

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING
CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES AND
AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton that the various subcodes of the Township's Construction Code are amended to read as follows:

1. Sec.5A.1-7 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" which establishes building, plumbing, electrical and fire subcode fees is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5A.1-7 Schedule of fees.

The following fees shall be paid to the township and collected by the enforcing agency prior to the issuance of any of the permits or certificates hereinafter mentioned in this section in connection with the State Uniform Construction Code and such fees shall be administered as hereinafter set forth:

(a) *Prototype review:* An amount equal to twenty percent of the fee for a construction permit for the project. The plan review fee shall be paid at the time of submission of an application for a permit and it shall be credited toward the fee due for a construction permit, when issued. Plan review fees are not refundable.

(aa) *Prototype review fee:* An amount equal to five percent less than the plan review fee.

(b) *Construction permit:* An amount equal to the sum of the following subcode, elevator and sign fees, but not less than [forty] fifty dollars (\$50.00) for Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5. All other Use Groups shall not be less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

(1) BUILDING SUBCODE FEE:

(a) For new construction with regard to all Use Groups except for R-3, [and] R-4 and R-5, the amount of \$.0800 [\$.075] per cubic foot of building or structure volume.

(b) For new construction with regard to R-3, R-4, and R-5 Use Groups, the amount of \$.0250 per cubic foot of the building or structure volume.

(c) For renovations, alterations and repairs with regard to all Use Groups except for R-3, R-4 and R-5, the amount of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost up to and including seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00); fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost over seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) and up to and including one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00); and fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost over one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) of estimated cost over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to the enforcing agency, if applicable, cost data produced by the architect or engineer of record or by a recognized estimating firm or by the

contractor. A bona fide contractor's bid if available, shall be submitted. The enforcing agency shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.

d. For renovations, alterations and repairs with regard to Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5, the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost up to and including [fifty] seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00); fourteen (\$14.00) dollars per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost over [fifty] seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) and up to and including one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00); and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost over one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to the enforcing agency, if available, cost data produced by the architect or engineer of record, by a recognized estimating firm or by the contractor. A bona fide contractor's bid if available, shall be submitted. The enforcing agency shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.

(e) For additions with regard to all Use Groups **except** for R-3, R-4 and R-5 the amount of \$.0850 [\$.08] per cubic foot of building or structure volume for the added portion.

(ee) For additions with regard to R-3, R-4 and R-5 the amount of \$.080 per cubic foot of building or structure volume for the added portion.

(f) For combinations of renovations and additions, the sum of the fees computed separately for renovations and for additions.

(g) For the following structures for Use Group U or for structures for which volume cannot be computed, the following flat fees shall be charged:

Asbestos removal	\$ 70.00 + \$14.00 (CO)
Fence(s) (six feet or more in height) Residential (R)	\$ 75.00
Fence(s) (six feet or more in height) Commercial	\$ 15.00 Per M
Radon mitigation	\$ 75.00
<u>Swimming Pool Above-ground</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Swimming Pool <u>In-ground</u>	\$200.00
Tanks In-ground (removal/modifications)	<u>\$150.00</u> [\$75.00]
Tanks Above ground storage (installation, removal, modification)	<u>\$ 75.00</u> [\$50.00]
<u>Temporary Construction Trailer</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Temporary Construction Fence</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Tennis courts	\$100.00
Tent(s) A-5	\$ 75.00

(6) SIGN FEE: All Use Groups except R-3, R-4 and R-5 five dollars (\$5.00) per square foot of area of the surface of each sign, but not less than [twenty-five] seventy dollars (\$70.00), for a permit for construction thereof. In the case of double-faced signs, the fee shall be computed on the basis of the area of one (1) side only.

(c) Demolition permit: [Fifty] One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each non-habitable structure such as a garage, swimming pool or shed; [one hundred dollars for

each one (1)- or two (2)-family residence (Use Group R-3) of the building subcode, and one hundred fifty dollars for each building or structure in any other Use Group] one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for all other habitable structures, this is to include structures on farms including commercial farms.

(ee) Certificate of continued occupancy for each location shall be a flat fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Sec. 5A.1-8. State training fees.

(a) In order to provide for training, certification and technical support programs, and as required by the State Uniform Construction Code Act and by regulation, the enforcing agency shall collect, in addition to the fees specified above, a surcharge fee of [\$.0014] \$.00170 per cost of work for alterations and a surcharge fee of \$.00334 per cubic foot of volume of new construction.

Sec. 5A.1-7(b)(3) Plumbing subcode fee.

(a) The plumbing subcode fee shall be that charged by the township by the township's plumbing subcode official in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Act. Said fees are as follows:

1. Minimum fee \$40.00
2. Fixtures and devices

Shall include but not be limited to: Fixtures, appliances or devices connected to the plumbing system including: water closets, lavatories, bidets, urinals, hose bibs, showers, whirlpool tubs, bath

tubs, floor drains, sinks, dishwashers, drinking fountains, washing machines, water heaters, (including electric), plumbing stacks, roof drains, area drains, sump pumps, ice machines, condensate drains and back-flow preventors not equipped with test ports and humidifiers.

[~~\$ 10.00~~] \$13.00 each

3. Special devices

Grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, back-flow preventors equipped with test ports (double check valve assemblies, reduced pressure zones and pressure vacuum breaker back-flow preventors), steam boilers, hot water boilers, pool heaters, active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors, provided however, there shall not be inspection fee charges for gas service entrances.

[~~\$ 65.00~~] \$82.00 each

a. Sprinklers \$ 65.00 each

b. Pool Heaters \$ 65.00 each

4. Cross-connections

Back-flow preventor and cross-connections subject to testing quarterly or annually.

Use Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-5 \$ 35.00 each

All other Use Groups \$ 40.00 each

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126(d)*, the plumbing subcode official may waive the charge for testing cross connections for all low-income and middle-income units which are a part of the township's Affordable Housing program as defined in Section 10B-333 of this Code.

5. Hot water heaters

Installation or replacement of gas or electric hot water heaters in R-3, R-4 and <u>R-5</u> Use Groups.	[\$ 30.00] <u>\$ 35.00</u>
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Installation or replacement of hot water heaters for all Use Groups other than R-3, R-4 or <u>R-5</u> .	[\$ 50.00] <u>\$ 60.00</u>
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<u>5a.</u> <u>Pool safety accessories</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
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6. Mechanical inspections for Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5

where no work requiring additional permits is to be undertaken.

First device	[\$ 43.00] <u>\$54.00</u>
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Each additional device	[\$ 10.00] <u>\$13.00</u>
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7. Mechanical inspections related to installation of oil piping on

fuel tanks.

Use Groups R-3, R-4 and <u>R-5</u>	\$ 30.00
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All other Use Groups	\$ 50.00
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8. Mechanical inspections related to appliance connections.

Each appliance connected to the gas piping or oil piping system, including but not

limited to furnaces, stoves, dryers, fireplaces and loglighters [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

Each appliance connected to the natural or liquid petroleum gas system in an interior or exterior installation [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

9. Additional mechanical inspection fees for all Use Groups except R-3, R-4 and R-5.

Fee per 50 linear feet of hydronic piping [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

Fee per linear foot of steam or hydronic radiation installed [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

Fee for each steam or hot water coil installed [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

Fee for each linear foot of refrigerant piping installed [\\$ 10.00] \\$ 13.00

Geothermal \\$100.00

Sec. 5A.1.7(b)(4). **Electrical subcode fee.**

a. The electrical subcode fee shall be that charged by the township by the township's electrical subcode official in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Act. Said fees are as follows:

1. Minimum fee [imposed for all electrical inspections, except for installation of single and multiple station or heat detectors and fire, burglar or security alarm systems per any one or two family dwelling, which is subject to a flat fee as provided for hereinafter] \$ 40.00

2. Electrical fixtures and devices
Lighting outlets, wall switches,

<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Each motor 10-HP or less than 50-HP	
<u>Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5</u>	\$ 46.00
<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
Each motor 50-HP and less than 100-HP	
<u>Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5</u>	\$ 92.00
<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>
Each motor 100-HP or greater	
<u>Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5</u>	\$457.00
<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$548.00</u>

5. Transformers

Each electrical device, transformer
and generator greater than 1-KW and less
than 10-KW

<u>Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5</u>	\$ 10.00
<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$ 12.00</u>

Each electrical device, transformer
and generator 10-KW or greater and less
than 45-KW

<u>Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5</u>	\$ 46.00
<u>All other Use Groups</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>

Each electrical device, transformer and generator 45-KW or greater and less than 112.5-KW

Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5 \$ 92.00

All other Use Groups \$110.00

Each electrical device, transformer and generator 112.5-KW or greater

Use Groups R-3, R-4 and R-5 \$457.00

All other Use Groups \$548.00

6. Annual inspection of public and commercial swimming pools [\$ 40.00] \$50.00

7. Each permanently installed private swimming pool, spa, hot tub or fountain [including any required bonding and associated equipment] \$ 46.00

(a) For each bonding inspection and installation of associated equipment, except panel boards and underwater lighting fixtures \$ 46.00

8. For each light-standard greater than eight (8') feet in height including luminaries \$ 10.00

9. For each communications closet or communication rack system \$ 10.00

10. For each replacement or wiring involving one (1) branch circuit (or part thereof). \$ 10.00

11. For each utility management device \$ 10.00

2. Sec. 5A.1-7(b)(2) of said Code concerning the fire subcode is amended by adding thereto a NEW footnote “s” which shall read as follows:

s Fire mains – per diameter inch \$100.00

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication provided for by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Princeton Township Committee held on November 9, 2009 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, on November 23, 2009 which begins at 7:00 p.m.



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Deputy Clerk