

Sec. 74-96. - General requirements.

- (a) *Other fees superseded.* The schedules and regulations in this division regarding fees supersede those published in the Southern Building Code, Standard Plumbing Code, and National Electrical Code.
- (b) *Fees mandatory.* No permit shall be issued until the fees prescribed in this division shall have been paid. No amendment to a permit shall 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. Exception: Those buildings or facilities which are supported by tax revenue are exempt from permit fees.

*Exemption:* The following buildings and facilities are exempt from building permit fees at the discretion of the county administrator or deputy administrator: Churches and places of worship, structures and facilities supported by tax revenue and bona fide eleemosynary organizations meeting the requirements of the Internal Revenue Services Tax Code for Section 501(C)(3), Organizations.

- (c) *Failure to obtain permit.*
  - (1) If any person commences work on a building or structure before obtaining the necessary permit from the applicable governing body, the person shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in this article.
  - (2) Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining the permit, the fees specified in this division shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the exception of the work nor from any other penalties as prescribed in this article.
- (d) *Records of fees collected.* The building official shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other monies collected, the name of all persons upon whose account the fees were paid, the full date and amount thereof.
- (e) *Separate permit required.* A separate permit will be required, as set forth in section A104.1.1 of the Standard Building Code; the fee shall be paid as required at the time of filing application in accordance with the schedule as set out in section 74-97.

(Code 1982, § 5-41; Ord. No. 2000-35, 8-28-2000)

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- (a) *Required.* Building permit fees shall be based on the following valuations:

| Valuation         | Rate     |
|-------------------|----------|
| \$ 1.00—2,000.00  | \$ 42.00 |
| 2,001.00—3,000.00 | 46.00    |
| 3,001.00—4,000.00 | 52.00    |
| 4,001.00—5,000.00 | 57.00    |
| 5,001.00—6,000.00 | 62.00    |
| 6,001.00—7,000.00 | 67.00    |

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| 7,001.00—8,000.00   | 73.00  |
| 8,001.00—9,000.00   | 78.00  |
| 9,001.00—10,000.00  | 83.00  |
| 10,001.00—11,000.00 | 89.00  |
| 11,001.00—12,000.00 | 94.00  |
| 12,001.00—13,000.00 | 99.00  |
| 13,001.00—14,000.00 | 105.00 |
| 14,001.00—15,000.00 | 110.00 |
| 15,001.00—16,000.00 | 116.00 |
| 16,001.00—17,000.00 | 121.00 |
| 17,001.00—18,000.00 | 126.00 |
| 18,001.00—19,000.00 | 131.00 |
| 19,001.00—20,000.00 | 137.00 |
| 20,001.00—21,000.00 | 142.00 |
| 21,001.00—22,000.00 | 147.00 |
| 22,001.00—23,000.00 | 153.00 |
| 23,001.00—24,000.00 | 158.00 |
| 24,001.00—25,000.00 | 165.00 |
| 25,001.00—26,000.00 | 169.00 |
| 26,001.00—27,000.00 | 170.00 |

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| 27,001.00—28,000.00 | 179.00    |
| 28,001.00—29,000.00 | 185.00    |
| 29,001.00—30,000.00 | 190.00    |
| 30,001.00—31,000.00 | 195.00    |
| 31,001.00—32,000.00 | 201.00    |
| 32,001.00—33,000.00 | 206.00    |
| 33,001.00—34,000.00 | 211.00*** |
| 34,001.00—35,000.00 | 217.00    |
| 35,001.00—36,000.00 | 222.00    |
| 36,001.00—37,000.00 | 228.00    |
| 37,001.00—38,000.00 | 234.00    |
| 38,001.00—39,000.00 | 238.00    |
| 39,001.00—40,000.00 | 243.00    |
| 40,001.00—41,000.00 | 249.00    |
| 41,001.00—42,000.00 | 254.00    |
| 42,001.00—43,000.00 | 260.00    |
| 43,001.00—44,000.00 | 265.00    |
| 44,001.00—45,000.00 | 270.00    |
| 45,001.00—46,000.00 | 276.00    |
| 46,001.00—47,000.00 | 281.00    |

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| 47,001.00—48,000.00   | 286.00   |
| 48,001.00—49,000.00   | 292.00   |
| 49,001.00—50,000.00   | 297.00   |
| 50,001.00—500,000.00  |          |
| For the first \$50,000.00   | 297.00   |
| Plus for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, up to and including \$500,000.00             | 3.00     |
| 500,000.00—1,000,000.00   |          |
| For the first \$500,000.00  | 1,650.00 |
| Plus for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, up to and including the first \$1,000,000.00 | 2.00     |
| 1,000,000 and over  |          |
| For the first \$1,000,000.00  | 2,650.00 |
| Plus for each additional thousand or fraction thereof   | 2.00     |

(b) *Plan checking fees.*

- (1) When the value of construction of multifamily or commercial exceeds \$1,000.00 and a plan is required to be submitted by section A104.2.1, a plan checking fee shall be paid to the building department at the time of submitting plans and specifications for checking. The plan checking fee shall be equal to one-half of the building permit fee.
- (2) Single-family homes are exempt from the requirements in subsection (b)(1) of this section. However, any single-family permit application which is validated and subsequently withdrawn shall be assessed a fee of \$30.00.
- (3) All plan checking fees are nonrefundable.

(c) *Moving of buildings or structures.* For the moving of any building or structure the fee shall be \$30.00.

(d) *Demolition of building or structure.* For the demolition of any building or structure the fee shall be \$30.00.

(e) *Building permit valuations.* If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of a building, alteration, or structure appears to be underestimated, the building official shall then determine the

value of the building plus the applicable permit fee(s) from the most recent edition of the International Code Council's Building Cost Data for South Carolina.

(f) *Reinspections.* If the building official or his duly authorized representative shall, upon his inspection after the completion of the work or apparatus, find the work or apparatus does not conform to or comply with the applicable provisions of this Code, he shall notify the contractor, indicating the corrections to be made, and then he shall again inspect the work or apparatus without further charge. However, when extra inspections are due to any of the following reasons, a charge of \$25.00 shall be made for each reinspection:

- (1) Wrong address.
- (2) Condemned work, resulting from faulty work.
- (3) Repairs or corrections not made when inspections are called.
- (4) Work not ready for inspection when called.

All reinspection fees shall be paid before any further inspections are made.

(Code 1982, § 5-42; [Ord. No. 2003-12, § 3.6.2, 4-28-2003](#) )