

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 fifty dollars (\$150.00) 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 fifty dollars (\$150.00), plus fifteen cents (\$0.15) 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 twenty five dollars (\$125.00) 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 twenty five dollars (\$125.00) plus twenty cents (\$0.20) 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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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% up to \$500,000 cost of work plus .2% 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 dollars (\$100.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) square feet of floor area, plus ten dollars (\$10.00) 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 \$35.00.

For all other roofing permits the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) square feet and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet of roof area.

(9) Swimming Pools

For private above grade pools \$25.00. For all other pools, 1% 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	40.00
Each additional unit	10.00

- (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 \$250.00. 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% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .5% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with the minimum fee of \$75.00.

- (4) Nursing Homes

Three (3) year State required minimum per hour or part thereof - 50.00

- (5) Public Pools, & Spas

Three (3) year inspection - State required	100.00
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- (6) Residential

Fee for installation of Electrical Systems in a new single family dwelling, the fee per dwelling unit will be: \$100.00

Service change not over 200 amp.	40.00
Each additional meter	10.00
Service change not over 400 amp.	75.00
Minor alterations (one to four devices)	40.00

Alterations, Additions, or Rewire Entire House	
Five (5) or more devices, including service	75.00

- (7) Swimming Pools - Private

Above ground pool	40.00
Permanent pool	65.00

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

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

(c) Schedule of Fire Code Fees

15	Flammable/Combustible Above or Underground Tanks (New)	
	Tanks above 500 gallons	\$150.00/Tank plus state fee
	Tanks below 500 gallons	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
16	Flammable/Combustible Tank (Alterations)	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
17	Underground Tank Removal	\$150.00/Tank plus state fee
18	Bonfires/Open Burning*	\$50.00 plus state fee
19	Fire Works Display**	\$50.00 plus state fee
20	Open flame Public Performance	\$50.00 plus state fee
24	Hazard Materials/Chemical Use	\$75.00/Material Type/Control Area plus state fee
25	Flammable/Combustible Liquid Use/Storage	\$75.00 plus state fee
26	Compressed/ Liquid Gas Use/Storage Tank	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
27	Flammable/ Combination Above Ground Tank	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
28	Flammable/ Combination Above Ground Alterations	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
29	Stationary Per Tank Removal Above 2000 Gallons	\$100.00/Tank plus state fee
	Stationary Per Tank Removal 2000 Gallons and Below	\$75.00/Tank plus state fee
32	Non-Medical Helicopter Landings within City	\$50.00 plus state fee
33	Helicopter Use (Construction, etc.)	\$150.00/hour plus state fee
34	Hood Suppression Systems	1% of construction cost plus state fee
34	Tents 400 square feet or larger	\$50.00 plus state fee
35	Fire Department Operational Permit for existing commercial occupancies with a change of commercial occupant	\$75.00
36	Fire Department Administrative Fee	\$25.00

Construction Permits and Fire Department Operational Permits for existing commercial occupancies for a change of commercial occupant: Permit fees shall include one (1) inspection and one (1) reinspection. All subsequent reinspections 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.

* Cost is not inclusive of One Firefighter

** Cost is not inclusive of Two Firefighters and One Fire Officer

Exception: Interior home heating oil tanks.

(d) Mechanical Permit Fees

For use groups R-3 - R-4 structure the cost will be \$40.00 for installation or replacement of the first device and \$10.00 for each device thereafter.

Fee for installation of fireplace, wood burning stove or coal stove shall be \$30.00

Fee for installation of Mechanical System in all other use groups, buildings new and remodeled is as follows: 1% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .5% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with a minimum fee of \$75.00.

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 forty dollars (\$40.00) which includes three (3) fixtures or waste discharge devices plus ten dollars (\$10.00) 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	40.00
each additional	10.00
sanitary sewer - new, replacement, repair	40.00
water service - new, replacement	30.00
storm sewer connection	30.00
replace or alteration of drainage or vent piping -	10.00 each fixture
water heaters	20.00

Non-Residential Work

Fee for installation of Plumbing Systems in all other use groups, buildings new and remodeled, is as follows: 1% up to \$30,000.00 cost of work plus .5% of cost of work over \$30,000.00 with the minimum fee of \$75.00.

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

See section (i) regarding additional reinspection fees.

(f) Zoning Permit Fees

Change of Use	60.00
Fences	30.00
Home office use	30.00
New Use	60.00
Parking Lots	
0-\$5,000.00	50.00
Over \$5,000	50.00 + .1% of cost thereafter
Sheds and Accessory Buildings for Residential	
Up to 100 square feet	15.00
101 to 200 square feet	30.00
201 to 300 square feet	50.00
301 to 600 square feet	150.00
601 feet and over	200.00
Signs	
0-100 square feet	50.00
101-200 square feet	75.00
Over 201 square feet	150.00
Portable curb sign	50.00

(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 (\$4.00) 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 \$50.00 per additional inspection visit will be required prior to additional inspections.

(Ord. 3038. Passed 10/22/85; Ord. 3242. Passed 2/7/89;
Ord. 4255. Passed 6/15/04; Ord. 4421. Passed 3/6/07;
Ord. 2010-4. Passed 3/16/10)

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

NOTE: This Article was deleted in its entirety and incorporated in new Article 1701, Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. (Ord. 4254 – Passed 6/15/04)