

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
2026 PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITION PERMITS

1. Zoning Fees

- a. One & two family dwellings - \$50 plus \$.090 per square foot
- b. All other construction - \$345 plus \$2.25 per \$1000 of construction cost

2. Building/Construction Fees

- a. Group I \$.100 per square foot
- b. Group II \$.100 per square foot
- c. Group III \$.100 per square foot
- d. Group IV \$.120 per square foot
- e. Group V \$.080 per square foot - first 10,000 square feet
\$.070 per square foot - over 10,000 square feet
- f. Group VI \$.050 per square foot – Min \$125
- g. Minimum fee - Residential - \$125, Commercial -\$175

3. Electrical Fees

- a. Group I \$.080 per square foot
- b. Group II \$.080 per square foot
- c. Group III \$.080 per square foot
- d. Group IV \$.080 per square foot
- e. Group V \$.080 per square foot
- f. Group VI \$.050 per square foot – Min \$125
- g. Minimum fee - Residential - \$125, Commercial - \$175

4. Plumbing Fees

- a. Group I \$.080 per square foot
- b. Group II \$.080 per square foot
- c. Group III \$.080 per square foot
- d. Group IV \$.080 per square foot
- e. Group V \$.080 per square foot - first 10,000 square feet
\$.060 per square foot - over 10,000 square feet
- f. Group VI \$.050 per square foot – Min \$125
- g. Minimum fee - Residential - \$125, Commercial - \$175

5. Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning Fees

- a. Group I \$.080 per square foot
- b. Group II \$.080 per square foot
- c. Group III \$.080 per square foot
- d. Group IV \$.080 per square foot
- e. Group V \$.080 per square foot - first 10,000 square feet
\$.060 per square foot - over 10,000 square feet
- f. Group VI \$.050 per square foot – Min \$125
- g. Minimum fee - Residential - \$125, Commercial - \$175

6. Fire Sprinkler System Fees

- a. All Groups \$.030 per square foot of all areas
- b. Kitchen Hood Suppression Systems are a flat fee of \$100 per unit.

7. Fire Alarm System Fees

- a. All Groups \$.020 per square foot of all areas

General Notes

- a. See page #4 for breakdown and examples of building Groups I-IV.
- b. Areas included for fee calculation purposes shall include all floor levels, basement, attached garages, porches and all spaces enclosed and under roof. The Building Inspection Department will be responsible for calculating the square footage of all buildings.
- c. **All fees are rounded to the nearest dollar.**
- d. All building and HVAC fees are based on either the Wisconsin Building Code Table 2.31-1 or this Permit Fee Schedule, whichever is greater.

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING BUILDING PERMITS

Cost of Permit is a. or b., whichever is greater (where applies).

1. **Zoning Fees** - \$52 plus \$1.05 per \$1000 of construction cost
2. **Building Fees**
 - a. 1.0% of building construction cost
 - b. Minimum fee - Residential - \$125, Commercial - \$175
3. **Electrical Fees**
 - a. 1.8% of electrical construction cost
 - b. Minimum fee - Residential - \$100, Commercial - \$125
4. **Plumbing Fees**
 - a. 1.6% of plumbing construction cost.
 - b. Minimum fee - Residential - \$100, Commercial - \$125
5. **Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning Fees**
 - a. 1.6% of heating/ventilating/air conditioning construction cost
 - b. Minimum fee - Residential - \$100, Commercial - \$125

General Notes

- a. Zoning Permit fees are paid to the City of Fitchburg.
- b. Construction cost includes labor and materials.
- c. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for estimating construction costs utilizing information provided by permit applicants.
- d. **All permit fees are rounded to the nearest dollar.**

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Swimming Pools** - (Building Permit Only) Above ground - \$200 per permit Inground - \$400 per permit
2. **Fire Alarm Panel Replacements** – All replacements of existing panels - \$150
3. **Fire Alarm Panel Alterations** – All alterations except replacements - \$100
4. **Fire Suppression Alterations** – All alterations - \$100
5. **Kitchen Hood Suppression System** - \$100 per unit
6. **Solar Photo-Voltaic Projects**
 - a. Based on Alteration/Repair fee schedule
 - b. Minimum fee - \$350, Maximum fee - \$500 (Includes Plan Review)
7. **Moving of Buildings/Structures** - ½ of rates charged for new construction. (Minimum of \$200 per structure)
8. **Demolition** - \$100 per residential building, \$200 per commercial building.

9. **Permit to Start Construction**
\$100 per residential permit, \$200 per commercial permit.
10. **Occupancy Permit** – Residential - \$75 per unit, Commercial - \$100 per unit
11. **Deck Permit** - \$275 (\$200 Building Inspection & \$75 Zoning)
12. **Erosion Control Permit** – \$300 residential, \$500 per commercial
13. **Variance Application/Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code** - \$100 per application.
14. **Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit Seal** - \$75 per seal.
15. **Delinquent Permit Penalty** - A penalty equal to the amount of the permit fee at the time of application (assessed when the required permit is NOT obtained prior to commencing work).
16. **Additional and Miscellaneous Inspections** - \$75 per inspection, \$100 for inspection of work done without a permit.
17. **Police Protection Building Construction Impact Fee**
 - Single-family Dwelling – \$882
 - Two-family Dwelling - \$1,764
 - Multi-family Dwelling (per dwelling unit) – \$588
 - Commercial/Institutional (per s.f.) – \$0.19
 - Industrial/Business Park Use (per s.f.) – \$0.31
18. **Residential Plan Review** -
 - Single Family Home \$300
 - Two Family Home \$600
19. **Commercial Plan Review - New Structures**
 - 0-2000 square feet \$300
 - 2001-5000 square feet \$400

Remodels

 - 0-2000 square feet \$300
 - 2001-5000 square feet \$400
 - 5001-10,000 square feet \$500
20. **Fire Alarm & Fire Suppression Plan Review** – Per Review
 - Fire Alarm System Plans \$30-\$6,400*
 - Fire Suppression System Plans \$30-\$6,400*

*Amounts set by statute (Table 302.31-2) and vary based on area
21. **Water Impact Fee – 2026** - \$958 single family, \$1,916 duplex, \$632 per unit for buildings over 3 units (including condos). All other fees calculated by the Fitchburg Water Utility.
22. **Construction Water Service Charge** - \$45 per one & two family dwellings, all others based on size of water service (see current utility schedule) and duration of use.

General Notes

- a. A Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit Seal is required for all new single family and two family dwellings.
- b. All electrical work shall be done by a State of Wisconsin (DSPS) certified master or journeyman electrician or by an electrician holding a valid City of Madison license. (Exception, a homeowner who owns and occupies his/her own dwelling may do their own work.)

CONSTRUCTION EXEMPT FROM BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Repairs necessary for building maintenance and upkeep which do not exceed a cost of \$2000.00.
2. Residential accessory buildings, storage sheds, pergolas, and gazebos not used to house motor vehicles and less than sixty four (64) square feet in floor area.
3. Attached and detached uncovered wood decks with floor surfaces less than 24 inches above adjacent grade level.
4. Satellite dishes and antennas intended for private residential use.
5. Buildings and structures not within the scope of the building code.
6. Note - The construction referred to in this section shall comply with all building, zoning, and applicable codes regardless of building permit requirements.

BUILDING GROUPS - NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS

1. Group I - Residential buildings in which families or household live, rooming houses, residential garages, storage sheds and pergolas/gazebos (this group does not include hotels, motels or institutional buildings).
2. Group II - General and professional offices, barber shops, beauty parlors, bowling alleys, dry-cleaning establishments, clinics, natatoriums, shelters, hotels and motels.
3. Group III - Taverns, restaurants, cafeterias, retail establishments, commercial garages and service stations.
4. Group IV - Churches, assembly halls, theaters, exhibition buildings, educational institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, places of detention, gymnasiums, arenas, laboratories, lodge halls, funeral homes, libraries, skating rinks, dance halls, and armories.
5. Group V - Warehouses, freight terminals, storage buildings, , refrigeration storage, factories, machine shops, electric sub-stations, sewage treatment plants, heating plants, steam & electric generating plants, transformer vaults and other building not classified in Groups I-IV.
6. Group VI- Agricultural Buildings

**City of Fitchburg
Building Inspection Appendix A
2026**

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – BUILDING/HVAC/FIRE ALARM/FIRE SUPPRESSION				
1. New construction, additions, alterations and parking lots fees are computed per this table.				
2. New construction and additions are calculated based on total gross floor area of the structure.				
3. A separate plan review fee is charged for each type of plan review.				
Area (Square Feet)	Building Plans	HVAC Plans	Fire Alarm System Plans	Fire Suppression System Plans
Less than 2,500	\$250	\$150	\$30	\$30
2,500 - 5,000	\$300	\$200	\$60	\$60
5,001 - 10,000	\$500	\$300	\$100	\$100
10,001 - 20,000	\$700	\$400	\$150	\$150
20,001 - 30,000	\$1,100	\$500	\$200	\$200
30,001 - 40,000	\$1,400	\$800	\$350	\$350
40,001 - 50,000	\$1,900	\$1,100	\$500	\$500
50,001 - 75,000	\$2,600	\$1,400	\$700	\$700
75,001 - 100,000	\$3,300	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
100,001 - 200,000	\$5,400	\$2,600	\$1,200	\$1,200
200,001 - 300,000	\$9,500	\$6,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
300,001 - 400,000	\$14,000	\$8,800	\$4,400	\$4,400
400,001 - 500,000	\$16,700	\$10,800	\$5,600	\$5,600
Over 500,000	\$18,000	\$12,100	\$6,400	\$6,400
Note:	1. A Plan Entry Fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each submittal of plans in addition to the plan review and inspection fees. 2. Fees may be modified, reduced or waived based on scope of services, project type, or other relevant factors in accordance with City Ordinance 35-31.			
Determination of Area	The area of a floor is the area bounded by the exterior surface of the building walls or the outside face of columns where there is no wall. Area includes all floor levels such as subbasements, basements, ground floors, mezzanines, balconies, lofts, all stories, and all roofed areas including porches and garages, except for cantilevered canopies on the building wall. Use the roof area for free standing canopies.			
Structural Plans and other Component Submittals	When submitted separately from the general building plans, the review fee for structural plans, precast concrete, laminate wood, beams, cladding elements, other facade features or other structural elements, the review fee is \$250.00 per plan with an additional \$100.00 plan entry fee per each plan set.			
Accessory Buildings	The plan review fee for accessory buildings less than 500 square feet shall be \$125.00 with the plan entry fee waived.			
Early Start	The plan review fee for permission to start construction shall be \$75.00 for all structures less than 2,500 sf. All other structures shall be \$150.00. The square footage shall be computed as the first floor of the building or structure.			
Plan Examination Extensions	The fee for the extension of an approved plan review shall be 50% of the original plan review fee, not to exceed \$3,000.00.			
Resubmittals & revisions to approved plans	When deemed by the reviewer to be a minor revision from previously reviewed and/or approved plans, the review fee shall be \$75.00. Any significant changes or alterations beyond minor amendments as determined by the Plans Examiner and Building Inspection Department may result in additional charges as appropriate.			
Submittal of plans after construction	Where plans are submitted after construction, the standard late submittal fee of \$250.00 will be assessed per each review type that occurred after construction. This is in addition to any other plan entry fees, structural components and base fees applied to a project.			
Expedited Priority Plan Review	The fee for a priority plan review, which expedites completion of the plan review in less than the normal processing time when the plan is considered ready for review, shall be 200% of the fees specified in these provisions.			

**City of Fitchburg
Building Inspection Appendix B
2026**

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – PLUMBING			
1. New construction, alterations and remodeling fees are computed per the following table.			
2. New construction fee is calculated based on square footage of the area constructed.			
3. Alterations and remodeling fee is based on the number of plumbing fixtures.			
Area (Square Feet) (New Construction & Additions)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee	Number of Fixtures (Alteration, Remodeling, and Site Work)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee
Less than 3,000	\$300	<15	\$200
3,001 - 4,000	\$400	16-25	\$300
4,001 - 5,000	\$550	26-35	\$450
5,001 – 6,000	\$650	36-50	\$550
6,001 – 7,500	\$700	51-75	\$800
7,501 – 10,000	\$850	76-100	\$900
10,001 – 15,000	\$900	101-125	\$1,050
15,001 – 20,000	\$950	126-150	\$1,150
20,001 – 30,000	\$1,100	>151	\$1,150
30,001 – 40,000	\$1,250	Plus \$160 for each additional 25 fixtures (rounded up) beyond 150 Fixtures	
40,001 – 50,000	\$1,550		
50,001 – 75,000	\$2,100		
Over 75,000	\$2,500		
Plus \$0.0072 per each additional sq. ft. over 75,000 sq. ft.			
Note:	1. A Plan Entry Fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each submittal of plans in addition to the plan review and inspection fees.		
	2. Fees may be modified, reduced or waived based on scope of services, project type, or other relevant factors in accordance with City Ordinance 35-31.		
Determination of Area	The area of a floor is the area bounded by the exterior surface of the building walls or the outside face of columns where there is no wall. Area includes all floor levels such as subbasements, basements, ground floors, mezzanines, balconies, lofts, all stories, and all roofed areas including porches and garages, except for cantilevered canopies on the building wall. Use the roof area for free standing canopies.		
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