

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES

Effective April 30, 2007

Payment of fee: The building permit fee (per the fee schedule) is to be paid prior to any building permit being issued and before plan review of the application has commenced.

Building Permits-One & Two-Family Residential	\$5 per \$1000 of construction cost. Minimum fee of \$25 for construction cost under \$1,000. Minimum fee of \$50 for construction cost over \$1,000.
Building Permits-Multi-Family Residential and Commercial	\$8 per \$1000 of construction cost. Minimum fee of \$25 for construction cost under \$1,000. Minimum fee of \$50 for construction cost over \$1,000.
Demolition Permits-Residential & Commercial	\$50
Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire Suppression and Fire Detection Permits-Residential & Commercial	\$25 for construction cost \$1-\$2,000. \$15 per \$1,000 of construction cost over \$2,001.
Septic System Test Pit inspection, plan review and final inspection after State approval of the system.	\$100 per system
Sign Permits (including Sidewalk Signs)	\$25 per sign
Driveway Permits-Residential	\$100
Driveway Permits-Commercial/Industrial	Actual Review Cost (\$150 minimum)
Code Enforcement inspections before/after regular work hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except on holidays)	\$75 per hour. Weekends: \$200 minimum fee. Travel time as necessary: \$75 per hour.
Health Inspector fee for health inspections not related to a building permit	\$50 per inspection
Inspections for changes in use to a property or changes in tenant where no construction work is required.	\$25 per inspection
Re-inspection fees: After an initial construction inspection has failed, only one follow-up inspection allowed at no cost.	\$50 per inspection

In the event that a building permit is withdrawn, 20% of the building permit fee will be retained by the Town of Durham to cover the costs of administrative and technical review of the application.

Fee for nonpermitted work: Any person who is found to have demolished, constructed, altered, removed or changed the use of a building or structure without the benefit of a building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or change-in-use permit shall, upon issuance of said permit(s), be assessed a permit fee of twice the normal rate the permit fee would be, or \$100 minimum whichever is greater.

Noncontract work: For noncontract work, such as when a homeowner furnishes his own or has furnished free labor, but purchases the materials, the fee shall be based on the actual cost of all material with a multiplier of two (2) applied. For example, for total materials of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.): $5,000 \times 2 = \$10,000$. The permit fee would be figured on ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) of valuation. When there is a disagreement between the applicant and the Building Official in determining an appropriate fee using either of the above methods, the Building Official shall then use the latest Building Valuation Data Report, as published periodically by the International Code Council, to determine the building permit fee. The permit fee will then be based on this assessment.