

Galax City Code

Chapter 56 Fees Article II City of Galax Building and Tradesmen Certification Fee Schedule

§ 56-4 Title.

This article may be known and referred to as the "City of Galax Building and Tradesmen Certification Fee Schedule."

§ 56-5 Payment required.

[Amended 2-27-2006]

The following fees shall be paid in full to the City of Galax before any permits are issued and any building related work begins.

§ 56-6 Determination of fees.

The permit fees shall be determined from one or more of the following rates.

A. Building construction.

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(1) New residential construction.

(a) New residential construction fees shall be:

- [1] Sixteen cents per square foot first floor.
- [2] Eight cents per square foot second floor.
- [3] Five cents per square foot unfinished areas.

(b) The minimum fee for a residence shall be \$200.

(c) The minimum fee for an accessory structure or addition to a residence shall be \$80.

(d) The minimum fee for a porch or deck additions shall be \$40.

(2) New or used manufactured home set-up: \$80, plus electrical permit.

(3) Residential or commercial modular/industrialized buildings: \$0.05 per square foot. The minimum fee shall be \$80.

(4) New commercial/business construction: \$0.08 per square foot of building area. The minimum fee shall be \$200.

(5) New warehouse/manufacturing construction: \$0.04 per square foot of building area. The minimum fee shall be \$200.

(6) Renovation, alteration or change of use of building: \$0.05 per square foot of building area. The minimum fee shall be \$80.

(7) Certificate of occupancy. When an inspection and certificate of occupancy is requested for an existing building; the fee shall be \$40, plus \$40 for each follow up inspection.

(8) Tents and membrane structures: \$50.

(9) Underground storage tanks: \$100.

- (10) Amusement devices.
 - (a) Fees shall be as permitted under the most recent edition of the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations at the time the ride is inspected.
 - (b) A private inspector employed by the owner shall reduce the fee by 50%.
- (11) Signs: \$25.
- (12) Pools: \$75.
- (13) Other construction not listed elsewhere: \$5 per \$1,000 of estimated costs. The minimum permit fee shall be \$40.
- (14) Demolition of building: \$25.
- (15) Reinspection. When an inspection is requested and performed prior to work being completed: \$40 for each reinspection.
- (16) Preinspection. Any person, firm or corporation failing to obtain a required building permit prior to initializing construction of a project shall be required to pay a preinspection fee of \$150. This fee shall be in addition to required building permit fees.

B. Electrical.

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- (1) New single phase.
 - (a) Four hundred amperes or less: \$60.
 - (b) Over 400 amperes: an additional \$20 for each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof.
- (2) New three phase.
 - (a) Four hundred amperes or less: \$80.
 - (b) Over 400 amperes: an additional \$20 for each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof.
- (3) Alteration/modification of wiring service: service change or upgrade, rewiring or additional circuits without a service change: 50% of fee for a new service.
- (4) Special circuits. Special circuits related to equipment, temporary poles, meter inspections, manufactured homes and other similar single circuits: \$25.

C. Plumbing.

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- (1) New installation or repair/replacement.
 - (a) Main sewer: \$10.
 - (b) Main water: \$10.
 - (c) Each plumbing fixture: \$5.
 - (d) Minimum fee: \$40.
- (2) Sprinkler system: \$25, plus \$5 per 1,000 of contract value. The minimum fee shall be \$40.

D. Mechanical.

- (1) HVAC, ducting and refrigeration systems: \$25, plus \$5 per \$1,000 of contract value. The minimum fee shall be \$40.

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- (2) LP GAS SYSTEMS.

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(a) New gas installations and appliances: \$25, plus \$5 per 1,000 of contract value.

(b) Minimum fee: \$40.

- (3) Reinspection: If a flagrant code violation or if the work is not ready for inspection after the inspector has been called causes a reinspection trip, the City of Galax may add an additional fee of \$10.

E. Miscellaneous.

- (1) Residential rental property: \$15 per residential unit.

- (2) Tents and membrane structures: \$20 per structure exceeding 120 square feet when used for nonresidential purposes.

- (3) Amusement devices:

(a) Fifteen dollars per kiddie ride.

(b) Twenty-five dollars per major ride.

(c) Forty-five dollars per spectacular ride. If a private inspector is employed, the above inspection fees are reduced by 50%.

- (4) Reinspection: If a flagrant code violation or if the work is not ready for inspection after the inspector has been called causes a reinspection trip, the City of Galax may add an additional fee of \$10.

§ 56-7 Tradesmen certification fees.

The fee for each applicant in any trade and level shall be \$25.

§ 56-8 Administration and enforcement.

The Building Department shall establish such procedures or requirements as may be necessary for administration and enforcement of this article.

§ 56-9 Violations and penalties.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, on or after the effective date of this article, to violate any provision. Any such violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and any person, firm or corporation convicted of a violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.