.

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

**(e) Plumbing Fees**

Minimum permit fee for any construction is fifty dollars (\$50.00) which includes three (3)

fixtures or waste discharge devices plus fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each additional fixture or waste discharge device.

For the purpose of this Section, plumbing appliances and plumbing appurtenance shall also be construed to be a fixture.

1 to 3 fixtures or devices	\$50.00
each additional	\$15.00
sanitary sewer - new, replacement, repair	\$50.00
water service – new, replacement	\$45.00
storm sewer connection	\$45.00
replace or alteration of drainage or vent piping -	\$15.00 each fixture
water heaters	\$50.00

#### Non-Residential Work

Fee for installation of Plumbing Systems in all other use groups, buildings new and remodeled, is as follows: 1.2% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .6% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with the minimum fee of \$90.00.

See section (h) regarding State fee added to all permits.

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

#### (f) **Zoning Permit Fees**

Change of Use	\$72.00
Fences	\$36.00
Home office use	\$36.00
New Use	\$72.00
Parking Lots	
0-\$5,000.00	\$60.00
Over \$5,000	\$60.00 + .12% of cost thereafter
Sheds and Accessory Buildings for Residential	
Up to 100 square feet	\$18.00
101 to 200 square feet	\$36.00
201 to 300 square feet	\$60.00
301 to 600 square feet	\$180.00
601 feet and over	\$240.00
Signs	
0-100 square feet	\$60.00

101-200 square feet	\$90.00
Over 201 square feet	\$180.00
Portable curb sign	\$60.00

**(g) Refunds**

Twenty percent (20%) of the total permit fee will be retained by the City of Bethlehem if the permit is revoked or withdrawn or expires.

**(h) Training Fee**

Add Four Dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) to every permit issued to cover state-imposed training fee.

**(i) Reinspection Fees (other than fire code fees)**

After the first re-inspection a fee of \$75.00 per additional inspection visit will be required prior to additional inspections.

(Ord. 3038. Passed 10/22/1985; Ord. 3242. Passed 2/7/1989; Ord. 4255. Passed 6/15/2004; Ord. 4421. Passed 3/6/2007; Ord. 2010-4. Passed 3/16/2010; Ord. 2017-51. Passed 12/19/2017; Ord. 2025-43. Passed 11/18/25.)

NOTE: Article 1702, Certificates of Use and Occupancy, of the Codified Ordinances, was deleted in its entirety and replaced with this new Article 1702, Fees for the Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, Act No. 45-1999.

ARTICLE 1702

Certificates of Use and Occupancy

- 1702.01 Definitions.
- 1702.02 General Regulations.
- 1702.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Registration, Sale and Transfer of Real Estate - See ADM. Art. 119

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NOTE: This Article was deleted in its entirety and incorporated in new Article 1701, Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. (Ord. 4254. Passed 6/15/2004)