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**ORDINANCE REENACTING THE  
VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE  
BUILDING CODE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, that AN ORDINANCE REENACTING THE VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY as follows:

1. That Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. No permit required by law shall be issued until all fees prescribed in this ordinance have been paid. Such fees are established at the following rates.

**A. GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE**

**1. Building Permit Fees – New Construction**

1.1.1	Residential – finished floor areas including mobile and modular homes:	\$0.40 per sq. ft.
1.1.2	Residential – unfinished floor areas:	\$0.32 per sq. ft.
1.1.3	Garages / carports on residential property:	\$0.32 per sq. ft.
1.1.4	Accessory buildings on residential property including stables and barns:	\$0.28 per sq. ft.
1.1.5	Minimum residential permit fee (unless otherwise noted):	\$100.00
1.2.1	Non-residential – finished floor areas:	\$0.56 per sq. ft.
1.2.2	Non-residential – unfinished floor areas, shell and warehouse buildings:	\$0.40 per sq. ft.
1.2.3	Non-residential - manufactured / industrialized buildings - each:	\$400.00
1.2.4	Minimum non-residential permit fee (unless otherwise noted):	\$200.00

**1.3 Building Permit Fees – Remodeling, Alterations, and/or Finishing Shell Space**

1.3.1	Residential remodeling:	\$0.24 per sq. ft.
1.3.2	Non-residential remodeling:	\$0.40 per sq. ft.
1.3.3	Minimum residential remodeling fee:	\$60.00
1.3.4	Minimum non-residential remodeling fee:	\$100.00

**1.5 Additional Items – to be added to fees in sections 1.1 – 1.4**

1.5.1	Chimneys – without fireplace or wood stove - each:	\$80.00
1.5.2	Decks – 500 square feet or less – each:	\$100.00
1.5.3	Decks – more than 500 square feet – each:	\$200.00
1.5.4	Elevators / Escalators – each:	\$200.00

1.5.5	Fences over 6 feet in height – per 50 liner feet:	\$80.00
1.5.6	Porches – 500 square feet or less – each:	\$100.00
1.5.7	Porches – more than 500 square feet – each:	\$200.00

## **B FLAT RATE SCHEDULE FOR OTHER TYPES OF WORK**

### **1.7 Specific Items**

1.7.1	Asbestos removal:	\$120.00
1.7.2	Amusement device – Kiddie Ride – Each	\$60.00
1.7.3	Amusement device – Kiddie Ride with Third Party Inspection – each:	\$30.00
1.7.3	Amusement device – Major Ride – each:	\$100.00
1.7.4	Amusement device – Major Ride with Third Party Inspection – each:	\$50.00
1.7.5	Automotive lifts – each:	\$80.00
1.7.6	Bleachers / Grandstands – per site:	\$120.00
1.7.7	Bulkheads – over 3 feet high – per 50 liner feet:	\$100.00
1.7.8	Demolition (plus asbestos removal when applicable):	\$100.00
1.7.9	Docks / Piers – per 50 linear feet:	\$120.00
1.7.10	Foundation only:	\$160.00
1.7.11	Fuel pumps (NFPA 30) – each:	\$120.00
1.7.12	Moved Buildings (plus foundation permit) – each:	\$240.00
1.7.13	Ramp – on residential property – each:	\$60.00
1.7.14	Ramp – on non-residential property – each:	\$90.00
1.7.15	Reroofing – residential – per building:	\$75.00
1.7.16	Reroofing – non-residential – per building:	\$90.00
1.7.17	Residing – residential – per building:	\$60.00
1.7.18	Residing – non-residential – per building:	\$90.00
1.7.19	Safety glass replacement:	\$40.00
1.7.20	Swimming pool – residential – above ground:	\$80.00
1.7.21	Swimming pool – residential – in-ground:	\$200.00
1.7.22	Swimming pool – non-residential	\$260.00
1.7.23	Storage tank (NFPA 30) – removal – each:	\$100.00
1.7.24	Storage tank (NFPA 30) – installation – each:	\$220.00
1.7.25	Temporary Structures – excluding tents (per 180 days) – each:	\$80.00
1.7.26	Tents – on residential property – each:	\$30.00
1.7.27	Tents – on nonresidential property – each:	\$90.00
1.7.28	Tents – multi-tent event – per location:	\$300.00
1.7.29	Towers and like structures – less than 50 feet – each:	\$80.00
1.7.30	Towers and like structures – more than 50 feet – each:	\$400.00

1.7.31	Woodstoves – each:	\$80.00
1.9	Work not specifically listed or unable to evaluate:	\$20.00 per \$1,000. of estimated construction cost, \$75.00 minimum fee.

## 2. Gas Permit Fees

2.1	Residential base fee – per dwelling unit:	\$60.00
2.2	Non-residential base fee – per location:	\$100.00
2.3	Appliance / fixture / outlet - each:	\$12.00

## 3. Fire Protection Permit Fees

3.1	Automatic sprinkler – residential (NFPA 13D /13R) – per system:	\$120.00
3.2	Limited area sprinkler – per zone:	\$120.00
3.3	Automatic sprinkler – non-residential – base fee – per system:	\$120.00
3.3.1	Automatic sprinkler – non-residential – additional per head:	\$2.00
3.4	Fire alarm – base fee – per system:	\$120.00
3.4.1	Fire alarm – additional per device:	\$2.00
3.5	Fire pump – per pump:	\$160.00
3.5	Standpipe system – per riser:	\$120.00
3.6	Underground fire line – per line:	\$120.00
3.7	Foam, halogenated, chemical systems – base fee:	\$120.00
3.7.1	Foam, halogenated, chemical systems – additional per outlet:	\$2.00

## 4. Mechanical Permit Fees

4.1	Residential base fee – per dwelling unit:	\$60.00
4.2	Non-residential base – per floor:	\$100.00
4.3	Air Conditioners, heat pumps, refrigeration – per unit – up to 5 tons:	\$60.00
4.3.1	A/C, heat pumps, refrigeration – per additional 5 tons:	\$20.00
4.4	Boilers, furnaces – per unit – up to 100,000 BTU:	\$60.00
4.4.1	Boilers, furnaces – per additional 100,000 BTU:	\$20.00
4.5	Commercial range hood – each:	\$100.00
4.6	Crematoriums – each:	\$160.00
4.7	Fire dampers – each:	\$12.00
4.8	Incinerators – each:	\$160.00
4.9	Work not specifically listed or unable to evaluate - plus base fee:	\$12.00 per \$1,000. of estimated construction cost.

## 5. Plumbing Permit Fees

5.1	Residential base fee – per dwelling unit:	\$60.00
5.2	Non-residential base – per floor:	\$100.00
5.3	Appliance, fixture, outlet – each:	\$12.00
5.4	Cross connection / back flow protection device – each:	\$20.00
5.5	Prefabricated / Industrialized building, moved building – each:	\$80.00
5.6	Underground water service (meter to building) – per lateral:	\$40.00
5.7	Underground sewer line (building to town’s line) – per lateral:	\$40.00
5.9	Work not specifically listed or unable to evaluate - plus base fee:	\$12.00 per \$1,000. of estimated construction cost.

## 6. Sign Permit Fees

6.1	Free standing – larger than 10 sq. feet – each:	\$140.00
6.2	Building mounted, projecting, roof, - larger than 4 sq. feet – each:	\$100.00

## 9. Services and Surcharges

9.1	Refunds; Base fees are non-refundable. Refunds beyond base fee Permits for work beyond rough-in inspection are non-refundable.	No work started: 90% refund. Below grade work only: 75% refund. Rough-in insp. only: 40% refund.
9.2	Fire Services surcharge on all permits – per permit:	10% of permit fee before State Code Academy surcharge.
9.2.1	State Code Academy surcharge (Code of Virginia):	1.75% of permit fee before Fire Services surcharge.
9.3	Appeals to the Building Code Board of Appeals	\$250.00
9.4	Certificate of Occupancy insp. of existing building w/o building permits: (Includes initial inspection, inspection report and 1 follow-up insp.)	\$210.00
9.5	Change of use inspection:	\$210.00
9.6	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – residential – per dwelling unit:	\$120.00
9.6.1	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – non-residential – per unit	\$300.00
9.6.2	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – 30 day renewal:	Twice previous fee charged.
9.7	Re-inspection fee (failure to correct previously cited violation)	\$120.00
9.8	Pre-application plan review – residential – per dwelling unit:	\$120.00
9.8.1	Pre-application plan review – non-residential – per unit:	\$400.00
9.9	Inspection fee for work done without a permit (addition to permit fees):	\$300.00
9.9.1	Re-inspection fee for work done without a permit (addition to permit fees):	\$600.00

2. That all remaining portions and provisions of AN ORDINANCE REENACTING THE VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY are reenacted and reaffirmed hereby.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ County Administrator/Clerk