PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE
(As presented and accepted on 7/11/19 at the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing for that purpose)
Effective August 1, 2019

CONSTRUCTION COST

Permit fees are calculated as the estimated construction cost¹ multiplied by $7.00 per $1000 of construction cost. In all cases the square footage is as calculated by the Building Official from plans as submitted by the applicant. Construction costs are calculated as:

RESIDENTIAL

Application fee: $25 to be collected at time of application; non-refundable. To be deducted from cost of permit when issued.

Living Space - $120.00 per square foot of living space. Calculated by the square footage of the outside perimeter times the number of stories – includes all living space accessible by stairways. (*example)

Outbuildings (Garages/carports/barns/storage buildings/sheds, et al) - $51.00 per square foot of area. Calculated by the square footage of the outside perimeter of the structure, per story.

Storage areas identified within residential structures - $22.00 per square foot of storage area – may include basement and/ or accessible attic storage.

Decks/porches - $48.00 per square foot of area – calculated by the square footage of the outside perimeter of the area. Farmers porches and covered decks are treated the same. Three-season rooms are living space.

Change of use or conversion of space - $150 minimum plus .15 per square foot of effected area of new living space. Applies to conversions of basement, storage, attic, and any other areas converted to habitable space.

Renovations – without adding additional footprint or stories - $56.00 per square foot of area. Does not include change of use or increase in living space – existing space renovation only.

Residential Swimming Pools – In-ground $0.50 per square foot; above-ground- $80.00. Additional trade fees may apply, such as mechanical and/or electrical as required.

COMMERCIAL

Permit fees are calculated as the estimated construction cost¹ multiplied by $7.00 per $1000 of construction cost. In all cases the square footage is as calculated by the Building Official from plans as submitted by the applicant. Construction costs are calculated as:

Application fee: $100 to be collected at time of application; non-refundable. To be deducted from cost of permit when issued.
Commercial – New Construction - $124.00 per square foot – calculated by the square footage of the outside perimeter times the number of stories. Includes all uses, except R-3 (one-, two-family and town houses).

Commercial Renovations - without additional footprint or stories: $200 for first 1000 square feet; $12 per additional 100 square feet, rounded to nearest 100 feet.

Commercial Outbuildings (Garages/carports/barns/storage buildings/sheds) - $51.00 per square foot of area. Calculated by the square footage of the outside perimeter of the area, per story.

Commercial Swimming Pools – In-ground $0.50 per square foot; above-ground- $80.00. Additional trade fees may apply, such as mechanical and/or electrical as required.

Other Fees

Building Permit Fee Transfer or Renewal – 50% of original permit fee. Only a single renewal allowed, after that the project must be re-permitted from the beginning.
Permits become invalid unless work commences within 180 days of permit being issued. Permits expire 12 months from issue date and must be renewed to remain valid. Trade permits cannot be transferred.

Demolition Permit:
Residential - $0.30 per square foot of demolition.
Commercial - $0.60 per square foot of demolition.

Re-inspection fee = $50.00
The Building Official upon inspection, which warrants repeat inspections and/or returns to the same site for the same inspection, may assess this fee.

Septic Systems
$75.00 – per Septic Design Plan Review
$50.00 – Re-review of an amended, altered or as-built plan
$50.00 – first test pit
$35.00 – each additional test pit on same lot
$50.00 – septic system install (includes replacements) (New)

Driveway Permit
New – residential/per driveway $100.00
Improvement – residential/per driveway $ 50.00
New – commercial/multi-family $200.00.
Improvement – commercial/multi-family $150.00

Electrical
Residential $80.00
Commercial $125.00
Plumbing
Residential $80.00
Commercial $125.00

Mechanical
Residential $80.00
Commercial $125.00

Masonry
Residential $80.00
Commercial $125.00 per flu

Generator Permit*
Residential $80.00
Commercial $100.00 per 20kw or portion thereof
*Propane generators require gas permit from CFD.

TENT
$3/ $1000 of cost based on $43/ square foot
(Ex. 30’ x 60’ tent= 1800 square feet x $43 = $77,400 x .003 = $ 232.20 permit fee)
[Per Building Code Review Board Amendment BD-15-10-17 tents under 400 square feet AND Per RSA 155-A:2 V-a: any tent erected on owner occupied one or 2-family dwelling are exempt.]

After the Fact Permit Fee – A fine of $50.00 per day; minimum fee $100.00 (whichever is greater) may be charged for all work started without a permit. The fine period starts when the work is started and runs until a permit is issued. Fines must be paid before the permit can be issued. This applies to all permitting.

¹Construction Cost Estimates
• Residential living space is the average of construction cost of multi-family, one- and two-family as provided by International Code Council (ICC) Building Valuation Data – August 2018
• Commercial is the average of construction cost of mercantile, business, and assembly (A-2) as provided by International Code Council (ICC) Building Valuation Data – August 2018
• Storage cost is as set for basements as provided by International Code Council (ICC) Building Valuation Data – August 2018
*Example Building Permit Calculation*: An example is shown for a 24’ X 40’ residential one story building with a full, unfinished basement, 6’ x 8’ front porch, 12’ X 12’ deck and 24’ x 28’ car garage.

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**Calculated Total Cost of Construction**: $295,008.00

**Cost per $1000**: $7.00 $0.007

**Building PERMIT FEE**: $2,165.06

**Driveway Permit - New**: $100.00 1 $100.00

*Sample Only*. Additional permits and costs may apply.

The Chester Fire Department issues the following permits:
Gas Appliance (such as furnace, fireplace, kitchen stove, heater, etc)
- Residential: $65.00 per unit
- Commercial: $65.00 per 2000 square feet or portion thereof or $65.00 per unit whichever is greater

Chimney – excludes brick fireplace
- Residential: $65.00
- Commercial: $65.00 per flu

Gas Piping & Tanks/Cylinders
- Residential: $65.00
- Commercial: $65.00 per 1000 square feet or portion thereof.

Wood Stove/Pellet Stove: $50.00 per unit

Oil Burner
- Residential: $65.00 per unit
- Commercial: $65.00 per 1000 square feet or portion thereof or $65.00 per unit whichever is greater

Sprinkler Systems
- Residential – single family: $75 per dwelling unit
- Commercial: $75.00 per 2000 square feet or portion thereof or $75.00 per unit whichever is greater
- Plan amendments/revisions: $75.00
- Re-inspection: $50.00

Place of Assembly Operational/Occupancy: $65.00

Required for all areas determined to be a “place of assembly”. This fee is in addition to all other permitting.

Blasting/Explosive: $65.00 up to 7 days
See Chester Fire Chief for scheduling: $80.00 up to 60 days

Fireworks Display (Consult Chester Fire Chief)

All fireworks displays require a Fire Department detail to be present. The minimum fee for such detail is $400.00 and covers up to the first four (4) hours of detail. Time beyond four (4) hours is billed at the standard Chester Fire Department detail rate per firefighter.

Re-Inspection Fee: $100.00
The Fire Department Official upon inspection, which warrants repeat inspections and/or returns to the same site for the same inspection, may assess this fee.
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