

2015 CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES:

BUILDING, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MICELLANEOUS PERMITS, PLAN REVIEW, INSPECTIONS, AND LICENSING FEES

- A. Technology fee
 - 1. A surcharge of 10%(0.10) shall be added to all fees in this section except those listed under item H. Licenses and Registrations Fees

- B. Permit Processing Fee
 - 1. A permit processing fee of \$42 shall be added for each permit issued with exceptions as noted by an asterisk (*).

- C. *Plan Review Fees
 - 1. Building plan review fee of \$0.04 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 2. Mechanical plan review fee of \$0.01 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 3. Electrical plan review fee of \$0.01 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 4. Fire suppression plan review fee of \$0.01 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 5. Fire alarm plan review fee of \$0.01 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 6. Plumbing plan review of \$0.01 per square foot of building floor area or a minimum fee of \$55.
 - 7. Permit by appointment fee of \$275 plus the standard plan review fees above.
 - 8. Express Review
 - 0 to 3,000 square feet, \$3,000
 - 3,001 to 10,000 square feet, \$5,000
 - 10,001 to 50,000 square feet, \$10,000
 - Over 50,001 square feet, \$15,000
 - Plus 2 times the building plan review fee above
 - 9. Plan review fee of \$75 for prototype plans previously reviewed.

- D. Permit Fees –

The following fees include the total permit fees for all Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection construction for the entire project.

Each project shall have a designated responsible party who shall be responsible for payment of the permit fees for all the construction work involved in the project; and the responsible party shall pay all the permit fees at the time the first permit is issued.

Subsequent trade permits will be issued as required for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection construction to the required licensed or registered contractors and no additional fee will be charged for these subsequent permits when the work was previously included in the original permit obtained by the responsible party.

For the purpose of determining permit fees, “total reported value” shall include structural, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, interior finish and normal site preparation including all labor,

materials (including finish work), contractor overhead and profit, grading, retaining walls, paving, and other site work, and any demolition work unless such work was included in other permits issued by the Department.

1. Residential Permit Fees – for detached one (1) and two (2) family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories above-grade in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures constructed under the International Residential Code.
 - a. New Construction fee of 0.5% (0.005) of calculated construction value which is calculated using the ICC Building Valuation Data Report published in August 2013 or a minimum fee of \$10. (NOTE: Separate permits for trade work are still required however, there are no fees.)
 - b. Alterations/Remodels and Additions fee of 0.5% (0.005) of total reported value, including labor and materials, or a minimum fee of \$10. (Both building and trade permits are calculated this way.)
 - c. Replacements of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing devices fee of 0.5% (0.005) of total reported value, including labor and materials, or a minimum fee of \$10.
 - d. Building demolition fee of 0.5% (0.005) of reported costs or a minimum fee of \$10.
 - e. *Foundation only, underground, temporary, and utility permits prior to issuance of full permit, \$51.
2. Commercial/Multifamily(3 or more units excluding townhouses) Permit Fees
 - a. New Construction fee of 1% (0.01) of calculated construction value which is calculated using the ICC Building Valuation Data Report published in August 2014 or a minimum fee of \$20. (NOTE: Separate permits for trade work are still required however, there are no fees.)
 - b. Alterations/Remodels and Additions fee of 1% (0.01) of total reported value, including labor and materials, or a minimum fee of \$20. (Both building and trade permits are calculated this way.)
 - c. Replacements of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing devices fee of 1% (0.01) of total reported value, including labor and materials, or a minimum fee of \$20.
 - d. Building demolition fee of 1% (0.01) of reported costs or a minimum fee of \$20.
 - e. *Foundation only, underground, temporary, and utility permit prior to issuance of full permit, \$100.
 - f. *Interior demolition permit prior to building permit issuance fee of \$40.
3. *Change of Occupancy/Use with no work requiring any other building permits fee of \$43.
4. Miscellaneous Permit Fees
 - a. Moving structure permit fee of \$106.
 - b. Pool Permit fee of 0.5% (0.005) of reported value.
 - c. Carnival and amusement devices permit (includes building and electrical inspections if necessary) fee of \$104.
 - d. Tent/canopy permits with or without electrical supply, \$23.
 - e. Siding Permit, \$13.
 - f. Reconnection of electrical service, \$13.
- E. *Inspections and Re-Inspection Fees
 1. Inspections not covered by a permit fee of \$41.
 2. Re-Inspections required by faulty or incomplete work or for advice, \$41.
 3. After hours inspections (not during regular business hours) - \$250.00 (provided staff are

available to accommodate).

F. Sign Permits

1. Freestanding, landmark, monument, pylon and billboard signs fee of \$55 with an additional \$0.20 per square foot over 50 square feet plus 1% (0.01) of reported costs for any electrical work or a minimum fee of \$20.
2. Wall signs and painted signs fee of \$30 plus 1% (0.01) of reported costs for any electrical work or a minimum fee of \$20.
3. Alteration of sign face fee of \$15 plus 1% (0.01) of reported costs for any electrical work or a minimum fee of \$20.
4. Replacement of panel fee of \$15 plus 1% (0.01) of reported costs for any electrical work or a minimum fee of \$20.

G. Penalties

1. When a permit is required by the building codes adopted by the City of Rockford, and work is started or proceeded with, prior to obtaining said permit, the fees shall be doubled, or shall not be less than \$250. This penalty may be waived by the building official if the person in violation has not obtained a permit in the last year and is performing work on their owner occupied property. For the second offense within a twelve (12) month period, starting or proceeding with the work prior to obtaining a permit, the fees shall be doubled, or shall not be less than \$500 plus an additional fee of \$500 shall be paid for each day work continued without said permit. For the third such instance within a twelve (12) month period, the fees shall be tripled, but shall not be less than \$750 plus an additional fee of \$750 shall be paid for each day work continued without said permit. For the fourth such instance within a twelve (12) month period, the offender shall be prosecuted by the City of Rockford Legal Department as permitted by State Law. The payment of such fees shall not relieve any person from complying with the requirements of the building codes or from any penalties prescribed therein.

H. *Licenses and Registrations Fees

1. Annual electrical contractor registration, \$25 (regulated by State statute).
2. Mechanical license fee:
 - a. Each classification, \$50 (regulated by State statute).
 - b. Annual active status renewal, each class, \$50 (regulated by State statute).
 - c. Annual inactive status renewal, each class, \$50.
3. Demolition contractor license
 - a. Class A, \$235 per year or any part thereof.
 - b. Class B, \$121 per year or any part thereof.
 - c. Class C, \$63 per year or any part thereof.
4. Tent erector contractor license, \$63.

I. Interpretations and Determinations of Fees

1. In accordance with section 104.1 of the ICC International Building Code, the building official shall have the authority to render interpretations of the code and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions, including this fee schedule.
2. In accordance with section 108.3 of the ICC International Building Code, the applicant may be required to show detailed estimates of the work, and the final building permit value shall be set by the building official.

PLANNING AND ZONING FEES

TECHNOLOGY FEE: A surcharge of 10% (0.10) shall be added to all fees in this section, exceptions are noted with an asterisk "*".

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

RE, R-1, R-1U, R-2	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$421
1/2-2 acres	\$505
2-5 acres	\$612
Plus \$25 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
R-3, R-4, PRD	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$617
1/2-2 acres	\$702
2-5 acres	\$729
Plus \$25 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, PMD	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$628
1/2-2 acres	\$713
2-5 acres	\$797
Plus \$40 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
I-1, I-2, I-3	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$741
1/2-2 acres	\$797
2-5 acres	\$870
Plus \$50 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

RE, R-1, R-1U, R-2	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$421
1/2-2 acres	\$505
2-5 acres	\$612
Plus \$25 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
R-3, R-4, PRD	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$617
1/2-2 acres	\$701
2-5 acres	\$803
Plus \$25 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 PMD	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$629
1/2-2 acres	\$713
2-5 acres	\$825
Plus \$40 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum
I-1, I-2, I-3	
Less than 1/2 acre	\$741
1/2-2 acres	\$797
2-5 acres	\$870
Plus \$50 for every acre or portion thereof over 5 acres	No maximum

MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT	\$410
APPEAL OF ZONING OFFICER DETERMINATION	\$449
RENEWAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT	\$410
VARIATION	
RE, R-1, R-1U, R-2	\$337
R-3, R-4, PRD	\$404
C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, PRD	\$505
I-1, I-2, I-3	\$561
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT	\$393

FASTRAC ZONING APPLICATION: Accepted one week from standard filing deadline.

FasTrac zoning applications shall include a one hundred percent (100%) surcharge on the application fee. All filing fees include publication costs, unless the publication costs exceed one-third (1/3) of the filing fee, in which case, the amount of the publication cost that is in excess of two-thirds (2/3) of the filing fee shall be billed to the applicant by the Zoning Office on or before the date of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for which the notice was published and shall be due and payable within ten (10) days. The City Council may refuse to take action on an application for which additional publication costs have not been paid.

COMBINED ZONING APPLICATIONS: The fee for a combined application shall be the single highest fee, of any one of the individual zoning requests within the combined application.

FILING FEE EXEMPTIONS OR REFUNDS FOR ZONING APPLICATIONS: Exemptions or refunds from required filing fees shall be authorized only in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Whenever the applicant is a department, division or office of the City of Rockford, then no application filing fee shall be required.
- B. Whenever an application has been accepted in error, then the situation shall be explained to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board may direct the filing fee be refunded to the applicant.
- C. In those situations not covered by the provisions of Subsections A and B, above, City Council, by adoption of a Resolution, may direct the Zoning Officer to accept an application without requiring payment of the filing fee, or direct the filing fee to be refunded.
- D. No zoning application fee shall be charged to any property owner who is required to file a zoning application to add a parking area on the property when the need for the parking area is caused by the City removing parking from an adjacent arterial or collector street.

ZONING VERIFICATION LETTERS	\$ 67
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*ANNUAL BILLBOARD LICENSE	\$112
*ANNUAL BILLBOARD LICENSE (Electronic Message Board)	\$561
DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE PERMIT	\$ 67
FENCE PERMITS	
RE, R-1, R-1U, R-2	\$ 45
R-3, R-4	\$ 56
C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4	\$112
I-1, I-2, I-3	\$146
HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS	
Initial Permit	\$ 88
Renewal	\$ 44
PARKING LOT PERMITS: Valuation of:	
\$1,000 - \$10,000	\$281
\$10,001 - \$20,000	\$561
\$20,000 +	\$561 plus \$5 for every \$1,000 valuation over \$20,000
SITE PLAN / USE REVIEW: Commercial, Industrial & Multi-family (interior remodel, additions and building changes)	\$ 56
SITE PLAN / USE REVIEW: Commercial, Industrial & Multi-family (new)	\$112
SITE PLAN / USE REVIEW (1 & 2 Family)	
1 & 2 Family Review (new construction)	\$ 56
1 & 2 Family Review (alteration, addition, deck, shed, pool)	\$ 23
PERFORMANCE REVIEW	\$168
TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT (Light, Pole, Banner and Other)	\$ 34
SUBDIVISIONS	
A. Tentative plat review fees	
1. Single-family and two-family subdivisions \$15/lot	\$583 plus
2. All other subdivisions \$55/acre	\$583 plus
3. Public works review	\$224
4. Re-Submittal fee (partial submittal)	\$112
B. Revised tentative plat review fees	
1. Single-family and two-family subdivisions \$15/lot	\$583 plus
2. All other subdivisions	\$583 plus

	\$55/acre	
3.	Public works review	\$224
4.	Re-Submittal fee (partial submittal)	\$112

C. Final plat review fees

1.	Single-family and two-family subdivisions \$15/lot	\$583 plus
2.	All other subdivisions \$55/acre	\$583 plus
3.	Public works review	\$224
4.	Re-Submittal fee (partial submittal)	\$112

D. Boundary map amendment

1.	Single-family and two-family subdivisions \$15/lot	\$581 plus
2.	All other subdivisions \$55/acre	\$582 plus
3.	Public works review	\$224
4.	Re-Submittal fee (partial submittal)	\$112

E. *Construction Inspection Fees:

A construction inspection fee of 2.5% of public and certain private infrastructure costs, (including but not limited to public water, storm sewer, detention requirements, street lights, sidewalks, bike paths, street trees) shall be required at the time of the City Engineer's plat signature.