



**City of Greensboro**  
**Development Services**  
**Building Permit Fee Calculation**

## **BUILDING PERMIT FEE COLLECTION**

### **Instructions:**

The building permit fees for all commercial projects must be paid at the time of the application for a permit.

### **Building Permit Fee Cost:**

1. The Building Permit fee is based on the *General Construction Cost*. This is the *Total Construction Cost* less the cost of plumbing, mechanical and electrical (P,M&E) work. The fees for P,M&E work are paid when permits for that work are obtained.
2. For purposes of fee determination, the *Total Construction Cost* shall be as follows:
  - a. For new construction and additions, the greater of:
    - i. The proposed cost stated on the Building Permit Application or;
    - ii. The cost as determined from the most recent Building Valuation Data published by the International Code Council, adjusted by a Regional Cost Modifier derived from cost modifiers published in the Building Safety Journal.
      1. Shell Building – 80% of General Construction Cost based on Building Valuation Data
  - b. For alteration or renovation of existing buildings, the proposed cost stated on the Building Permit Application.
3. The permit cost per \$1000 for a new construction and additions is greater than the cost for renovations or interior alterations. Note that the initial upfit of a shell building is new construction. Be sure to use the correct fee calculation sheet.
4. The *Fire Prevention Fee* is calculated on the square footage of the building. Find the range that the building falls in and use the corresponding fee for that range. A building that is 6,000 sq. ft. would cost \$150.00.

### **Refund Policy:**

5. The administrative fee of \$75 included in the permit fee will not be refundable.
6. The Fire Prevention fee will not be refundable.
7. No refunds will be available more than 12 months after the permit application.

### **Payment:**

8. Payment shall be made to the City of Greensboro. Payment will be received in the Cashier's office.
9. Payment must be made at the time the building permit application is submitted.

**Abandonment:** A permit application will be considered abandoned 12 months after receipt of the application if the permit is not obtained by the applicant. All plans will be discarded after notification to the applicant.

Please call the Plans Coordinator with any questions on the building permit fees.  
Plans Coordinator: (336) 373-2598

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**Building Permit Fee Calculation Form - New Construction**

For estimating only. Please contact Inspections office at 373-2155 for exact permit fees.

Total Construction Cost \* \_\_\_\_\_ \*See instruction #2 on first page. (contact the Inspections Department at 336-373-2155 to confirm *Total Construction Cost* for new construction and additions.)

Trade Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Sum of the plumbing, mechanical, and electrical costs. Subtract the *Trade Cost* from the *Total Construction Cost*.

General Construction Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ *Shell buildings based on Building Evaluation Data will be calculated at 80% of General Construction Cost*

**ROUNDED COST:**  The Construction Cost must be rounded to the next whole \$1,000 if it is not a round number. Two examples: \$ 66,300 becomes \$ 67,000 but \$ 66,000 remains \$66,000.

ROUNDED COST	0		<b>COST is between \$ 0 and \$ 49,999</b>
Subtract	\$11,000		<b>New Construction, Initial Upfits and Additions</b>
Cost Subtotal		Not less than \$ 0	
Divide by	\$1,000		
Equals		x \$ 4.25 = _____	
		Add	\$ 88.75
		<b>Permit Fee</b>	(This is the minimum fee when cost is not more than \$11,000)

ROUNDED COST			<b>COST is between \$ 50,000 and \$ 499,999</b>
Subtract	- \$ 50,000		<b>New Construction, Initial Upfits and Additions</b>
Cost Subtotal		Not less than \$ 0	
Divide by	/ \$ 1,000		
Equals		x \$ 3.25 = _____	
		Add	\$ 254.50
		<b>Permit Fee</b>	

ROUNDED COST			<b>COST is \$ 500,000 or more</b>
Subtract	- \$ 500,000		<b>New Construction, Initial Upfits and Additions</b>
Cost Subtotal		<b>New Building</b>	
Divide by	/ \$ 1,000	x \$ 1.00 = _____	
Equals		Add	\$ 1,717.00
		<b>Permit Fee</b>	

FIRE PREVENTION REVIEW FEE:	<u>BUILDING SIZE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
	0-999 SQ. FT.	\$75.00
	1,000-2,499 SQ. FT.	\$100.00
	2,500-9,999 SQ. FT.	\$150.00
	10,000-49,999 SQ. FT.	\$275.00
	50,000>	\$400.00

<b>PERMIT FEE:</b>	Permit Fee from above	_____
	Fire Prevention Fee from above	_____
	<b>TOTAL PERMIT FEE:</b>	=====

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**Building Permit Fee Calculation Form - Existing Construction**

For estimating only. Please contact Inspections office at 373-2155 for exact permit fees.

Construction Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Use just the general construction cost. Do not include plumbing, mechanical or electrical costs.

**ROUNDED COST:**

The Construction Cost must be rounded to the next whole \$1,000 if it is not a round number. Two examples: \$ 66,300 becomes \$ 67,000 but \$ 66,000 remains \$66,000.

ROUNDED COST \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtract - \$ 11,000  
 Cost Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divide by / \$ 1,000  
 Equals \_\_\_\_\_

**COST is between \$ 0 and \$ 49,999**  
**Renovation and Alterations**

Not less than \$ 0

x \$ 3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add \$ 75.00

**Plan Fee**

(This is the minimum fee when cost is not more than \$11,000)

ROUNDED COST \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtract - \$ 50,000  
 Cost Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divide by / \$ 1,000  
 Equals \_\_\_\_\_

**COST is between \$ 50,000 and \$ 499,999**  
**Renovation and Alterations**

Not less than \$ 0

x \$ 2.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add \$ 192.00

**Plan Fee**

ROUNDED COST \$500,000.00  
 Subtract \$500,000  
 Cost Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divide by \$1,000  
 Equals \_\_\_\_\_ 0 x

**COST is \$ 500,000 or more**  
**Renovation and Alterations**

**New Building**

\$1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
 Add \$1,092.00

**Plan Fee**

**FIRE PREVENTION REVIEW FEE:**

<b><u>BUILDING SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>FEE</u></b>
0-999 SQ. FT.	\$75.00
1,000-2,499 SQ. FT.	\$100.00
2,500-9,999 SQ. FT.	\$150.00
10,000-49,999 SQ. FT.	\$275.00
50,000>	\$400.00

<b>PERMIT FEE:</b>	Plan Fee from above	_____
	Fire Prevention Fee from above	_____
	<b>TOTAL PERMIT FEE:</b>	_____

**Building Valuation Data (per square foot) published by the International Code Council, adjusted by Regional Cost Modifier (1.05)**

<b>Group (2012 International Building Code)</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>IB</b>	<b>IIA</b>	<b>IIB</b>	<b>IIIA</b>	<b>IIIB</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>VB</b>
<b>A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage</b>	235.71	227.98	222.41	213.11	200.37	194.60	205.94	183.15	176.22
<b>A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage</b>	216.00	208.26	202.69	193.39	180.75	174.98	186.23	163.54	156.60
<b>A-2 Assembly, nightclubs</b>	186.01	180.73	175.68	168.61	158.37	154.08	162.38	143.52	139.45
<b>A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls</b>	184.96	179.68	173.58	167.56	156.27	153.03	161.33	141.42	138.40
<b>A-3 Assembly, churches</b>	218.12	210.38	204.81	195.51	183.13	177.36	188.35	165.92	158.98
<b>A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums</b>	182.03	174.29	167.68	159.42	145.84	141.12	152.26	128.63	122.74
<b>A-4 Assembly, arenas</b>	214.95	207.21	200.59	192.34	178.65	173.93	185.18	161.44	155.55
<b>B Business</b>	188.25	181.34	175.31	166.63	151.86	146.16	160.05	133.27	127.39
<b>E Educational</b>	201.71	194.76	189.05	180.50	168.09	159.20	174.27	146.90	142.12
<b>F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard</b>	113.84	108.49	102.04	98.05	87.41	83.61	93.68	72.13	67.61
<b>F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard</b>	112.79	107.44	102.04	97.00	87.41	82.56	92.63	72.13	66.56
<b>H-1 High Hazard, explosives</b>	106.61	101.26	95.86	90.82	81.45	76.60	86.45	66.17	<b>N.P.</b>
<b>H-2,3,4 High Hazard</b>	106.61	101.26	95.86	90.82	81.45	76.60	86.45	66.17	60.60
<b>H-5 HPM</b>	188.25	181.34	175.31	166.63	151.86	146.16	160.05	133.27	127.39
<b>I-1 Institutional, supervised environment</b>	186.64	180.08	174.84	167.42	153.63	149.58	167.09	137.85	133.05
<b>I-2 Institutional, hospitals</b>	317.56	310.64	304.62	295.94	280.14	<b>N.P.</b>	289.36	261.55	<b>N.P.</b>
<b>I-2 Institutional, nursing homes</b>	219.84	212.93	206.90	198.22	184.50	<b>N.P.</b>	191.64	165.91	<b>N.P.</b>
<b>I-3 Institutional, restrained</b>	214.48	207.57	201.54	192.86	179.66	172.91	186.28	161.07	153.09
<b>I-4 Institutional, day care facilities</b>	186.64	180.08	174.84	167.42	153.63	149.58	167.09	137.85	133.05
<b>M Mercantile</b>	138.64	133.36	127.26	121.24	110.75	107.51	115.02	95.90	92.88
<b>R-1 Residential, hotels</b>	188.10	181.53	176.30	168.88	155.35	151.30	168.54	139.57	134.78
<b>R-2 Residential, multiple family</b>	157.76	151.19	145.96	138.53	125.76	121.71	138.20	109.98	105.18
<b>R-3 Residential, one- and two-family</b>	148.89	144.79	141.18	137.55	132.17	128.85	134.70	123.59	115.81
<b>R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities</b>	186.64	180.08	174.84	167.42	153.63	149.58	167.09	137.85	133.05
<b>S-1 Storage, moderate hazard</b>	105.56	100.21	93.76	89.77	79.35	75.55	85.40	64.07	59.55
<b>S-2 Storage, low hazard</b>	104.51	99.16	93.76	88.72	79.35	74.50	84.35	64.07	58.50
<b>U Utility, miscellaneous</b>	79.37	74.78	70.12	66.54	59.84	55.88	63.43	46.83	44.60