

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 22-17

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING FEES WITHIN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that Section 175-3 of Chapter 175 and Section 212-9 of Chapter 212 (Fees) of the Code of the Township of Washington are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 212-9. Chapter 175, Construction Code, Uniform is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“§ 212-9. Chapter 175, Construction Code, Uniform.

The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the subcode fees listed in Subsection A(1) through (3) hereof and shall be paid before the permit is issued.
(§ 175-3)

A. The building subcode fee shall be:

- (1) For new construction: \$0.08 per cubic foot of building or structure volume. The fee for any accessory building (i.e., shed) shall be \$100. In addition, the sum required under N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b) for the New Jersey State permit surcharge fee shall be collected.
- (2) For renovations, alterations and repairs: \$25 per \$1,000 of estimated cost of work, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$100. For purposes of this section, swimming pools, tennis courts and other outdoor uncovered facilities shall be considered renovations and alterations, and the fee for a construction permit will be based on the estimated cost. In addition, the sum required under N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b) for the New Jersey State permit surcharge fee shall be collected.
- (3) For additions: \$0.08 per cubic foot of building or structure volume for the added portion; provided that the minimum fee shall be \$100. In addition, the sum required under N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b) for the New Jersey State permit surcharge fee shall be collected.

- (4) For combinations of renovations and additions [Subsection A(2) and (3) above]: the sum of the fees computed separately according to each respective section.
- (5) For the demolition of a principal building or structure: \$300, while the fee for the demolition of an accessory building or accessory structure shall be \$100.
- (6) For each square foot of a sign: \$5, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$100, computed on one side only for double-faced signs.
- (7) For any building permit under this subcode: minimum fee of \$100.
- (8) The fee for lead hazard abatement shall be governed by Subsection A(2) above.
- (9) For asbestos abatement, the fee shall be as specified under N.J.A.C. 5:23-8.9(a)1.

B. The electrical subcode fee shall be:

- (1) Receptacles and fixtures:
 - a. One to 25: \$65.
 - b. For each additional 25 fixtures: \$35.
- (2) For the installation of a range or oven: \$30.
- (3) For the installation of a surface unit: \$30.
- (4) For the installation of each dishwasher: \$30.
- (5) For the installation of a garbage disposal: \$30.
- (6) For the installation of a dryer: \$30.
- (7) For the installation of each central air-conditioning unit: \$60.
- (8) For the installation of an elevator: \$125.
- (9) For the installation of each dumbwaiter: \$55.
- (10) For the installation of burglar alarms: \$50.
- (11) For the installation of intercom panels: \$30.
- (12) For the installation of whirlpools/spas and hot tubs: \$90.
- (13) For the installation of a swimming pool:
 - a. for pool filter, motor, accessories and lights: \$50;
 - b. for the pool bonding: \$100;
 - c. for pool receptacles and switches: \$65.

- (14) For the installation of a water heater: \$35.
- (15) For the installation of central heat, whether oil, gas or electric:
\$35.
- (16) For the installation of baseboard heating units: \$30 for each unit.
- (17) For the installation of thermostats: \$10 for each unit.
- (18) For the installation of any pump: \$60 per pump.
- (19) For the installation of any motor control center: \$65
- (20) For the installation of a subpanel: \$10 per 10 amperes (1-10: \$10;
11-20: \$20; etc.)
- (21) For the installation of any electric sign: \$75.
- (22) For each motor:
- a. 1 to 10 horsepower: \$45
 - b. 11 to 50 horsepower: \$100
 - c. 51 to 100 horsepower: \$200
 - d. Over 100 horsepower: \$450
- (23) For each generator or transformer:
- a. 1 to 10 kilowatts: \$50
 - b. 11-45 kilowatts: \$70
 - c. 46 to 112 kilowatts: \$130
 - d. Over 112 kilowatts: \$650
- (24) For each residential generator transfer switch:
- a. 100 to 150 amperes: \$75.
 - b. 151 to 200 amperes: \$100.
 - c. 201 to 400 amperes: \$125.
 - d. Over 400 amperes: \$300
- (25) For each portable generator interlock kit: \$50.
- (26) For the installation of electric service:
- a. Temporary: \$100
 - b. 100 to 150 amperes: \$75.
 - c. 151 to 200 amperes: \$100.
 - d. 201 to 400 amperes: \$125.

e. Over 400 amperes: \$300

(27) For each solar panel system:

a. 1 to 50 kilowatts: \$100

b. 51-100 kilowatts: \$200

c. Over 101 kilowatts: \$450

(28) Solar Panels:

a. One to 25: \$65.

b. For each additional 25 panels: \$35.

(29) Inverters:

a. 1 to 10 kilowatts: \$35

b. 11-50 kilowatts: \$50

c. 51 to 100 kilowatts: \$100

(30) Disconnects

a. 100 to 150 amperes: \$75.

b. 151 to 200 amperes: \$100.

c. 201 to 400 amperes: \$125.

d. Over 400 amperes: \$300

(31) Electrical work: minimum fee of \$100.

C. The plumbing subcode fee for the installation of each of the following shall be:

(1) Water closet: \$25.

(2) Urinal/bidet: \$25.

(3) Bathtub: \$25.

(4) Lavatory: \$25.

(5) Shower: \$25.

(6) Floor drain: \$25.

(7) Sink: \$25.

(8) Dishwasher: \$25.

(9) Drinking fountain: \$40.

- (10)Washing machine: \$30.
- (11)Clothes dryer: \$30.
- (12)Hose bibb: \$25.
- (13)Interceptor/separator: \$70.
- (14)Backflow preventer: \$60.
- (15)Grease trap: \$70.
- (16)Gas piping: \$70.
- (17)Fuel-oil piping: \$60.
- (18)Water heater: \$60.
- (19)Boiler/Furnace: \$80.
- (20)Central air-conditioning or refrigeration unit: \$60 per unit.
- (21)For each generator or transformer: \$70
- (22)Water service: \$60.
- (23)Septic connection: \$100.
- (24)Vent stack: \$25.
- (25)Roof drains: \$35.
- (26)Sewer utility connections: \$100.
- (27)Garbage disposal: \$25.
- (28)Water softener: \$25.
- (29)Indirect connection: \$60.
- (30)Sewer ejector: \$100.
- (31)Humidifier: \$25.
- (32)Swimming pool drain: \$60.
- (33)For a plumbing permit: minimum fee of \$100.

D. The mechanical subcode fee for the installation of each of the following shall be:

- (1) Gas piping: \$70.
- (2) Fuel-oil piping: \$60.
- (3) Water heater: \$60.

- (4) Domestic boiler/furnace: \$80.
- (5) Central air-conditioning or refrigeration unit: \$60 per unit.
- (6) Chimney liner: \$75.
- (7) For each generator or transformer: \$70
- (8) For a mechanical permit: minimum fee of \$100

E. The fire subcode fee shall be:

- (1) Installation/conversion of manufacturer's fireplace: \$100.
- (2) Installation of a fuel-oil tank up to 2,000 gallons: \$200; over 2,000 gallons: \$400.
- (3) Installation of any residential mechanical equipment: \$75 per unit.
- (4) Installation of commercial mechanical equipment: \$250.
- (5) Installation of one to five residential smoke detectors: \$100; for each additional detector over five, add \$20.
- (6) Installation of one to five commercial smoke detectors: \$200; for each additional unit over five, add \$20.
- (7) Installation of commercial cooking equipment: \$100.
- (8) Installation of a suppression system: \$200.
- (9) Installation of a wall hydrant: \$75.
- (10) Installation of fire sprinkler systems: \$10 per head, with a minimum of \$200.
- (11) Installation of a standpipe: \$60 per riser.
- (12) Installation of hose station: \$60 for each such station.
- (13) Installation of a fire pump: \$125.
- (14) Installation of a solar panel system: \$75.
- (15) For a fire permit: minimum fee of \$100.

F. Elevators. The fee for a permit for the installation of an elevator and/or a dumbwaiter shall be in accordance with state fees listed in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)6 and 7. A fee for any semiannual inspection, whether state

mandated or otherwise, for either an elevator or dumbwaiter, shall be in accordance with state fees listed in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)8.

G. Certificates of occupancy.

- (1) The fee for a certificate of occupancy shall be the greater of \$100 or 10% of permit fees (not including DCA fees).
- (2) The fee for a certificate of occupancy pursuant to a change of use shall be \$200.
- (3) The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy shall be \$100.
- (4) The fee for a temporary certificate of occupancy shall be \$30 [as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(f)3].
- (5) The fee for a lead hazard abatement certificate of clearance shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)3.ix.
- (6) The fee for a certificate of occupancy following the successful completion of an asbestos abatement project shall be as specified under N.J.A.C. 5:23-8.9(a)2.

H. Relocation of building or structure: The fee for a permit for the relocation of a building or structure from one lot to another or to a new location on the same lot shall be \$22 per \$1,000 of the sum of the estimated costs for moving, for new foundations, and for placement in a complete condition in the new location, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$100.

I. Plan review: Whenever the Construction Official, Electrical Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official or Plumbing Subcode Official shall review plans, the fee for plan review shall be 25% of the amount to be charged for said construction permit and shall be paid before the plans are reviewed. The amount paid for this fee shall be credited toward the amount of the fee to be charged for the construction permit.

J. Review of revised plans: Whenever the Construction Official, Electrical Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official or Plumbing Subcode Official shall

review revised plans received after permit issuance, the fee for plan review shall be \$75 per hour, with a minimum of one hour charged.

K. Report: The Construction Official shall, with all the advice of the subcode officials, prepare and submit to the Township of Washington, Bergen County, biannually, a report recommending a fee schedule based on the operating expenses of the Agency and any other expenses of the municipality fairly attributable to the enforcement of the State Uniform Construction Code Act. (Note: See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.)

L. New Jersey State permit surcharge fee:

- (1) Amount: The sums required under N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b) for the New Jersey state permit surcharge fee shall be collected for new buildings, additions, and alterations.
- (2) Remitting and reporting: The municipality shall remit fees to the Bureau on a quarterly basis, in conjunction with report number R-840B, State Training Fee Report, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.5(e). Fees remitted shall be for the quarter. Checks shall be made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey."

M. The following sums shall be paid in connection with all new construction:

- (1) The sum of \$1,000 shall be paid prior to site plan review which shall be required in connection with all new construction for site review and site inspections by the Township Engineer. The sum posted herein shall remain on deposit with the Township until the Township Engineer certifies that all site plan review and site inspections have been completed and all vouchers for services rendered in connection with such services have been paid in full, after which time any balance remaining shall be refunded. In the event that the Township Engineer determines during the course of site plan review or site inspections that the amount posted is not sufficient to pay the cost for site plan review and all site inspections, the Township Engineer shall establish an amount to replenish said deposit, and such amount shall be paid to the Township within three days of notification of such amount to the applicant.
- (2) The sum of \$500 as a performance guaranty for completion of all elements of construction and excavation. The sum posted hereunder shall remain on deposit with the Township until the Township Engineer certifies that all elements of construction and excavation have been completed in full and all vouchers for services rendered

in connection with such services have been paid in full, after which time any balance remaining shall be refunded.

N. Other miscellaneous charges shall be:

- (1) For inspection of a home for the purpose of resale/tenancy change:
 - a. Initial inspection and first reinspection (if necessary):
\$200
 - b. Each additional reinspection: \$100
- (2) For each inspection to obtain a certificate of smoke and carbon monoxide alarm and portable fire extinguisher compliance shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(d):
 - a. More than ten business days before closing: \$45
 - b. Four to ten business days before closing: \$90
 - c. Three or fewer business days before closing: \$161
 - d. For each reinspection: \$50
- (3) Change of Contractor: In the event of a change of contractor for any subcode, the change of contractor fee shall be \$50 per contractor changed.


2. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

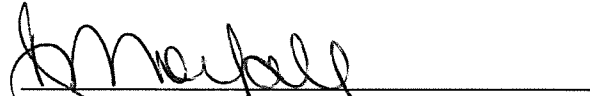
3. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


Susan Witkowski,
Township Clerk


Desserie Morgan,
Council President

Introduction Date: September 6, 2022

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
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Feeney			X				
Morgan			X				
Sears	x		X				
Velez		x	X				

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