

WASHINGTON COUNTY
FY27 FEE SCHEDULE
(Revised/Effective: July 1st, 2026)

(this portion is for Planning Department Purposes)

BUILDING INSP. & ZONING PERMITS FEE SCHEDULE:

The fee for all permits required by this Code shall be paid at the time of filing the application in accordance with the following schedule.

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The authority for this Ordinance is found at G.S. 160D-402.

The building inspector is authorized to assign all construction to one of the categories contained herein. The assignment will be to the category, which in his discretion, is the one most closely related to the proper construction category.

SECTION 2. MOBILE HOMES AND MODULAR HOUSING

Single wide mobile homes	\$ 150.00
Double wide mobile homes	\$ 175.00
Triple wide mobile homes	\$ 200.00

**SECTION 3. LIGHT CONSTRUCTION — UTILITY BUILDING, STORAGE,
PRIVATE, GARAGES, ETC.**

0 — 200 square feet	\$ 100.00
201 — 600 square feet	\$ 150.00
601 — no limit	\$.20 per additional sq. ft.

SECTION 4. NEW CONSTRUCTION — RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Per Square foot (heated and unheated)	\$.20
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**SECTION 5. ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, PIERS, BULKHEADS, WATERWAY
STRUCTURES, GREENHOUSE INSTALLATIONS**

For a valuation under \$5,000.00 no fee shall be required.

For a valuation over \$5,000.00 and without limit the fee shall be \$10.00 per
thousand dollars or a fraction thereof (minimum of \$25.00)

SECTION 5A. SOLAR PANELS (Adopted August 20, 2012)

Residential	\$ 75.00
Commercial	\$0.50 per panel (with a <u>minimum</u> fee of \$250)

SECTION 6. SWIMMING POOLS \$ 100.00

SECTION 7. ELECTRICAL

New construction — residential and commercial	\$.08 per square foot
Alterations	\$ 75.00
Temporary service pole	\$ 75.00

SECTION 8. RESTORATION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES \$ 75.00

SECTION 9. MECHANICAL PERMITS

New Construction- residential and commercial	\$.08 per square foot
Alterations	\$ 75.00

SECTION 10. DUAL FUEL PERMITS \$ 150.00

SECTION 11. INSULATION

New Construction – residential and commercial	\$.06 per square foot
Alterations	\$ 75.00

SECTION 12. VINYL SIDING PERMITS \$ N/A

SECTION 13. SHINGLES / RE-ROOF \$ N/A

SECTION 14. SIGN PERMITS

Up to 100 square feet	\$ 60.00
Over 100 square feet	\$ 120.00
Electricity to sign	\$ 75.00

SECTION 15. BEER/WINE	\$ 100.00
<i>(FIRE / BUILDING INSPECTIONS)</i>	
SECTION 16. DAYCARE INSPECTION	\$ 75.00
SECTION 17. PLUMBING PERMITS	
New construction	\$.08 per square foot
Alterations	\$ 75.00
SECTION 18. COURTESY OR CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY INSP	\$ 75.00
SECTION 19. DEMOLITIONS	\$ 50.00
SECTION 20. COMMUNICATIONS TOWER	\$ 6.00 per foot of height
	<i>(plus building permit, if required)</i>
SECTION 21. RE-INSPECTIONS (per re-inspections)	\$ 25.00
SECTION 22. G.S. 87-15.6	
<i>(1991) Homeowners Recovery Fund Fee of \$10.00 (State \$9.00, County \$1.00) charged to licensed general contractors for construction or alteration of any single family residential dwelling.</i>	
SECTION 23. FEMA DEVELOPMENT PERMIT	
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL	\$ 25.00
SECTION 24. GAS PERMIT	\$ 35.00
SECTION 25. SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT FEE	\$ 200.00
SECTION 26. ASBESTOS (Base Rate including 3 samples)	\$ n/a
Additional samples \$n/a each	
SECTION 27. MOLD INSPECTION	\$ n/a
Additional samples \$n/a each	
SECTION 28. ZONING FEES	
Zoning Permit	\$25.00
Zoning Permit Amendments	\$37.50
Conditional Use/Special Use Permits	\$150.00
Variance Request	\$200.00
Zoning Ordinance/Map Amendments	\$150.00
Site Plan Review Fee	\$50.00
Appeals to the Board of Adjustment	\$150.00

SECTION 29. ENFORCEMENTS

A \$50.00 fine for commencement of construction, alterations, additions, repair or other work requiring a permit, will be added to the fees due. Payment of such penalty shall not relieve the violator of criminal prosecution. Other penalties may apply as provided in the North Carolina State Building Codes and National Electrical Code as amended or failure to comply with any of the requirements thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day's violation.

SECTION 30. APPEALS

Any appeals as to the existing ordinance shall be made to the County Building Inspector within ten (10) days of written notice from the Inspections Department. Further appeals will be conducted by the County Board of Commissioners. The County Manager shall affix a reasonable time and hearing as to the appeal with the Board. The Board may conduct a full and complete hearing as to the matters in controversy, after which shall, within a reasonable amount of time, give written decision setting forth its finding of fact and its conclusions.

SECTION 31. SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared null and void by the courts, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other independent part thereof.

SECTION 32. EXEMPTIONS

No fee shall be required for the County of Washington, State of North Carolina, the United States of America, the Towns of Creswell, Plymouth and Roper, or the Washington County Board of Education.

SECTION 33. DEFINITIONS

Modular	-	Considered equal to new construction
Construction — trailer	-	Considered as a single wide