

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-064

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,
Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits,
Sec. 5-204 Fee Schedule (a)(1) and (d)(1)*

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 24th day of June, 2014, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, Sec. 5-204 Fee Schedule (a)(1) and (d)(1), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-204. Fee schedule.

(a) Generally. Permit fees for each category of work will be calculated on a per-building basis and shall be based on the total contract price or total value of work to be done or the per square foot values for construction as reported in the International Codes Council (ICC) Building Safety Journal for building valuation data, with one- and two-family dwellings calculated as follows: Average \$45.00, Good \$63.00, Best \$70.00, Garage \$25.00. The following dollar value schedule will be used in calculating permit fees for each category of work to be performed:

(1) Commercial construction and renovation: Building, plumbing, gas, mechanical, roofing, sign, building and fire protection, hood and/or fire suppression, electrical, communications, security, sound and telephone systems.:

Total Value	Fee
\$1.00 to \$5,000.00	\$50.00
\$5,001.00 to \$100,000	\$50.00 for the first \$5,000.00 plus \$9.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof
\$100,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$905.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof
\$1,000,001.00 to \$5,000,000.00	\$4,505.00 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof
Over \$5,000,000.00	\$16,505.00 for the first \$5,000,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof

A permit is required for the electrical, plumbing, gas and HVAC trades, but there will be no fee charged for these trades for new construction, additions, and remodeling jobs where a building permit is obtained by a licensed general contractor provided that the subcontractors are licensed, hold a city qualification card and are listed on the building permit application.

(2) One- and two-family dwelling construction and renovation: Building, plumbing, gas, mechanical, electrical, signs, building, and fire protection, communications, security, sound and telephone systems:

Total Value	Fee	
\$1.00 to \$5,000.00	\$20.00	
Over \$5,000.00	\$4.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof	
(3)	Driveways and curb cut permit	\$20 per driveway
(4)	Construction Trailer Permit	\$50.00

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(5)	Construction and moving meters		
	a.	Per day	\$10.00
	b.	Per week	\$40.00
	c.	Per month	\$100.00
(6)	Demolition permits:		
	a.	Residential storage or garage, attached or detached	\$25.00
	b.	One-story residence	\$50.00
	c.	Two-story residence	\$75.00
	d.	Commercial building	\$150.00
	e.	Three-story or more (basements count as a story)	\$200.00 plus \$25.00 per story
(7) Moving permits:		Fee	Vehicle Use (Per Hour)
	a.	Permit	\$50.00
	b.	Police Assistance	\$80.00 \$50.00
	c.	Traffic Engineering	\$80.00 \$50.00

Objects over 18 feet in height must begin movement at 4:00 a.m. Rates for movements at times other than normal working hours are: (1) police assistance, \$170.00, and (2) traffic engineering assistance, \$170.00.

(b) Reinspections. The fee for any reinspection resulting from work not being ready for inspection or being disapproved shall be \$30.00 per inspection for the first reinspection and \$50.00 for each additional reinspection.

(c) Commencing work without permit. Where work for which a permit is required is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining the permit, the fee set forth in this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fee.

(d) Plan review fees.

(1) Standard plan review fee. A plan review fee of \$25.00 for residential one-and two-family construction at the time of permit application. A plan review fee equal to 30 percent of the permit fee shall be paid at the time plans are submitted for a third review for commercial construction.

(2) Express plan review fee. For interior upfit and alterations, the fee for an express plan review shall be \$400.00 per hour plus the standard plan review fee. For new construction, additions and/or projects including site review, the fee for an express plan review shall be \$700.00 per hour plus the standard plan review fee. A minimum of one hour shall be assessed and rates after the first hour will be prorated to the nearest 15-minute increment. Resubmittal fees shall be 1.5 times the initial hourly rate. A non-refundable deposit of 50 percent of the base fee is due upon appointment confirmation. The remaining fee is due at the review appointment. Non-payment of fees will result in appointment cancellation.

(e) Structures located within a flood plain. Elevation certificates and an inspection checklist fee of \$50.00 shall be required for new construction, additions, renovations, fences, pools, out-buildings, and similar structures.

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(f) Electrical, plumbing, gas and HVAC subcontractors. Permits are not required for new construction, additions and remodeling jobs permitted by a licensed residential home builder provided that the subcontractors are licensed, hold a city qualification card and are listed on the building permit application. Any subcontractor changes shall be reported before work commences. All other subcontractors working under the supervision of a licensed residential home builder would not be required to have a business license to work the properly permitted job.

Requested by:

Development Services Director



MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 6/17/2014
Final Reading: 6/24/2014