

## SECTION 109 - FEES

*109.1 Payment of Fees.* Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the jurisdiction shall maintain authority to determine the amount of any permit fee(s) charged to applicants in accordance with this Section. A permit shall not be valid until the fees prescribed by law have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid. Fees shall not be discounted for any cause except as specifically provided for in this code.

*109.2 Schedule of Permit Fees.* On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical, and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the tables in this Chapter.

*109.2.1 Payment required.* A building permit shall not be issued, nor shall the application for a building permit be accepted, until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit application be approved until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building or structure shall have been paid. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued, nor shall the certificate of occupancy, compliance or completion application be accepted, until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid.

*109.2.2 Level of fees.* The required fees shall be determined by reference to Tables 109.2.2(1) through 109.2.2(4) below. Acceptance of the permit application by the jurisdiction shall not constitute consent to the commencement of work; and commencement of work prior to the issuance and display of a permit shall result in additional fees being due in accordance with Section 109.4 (below).

*109.2.3 Third party service providers.* Parish may grant a permit fee discount to applicants who have contracted with a qualified third party provider for plan reviews and inspections as required by the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and other state or local laws which have been or may be adopted, said discount to be no greater than 40% of the standard permit fee that would otherwise be charged the applicant. In the instance that a third party provider is used for plan review only, there shall be no discount. In the instance that the third party provider is used for inspections only, the discount shall be no greater than 30% of the standard permit fee.

*109.2.4 Amendment of fees.* The nature and level of fees specified in Tables 109.2.2(1), (2), (3) and (4) may be amended by ordinance of the Council of the jurisdiction.

*109.2.5 Accessory Structure Defined.* A detached structure, without finished interior, plumbing, mechanical, or gas installation, and restricted to use for storage or parking incidental to a primary building located on the same lot. An Accessory Structure shall not constitute or be converted to living, working, or recreational space except under the authority of a new construction permit. Any accessory structure not meeting this definition shall be charged as new construction.

*109.3 Discounted Fees.* For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of any federal, state, or local disaster declaration, the jurisdiction may waive or discount permit fees for the immediate repair, renovation, reconstruction, elevation, or demolition of any residential structure affected by such disaster, in which case any reduction in normal fees for enforcement agency services shall be made good from the jurisdiction's general fund.

*109.4 Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.* Where any work is started in relation to a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before the necessary permits have been issued and displayed, all permit fees in respect of work to be undertaken on that building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system shall be doubled, and assessed in addition to any other violation penalties.

*109.5 Related Fees.* Payment of the fee for the construction, alteration, removal or demolition for work done in connection to or concurrently with the work authorized by a building permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other lawfully prescribed fees.

Table 109.2.2(1) Commercial/Institutional Permit Fees

| Purpose of Commercial/Institutional Permit  | Basis of Calculation   | Minimum |
|---|--|---------|
| New construction, addition or renovation (project cost evidenced by valid contract)     | \$3 per \$1,000 of contractual project value<br>(Trade Permits Included) | \$200   |
| New construction, addition or renovation (project cost not evidenced by valid contract) | 60 cents per square foot of total floor area<br>(Trade Permits Included) | \$200   |
| Structure elevation, shoring or leveling*   | Flat Fee (Trade permits Included for subcontractors declared on permit)  | \$750   |
| Detached accessory structure  | 46 cents per square foot of total floor area<br>(Trade Permits Included) | \$150   |
| Off-street Parking Lot  | \$1 per 500 square feet<br>(Trade Permits Included)                      | \$75    |
| Mobile building placement or replacement  | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Included)                                     | \$250   |
| Discharge of industrial waste water   | Flat Fee   | \$50    |
| Additional Inspection or Re-inspection  | Flat Fee (for each additional inspection visit)                          | \$75    |
| Extension of permit (only before expiry date)   | \$1 per \$1,000 of remaining assessed cost                               | \$40    |
| Certificate of: Compliance/Completion/Occupancy   | Flat Fee   | \$100   |
| Demolition of the structure, not related to renovation, addition, or new construction   | No Charge is made for this permit  | \$0     |

*Table 109.2.2(2) Trade Permit Fees*

| Purpose of Trade Permit                       | Basis of Calculation                            | Minimum |
|---|---|---------|
| Plumbing System Permit                        | \$50 Base Fee plus one inspection (\$75)        | \$125   |
| Gas System Permit                             | \$50 Base Fee plus one inspection (\$75)        | \$125   |
| Electrical System Permit                      | \$50 Base Fee plus one inspection (\$75)        | \$125   |
| Mechanical System Permit                      | \$50 Base Fee plus one inspection (\$75)        | \$125   |
| Commercial/Institutional Maintenance Unit     | Flat Fee (plus additional inspection fees)      | \$200   |
| Additional Inspection or Re-Inspection        | Flat Fee (for each additional inspection visit) | \$75    |
| Extension of permit (only before expiry date) | \$1 per \$1,000 of remaining assessed cost      | \$40    |

*Table 109.2.2(3) Residential Construction Permit Fees*

| Purpose of Residential Permit   | Basis of Calculation  | Minimum |
|---|---|---------|
| New Residential Construction or Addition  | 45 cents per square foot.<br>(Trade Permits Included)                             | \$200   |
| Structure elevation, shoring or leveling  | Flat Fee—Trade Permits included for<br>all sub-contractors declared on<br>permit. | \$500   |
| Residential Structure Relocation  | Flat Fee—<br>(Trade Permits Required)   | \$250   |
| Detached Accessory structure—<br>with 1 or more walls                           | 23 cents per square foot. (Maximum<br>of \$500)<br>(Trade Permits Required)       | \$75    |
| Detached Accessory structure not exceeding 500<br>square feet and without walls | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)  | \$75    |

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|---|---|-------|
| Detached Accessory structure greater than 500 square feet and without walls | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)            | \$200 |
| Attached patio cover (aluminum)   | Flat Fee  | \$75  |
| Renovation or Repair<br>(cost up to \$5,000)                                | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)            | \$25  |
| Renovation or Repair<br>(cost \$5,001 to \$10,000)                          | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)            | \$100 |
| Renovation or Repair<br>(cost over \$10,000)                                | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)            | \$200 |
| Private Swimming Pool   | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Required)            | \$200 |
| Whole House Generator   | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Included)            | \$200 |
| Mobile Home placement or replacement  | Flat Fee<br>(Trade Permits Included)            | \$150 |
| Recreational vehicle (180 day placement)                                    | Flat Fee (180 day maximum permit period)        | \$100 |
| Additional Inspection or Reinspection                                       | Flat Fee (for each additional inspection visit) | \$75  |
| Extension of permit (only before expiry date)                               | \$1 per \$1,000 of remaining assessed cost      | \$40  |
| Certificate of: Compliance/Completion/Occupancy                             | Flat Fee  | \$100 |
| Demolition of the structure   | No Charge is made for this permit               | \$0   |

*Table 109.2.2(4) Miscellaneous Permit Fees*

| Purpose of Permit                           | Basis of Calculation                             | Minimum |
|---|--|---------|
| Mardi Gras reviewing stand                  | Flat Fee (Trade Permits Required as Appropriate) | \$50    |
| On-premises business signage                | Flat Fee (Trade Permits Required as Appropriate) | \$125   |
| Off-premises business signs and advertising | Flat Fee (Trade Permits Required as Appropriate) | \$100   |
| Mobile Seafood Vending                      | Flat Fee (Trade Permits Required as Appropriate) | \$20    |
| Miscellaneous other permits                 | Flat Fee (Trade Permits Required as Appropriate) | \$100   |

*109.6 Refunds.* The jurisdiction is authorized to establish a refund policy.

*109.7 Multiple Contractors.* Where, for whatever reason, contractors are responsible for specific segments of a contract, the permit(s) issued shall clearly identify the limits of that contractor's task. Where there is a change of contractor partway through any construction project, new permit fees shall be based on the value of the balance of work to be completed and no refund shall be made for prior permits.

*109.8 Building Permit Valuations.* Job cost valuations shall include the total value of all services, materials and labor costs, for the full project scope covered by the permit. Any change or increase in project scope or value shall require additional permitting.

(Ord. No. 8023, § I(Att. A), 8-10-11; Ord. No. 8434, § Ig), 6-11-14; Ord. No. 8841, § I, 4-26-17; Ord. No. 8947, § I, 4-11-18)