County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

BUILDING DIVISION

(Effective 07/01/2019)

The following fees shall be paid to the Planning & Development Services for the processing of the following permits and applications:

SCHEDULE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

PERMIT TYPE	FY 18/19	
	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee
Single Family Dwelling/Duplex	$1,774 + $0.274/sf	$1,854 + $0.161/sf
One & Two Family Tract – Model Phase	$2,271 + $0.163/sf	$809+ $0.153/sf
One & Two Family Tract – Subsequent Phase	$787 minimum for each unique floor plan. See subsection (d), Item 1	$669 + $0.112/sf
Guest House/Accessory Dwelling Unit	$1,490 + $0.315/sf	$1,222+ $0.411/sf
Residential Cabana, Pool House or Recreational Room Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$1,490 + $0.315/sf	$1,222 + $0.411/sf
Barn, Ag Bldg. Acc to SFD for OTC Review	$514	$711
Barn, Ag Bldg. Acc to SFD Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$866 + $0.243/sf	$711
M-H Permanent on Foundation System (Private Lot)	$648	$799 + $0.162/sf
M-H on Piers (Private Lot)	*(Misc fee applies - $310)*	$328
Misc Permit OTC. Minor int. SFD remodel / repair-no structural change, patio, carport, canopy, fence, re-roof, stairs, radio tower, antenna, etc.	$310	$380
Misc. Permit Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$1,356	$380
Commercial Misc. OTC (antenna, canopy, racks)	$359	$662
Commercial Misc. Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$1,858	$662
Major SFD Remodel, No Additional Square Footage	$1,764	$1,380
Retaining Wall OTC (other than County std)	$252	$502
Retaining Wall Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$1,548	$502
Addition to SFD/Duplex (1 to 100 sf)	$348	$927
Addition to SFD/Duplex Simple Enough for OTC Review (larger than 100 sf)	$396 + $0.024/sf	$1,067 + $0.552/sf
Addition to SFD/Duplex Requiring Plan Check Submittal (larger than 100 sf)	$1,687 + $0.286/sf	$1,067 + $0.552/sf
Residential Garage, Carport, Storage Bldg, Cabana, Pool House or Recreational Room Simple Enough for OTC review	$445 + $0.092/sf	$953 + $0.082/sf

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	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee
Residential Garage, Carport or Storage Bldg. Requiring Plan Check Submittal	$969+ $0.331/sf	$953 + $0.082/sf
Swimming Pool/ Spa	$205	$695
Demolition Permit	N/A	$155
Compliance Survey	N/A	$281
Move-On House	25% of the fee for a site built dwelling	75% of the fee for a site built dwelling, plus a compliance survey fee
Electrical Only	N/A	$285
Plumbing Only	N/A	$285
Mechanical Only	N/A	$285
Electrical and Plumbing	N/A	$363
Electrical and Mechanical	N/A	$363
Plumbing and Mechanical	N/A	$363
Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical	N/A	$533
Photovoltaic Roof Mount- Online	N/A	$212
Photovoltaic Roof Mount- In Person	N/A	$252
Photovoltaic Ground Mount	N/A	$366
Solar Photovoltaic- Commercial	N/A	<=50kW, $1,000;50-250kW: $1,000+(System size in kW-50)*$7;>=250kW, $2,400+(System size kW-250)*$1
Residential Wind Turbine	N/A	$488
Wind Turbine- Commercial	N/A	<=50kW, $1,000;50-250kW: $1,000+(System size in kW-50)*$7;>=250kW, $2,400+(System size kW-250)*$1
Grading	$842	$609
Stormwater-Supplement as Fee for High Priority Projects	N/A	$677
Temporary Construction Power	N/A	$149
Temporary Construction Trailer	N/A	$149
Temporary Occupancy Permits	N/A	$149
Re-Inspection/Progress Inspection Fee	N/A	$149
Permit Research Verification Fee	N/A	$30

PERMIT TYPE	FY 18/19	
	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee
Appeal to Building Construction or Fire Appeals Board	N/A	$965
Transfer of Plan Review to Different Parcel	$482	N/A
New Plan Check Number When Plan Review is Complete (no changes to code)	$409	N/A
Landscape Plan Check – Short Form (less than 5,000 sf)	N/A	$50
Missed Appointment Fee	$217	N/A
Microfilming/Records Retention Fee **Base Fee** **Plans** **Letter and Legal Size Documents**	$8.20 $2.10 per page $40.00 flat fee $0.20 per page	N/A
Pre-Application Conference	Time & Materials	N/A

SCHEDULE OF STREET NAME AND ADDRESSING FEES

Application Name	Authority	Fee
- Address Assignment with building permit	79.106 C.C.	$130.00
- Address Assignment without building permit	79.106 C.C.	$143.00
- Private Street Naming (No Hearing)	79.104 C.C.	$143.00
- Hearing for Name or Change of Names	79.104 C.C.	$2,027.00

PROJECT TYPES NOT LISTED IN THE TABLES ABOVE:

When a project is not specifically listed in the Schedule of Building Construction Permit Fees table or the Schedule of Street Naming and Addressing Fees table above, the fee shall be calculated based on the valuation as described in this section.

SCHEDULE OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES BASED ON VALUATION

TOTAL VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
$1.00 to $50,000.00	$374.00 for the first $10,000.00 plus $1.00 for each additional $1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including $50,000.00.
$50,001.00 to $100,000.00	$414.50 for the first $50,000.00 plus $4.50 for each additional $1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including $100,000.00.
$100,001.00 to $500,000.00	$639.50 for the first $100,000.00 plus $3.50 for each additional $1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including $500,000.00.
$500,001.00 to $1,000,000.00	$2,039.50 for the first $500,000.00 plus $3.00 for each additional $1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including $1,000,000.00.
$1,000,001.00 and up	$3,539.50 for the first $1,000,000.00 plus $2.00 for each additional $1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

PLAN REVIEW FEES: When a plan or other data is required or requested pursuant to the code, a plan review fee shall be paid at the time of submitting plans and specifications for review. Said plan review fee shall be 65% of the building permit fee.

DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW FEES: The fee for conducting a review of plans for compliance with the disabled accessibility standards found at Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, to be assessed at the time of application for plan review, shall be an additional 10% of the plan review fee. The fee for conducting an inspection for compliance with said disabled accessibility standards, to be assessed at the time of issuance of a building permit, shall be an additional 10% of the building permit fee.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL TRACTS. When a plan is registered with the Building Official as a Master Plan, all subsequent plan reviews for that Master Plan will be charged the fee listed in the Schedule of Building Construction Permit Fees. The minimum fee will be charged for each unique floor plan in the phase regardless of the total number of dwelling units in the phase. If more than two hours is required to intake and review each unique floor plan, the time in excess of two hours will be charged at the Time and Material Rate described in the County Code. Minor, nonstructural changes to Master Plans are acceptable, however, all additional staff time spent processing any plan changes will be added to the plan review fee.

- EXTENSION OF AN EXPIRED PLAN REVIEW: When plans are submitted subsequent to plan review expiration, as permitted by the County Code, the plan review extension fee shall be 25 percent of the plan review fee prescribed above for newly submitted plans.

- PLAN CHANGES, ADDITIONS, REVISIONS OR INCOMPLETE PLANS: Additional plan review required by plan changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans or because the plans are incomplete shall be charged at the time and material labor rate and the minimum charge shall be one-half hour.

- FEE REDUCTION FOR BUILDINGS USING SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES: For building permit applicants who voluntarily participate in the County of San Diego Green Building Program, as established by Board of Supervisors Policy F-50, plancheck and permit fees shall be reduced by 7.5%. To qualify for this fee reduction, the project shall use one of the following sustainable building practices:

  a) Energy Conservation: The project shall exceed California Energy Commission Standards by 15% or more for residential and 25% or more for commercial and industrial developments.
  b) Natural Resource Conservation: The project shall incorporate straw bale construction for all exterior walls or use recycled content in the building system. To be eligible for the fee reduction by using recycled content, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Building Official that 20% or more of the primary materials being used in the building system contain 20% or more post-consumer recycled content. Any reused materials will be found to satisfy the 20% post-consumer recycled content requirement. A fee reduction may also be approved when the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Building Official that at least one primary building material (e.g. roofing material) is 50% or more post-consumer recycled content.
  c) Water Conservation: The project shall include the installation of a gray water system. A permit is required from the Department of Environmental Health for the gray water system in addition to the building permit issued by Planning & Development Services.

- EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW: When requested by the applicant and approved by the Building Official staff may use overtime to expedite a plan review. An additional fee shall be charged for this service. The fee amount shall be determined using the time and material labor rate multiplied by the amount of time staff spends on expedited plan review.

- INSPECTIONS OUTSIDE OF NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS: When the Building Official approves inspections outside of normal business hours the fee shall be charged hourly at the rate of one and one-half times the standard time and material labor rate described in the County Code. The minimum time charged shall be two hours.

- REFUNDS: An applicant who has paid the applicable plan review or permit fees may withdraw the application by submitting a written request to the Director of Planning & Development Services. The Department shall discontinue work on such application, except when the application involves a violation of a County Ordinance.

  The Director of Planning & Development Services shall not authorize the refund of any fee and/or deposit(s) paid except upon written application filed by the original applicant, received not later than one year after the date of fee payment.

  When no work has been done under a permit issued pursuant to this chapter the building official may refund up to 80 percent of the permit and shall withhold at least 20 percent of the fee paid but not less than $10 to offset the County's administrative cost.

  The building official may authorize a refund of up to 80 percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan reviewing is done and shall withhold at least 20 percent of the fee paid but not less than $10 to offset the County's administrative cost.

  The building official shall not authorize a refund of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than one year after the fee was paid. A refund shall not be authorized if the total refundable amount after deduction of County administrative cost is less than $10.

  The Administrative Authority may authorize the full refund of any fee paid hereunder which is erroneously collected by the County.

  Refund of fees shall be made in accordance with County Code.

- VIOLATIONS: When a violation of any County code includes or results from the failure to obtain a required permit, a violation fee may be assessed as prescribed in the County Code. In all cases the additional violation fee or deposit amount shall be treated as a non-refundable flat fee, even if the initial amount is a deposit.

- CHARGES FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS: Information, circulars, reports of technical work, and other reports prepared by the Planning & Development Services when supplied to other government agencies, individuals or groups requesting copies of same may be charged for by the Department in a sum not to exceed the cost of publication and distribution of such documents.

- HOMEOWNER AND BUSINESS OWNERS RELIEF: See form PDS 612 for detailed explanation of fees related to the Homeowner and Business Owner Relief Act.

- STANDARD HOURLY RATES: The fee for items not listed in the above fee schedules or those designated "Time and Materials" shall be determined by the actual costs incurred by Planning & Development Services. The cost will be determined by using the labor rates specified in Time and Material Rate described in the County Code.

- MISSED APPOINTMENT FEE. The Building Official may charge this fee when an applicant does not show up for a scheduled plan submittal appointment or cancels the appointment less than 24 hours in advance.

- FEE WAIVER FOR STRUCTURES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY NATURAL DISASTER: Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified, the plan check review fee and the permit fee may be waived for an applicant who is rebuilding legally built structures which have been damaged or destroyed by a wildfire or other natural disaster and which are located within the boundaries of a geographic area which has been declared by resolution of the Board of Supervisors to be eligible for this fee waiver. The fee waiver shall not apply to any portion of a new structure which exceeds the square footage of the structure which is being replaced.

FEE ORDINANCE INFORMATION:

Additional information on fees can be found in the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances online at:
http://www.amlegal.com/sandiego_county_ca/