

**A. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
PERMIT FEES**OPENING STATEMENT

This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on an ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 4 of the Southampton County Code, increasing permit fees for building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits.

The notice of public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on June 7 and June 14, 2009 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this morning and will proceed to adopt, reject or defer action on the proposed ordinance.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached ordinance.

BE IT Ordained by the Board of Supervisor of Southampton County, Virginia that the Southampton County Code be and hereby is amended as follows:

Article II Permit Fees

For state law as the authority of the county to levy permit fees, see the Code of Virginia, Section 36-105, Section 108 of the (U.S.B.C.) Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Section 4-26 Permit Not Issued Until Fees Paid, Minimum Fee

No permit to begin work for construction, alteration, removal, installation or other building operation that requires a permit shall be issued until the prescribed fee in this article shall have been paid to the Department of Community Development.

Section 4-27 The minimum permit fee for any permit shall be twenty (\$20.00)
Proposed fee: \$25.00

Section 4-28 Fees For Construction prior to the Application for Building Permits.

Fees for work started prior to the application for any permit shall be based on the administrative cost of a minimum fee of **\$50.00 and no more than 50% percent of the total cost of the required permit which ever is greater.**

Section 4-29 **DELETED**

Section 4-30 Reinspection for any Permit Issued

Whenever the Codes Inspector shall determine that inspections, in addition to those required in this division, are necessary, due to the failure of a contractor to properly in stall work according to codes, correct faulty work, or when a contractor has requested an inspection before the work to be inspected has been completed to the degree required, or where the inspector can not obtain reasonable access to the work to be inspected, the inspector shall assess a service charge of twenty, (\$20.00) dollars (Proposed Fee: \$40.00) Such charge shall be chargeable to the holder of the permit covering such work and shall be paid to the County at the Department of Community Development of such work.

Section 4-31 Building Permit Fee Schedule

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| A. | Minimum Permit Fee | \$20.00 | Proposed Fee: \$25.00 |
| B. | Reinspection Fee | \$20.00 | Proposed Fee: \$40.00 |
| C. | Demolition Permit Fee | \$20.00 | Proposed Fee: \$40.00 |
| D. | For Each Application for a
Modification of the U.S.B.C. | \$25.00 | Proposed Fee: \$50.00 |
| E. | The Building Official may authorize the refunding of any permit fee paid pursuant to this
chapter upon application by the person who paid such fee under the following
provisions: | | |

- (1.) If an applicant requests in writing the cancellation of a permit prior to the start of construction or to requesting inspection, the permit fee, less a Service Charge of twenty (\$20.00) (Proposed Fee:\$40.00) and the review fee, if applicable, shall be refunded.
 - (2.) If an applicant requests in writing the cancellation of a permit after the work authorized by the permit has begun and inspections have been made, the permit fees less a \$20.00 Service Charge (Proposed Fee: \$40.00), and a \$20.00 Service Charge (Proposed Fee:\$40.00) for each inspection made and plans review fee if applicable shall be refunded.
 - (3.) The above provisions notwithstanding, no refund shall be made if six (6) months have expired since the issuance of the permit (s).
- F. For each appeal to the Building Code Board of Appeals the fee shall be. \$100.00 Proposed Fee: \$300.00
- G. For plan review conducted by the local building department for residential and accessory Structures \$10.00 Proposed Fee: \$50.00
- All Non-Residential Reviews \$25.00 Proposed Fee: \$200.00
- H. Certificate of Occupancy Issuance \$10.00 Proposed Fee: \$20.00
- I. Permit renewal Fee \$25.00 Proposed Fee: \$50.00
- J. Basic Permit Fee
1. Usable area under the roof, per building or structure finished or unfinished for new construction and for the construction of any building or addition thereto where the floor area is increased, the fee shall be based on the floor area to be constructed as computed from the exterior dimensions.
 - (a.) All building of any construction type for the first 40,000 square feet shall be computed at \$0.09 (Proposed Fee: \$0.12)
 - (b.) All buildings over 40,000 square feet shall be computed at \$0.08 per square foot (Proposed Fee: \$0.09 per square foot.)

2. All other structures not under roof - for instance - decks, patios, ramps, loading docks, etc., shall be computed as **\$0.08 per square foot**.
(Proposed Fee: \$0.09 per square foot)
- K. Alterations to shell buildings, unfinished attics, tenant spaces and garages to create finished space shall be computed at **\$0.08 per square foot**. (Proposed Fee \$0.09 per square foot)
- L. All other structures as defined in the Uniform Statewide Building Code not included in the above fee schedule (includes piers, trestles, bulkheads, reroofing, exterior siding, fire damage, general repairs, below ground swimming pools, towers, steeples and alterations to any previously finished spaces: **Fee shall be \$20.00 (Proposed Fee: \$25.00), up to and including the first one thousand (\$1,000.00) valuation. Above \$1000.00 the fee shall be \$20.00 (Proposed Fee \$25.00) plus \$6.00 (Proposed Fee: \$8.00) per thousand or fraction thereof.**
- M. Structure Relocation Permit Fee
- (a.) Relocating a structure to a location within the County - Same as Basic Permit Fee
J (A)
- (b.) Relocating a structure to a location outside of the County - \$25.00
(Proposed Fee:\$50.00)
- N. Modular Construction Permit Fee: Same as Basic Permit Fee - J (a)
- O. Manufactured Home Permit Fees:
(Installation or Replacement)
- (a.) Same as Basic Permit Fee: - J (a)
- P. Tents or other Temporary Structure **Permit Fee: \$25.00 each.** (Proposed Fee: \$40.00)
- Q. Chimneys, Fireplaces, Wood and Coal Burning Stove and other Solid Fuel Burning Heaters Permit Fees:
Up to and including the first thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) the fee shall be \$20.00, (Proposed Fee: \$ 25.00) plus \$6.00 (Proposed Fee: \$8.00 per thousand or fraction thereof.
- R. Sign Permit Fee:
- Base permit fee shall be \$35.00 (Proposed Fee: \$50.00)**

In addition to the main sign for the address, the base fee includes all signs with a square footage sign face area of ten square feet or less for each sign (includes entrance-exit and directional signs)

For erection and relocation of signs, fee is determined by base fee plus area fee.

Area shall be determined by total square footage area of all sign faces.

0 - 25	square feet	\$10.00	(Proposed Fee: \$20.00)
25 - 49	square feet	\$11.00	(Proposed Fee: \$21.00)
50 - 74	square feet	\$13.00	(Proposed Fee: \$23.00)
75 - 99 s	square feet	\$15.00	(Proposed Fee: \$25.00)
100 - 299	square feet	\$25.00	(Proposed Fee: \$35.00)
299 & Over	square feet	\$50.00	(Proposed Fee: \$60.00)

- S. Review of Application For Permit Review: **Fee: \$20.00** (Proposed Fee: \$25.00)
- T. Zoning Permits for other than Residential Construction: **Fee: \$20.00** (Proposed Fee: \$25.00)

Section 4-32 Electrical Permits

- A. Temporary Service Permit Fee: \$25.00 (Proposed Fee: \$35.00)
- B. Permit Renewal Fee: \$25.00 (Proposed Fee: \$50.00)
- C. Single Wide & Double Wide
Service Fee: \$25.00 (Proposed Fee: \$30.00)
- D. Energy Conservation Devices
Provided by publicly owned utilities. \$5.00 Each (Proposed Fee: \$10.00 Each)
- E. New Service Permit Fees: **(New construction fees based on total ampacity of service equipment)**

0 - 125 Amps		\$35.00	(Proposed Fee: \$45.00)
126 - 150	Amps	\$40.00	(Proposed Fee: \$50.00)
151 - 200	Amps	\$50.00	Proposed Fee: \$60.00)
Over 200	Amps	\$50.00	Proposed Fee: \$60.00, plus \$10.00 (Proposed Fee: \$15.00 per 50 amps or fraction thereof.
- F. Relocation of Existing Services and Service Increases.
 - A. Relocate or replace existing meter or service equipment. Fee: \$20.00 (Proposed Fee: \$30.00)
 - B. Service Increase (Service and service equipment only)

Up to 200 Amp Increase.	Fee: \$50.00	(Proposed Fee: \$60.00)
Over 200 Amp Increase.	Fee: \$50.00	(Proposed Fee: \$60.00)

Plus \$10.00 per 50 amps or fraction thereof over 200 amps.
(Proposed Fee: \$15.00)

G. Installation of fire alarms, burglar alarms, swimming pool systems, electrical signs and sight lighting. **\$20.00,(Proposed Fee: \$25.00) for the first one thousand (\$1,000.00) valuation, plus \$6.00,(Proposed Fee: \$8.00) for each \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.**

H. Fixed Appliance and Equipment Connections

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| A. | Domestic | \$5.00 Each | (Proposed Fee: \$ 10.00) |
| B. | Commercial | \$10.00 Each | (Proposed Fee: \$15.00) |

I. Power Consuming Outlets (**Receptacles & Lights**)

Fee: \$30.00 per structure (Proposed Fee: \$50.00)

J. Electric Motor Installation or Replacements:

Up to and including 3/4 H.P.	\$8.00	(Proposed Fee: \$10.00)
Over 3/4 H.P. to 10 H.P.	\$15.00	(Proposed Fee: \$25.00)
10 H.P. to 25 H.P.	\$25.00	(Proposed Fee: \$35.00)
25 H.P. to 50 H.P.	\$50.00	(Proposed Fee: \$60.00)
50 H.P. to 75 H.P.	\$75.00	(Proposed Fee: \$85.00)
75 H.P. to 100 H.P.	\$ 100.00	(Proposed Fee: \$110.00)
Over 100 H.P. Fee plus \$1.00 per H. P. over 100	\$100.00	(Proposed Fee: \$110.00)

K. Generators:

Up to 10,000 Watt	Fee: \$50.00	Proposed Fee: \$100.00
Over 10,000 Watt	Fee: \$75.00	Proposed Fee: \$150.00

Section 4-33

Plumbing Permit Fees:

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| A. | Permit Renewal | Fee: \$ 25.00 | (Proposed Fee: \$50.00) |
| B. | Single wide and Double wide water service and DWV hookup. | Fee: \$20.00 | Proposed Fee: \$30.00) |
| C. | Basic Permit Fee: Installation, Conversion Replacement | | |

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| 1. | For each fixture, floor trap, appliance or Hose Bib: | Fee: \$5.00 | (Proposed Fee: \$10.00) |
| 2. | Water service and distribution system. | Fee: \$ 8.00 | (Proposed Fee: \$10.00) |
| 3. | DWV System | Fee: \$ 10.00 | (Proposed Fee: \$15.00) |
| 4. | Sewers, storm or sanitary manholes ,area drains or devices. | Fee: \$10.00 | (Proposed Fee: \$15.00) |
| 5. | Backflow preventors or vacuum breakers. | | |
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Over 5 **Fee: \$5.00, (Proposed Fee \$10.00 plus \$0.50 each
(Proposed Fee: \$1.00 each**

Section 4-34 Mechanical Permit Fees:

A. Permit Renewal Fee. **Fee: \$25.00** (Proposed Fee: \$50.00)

B. Fuel Piping Permit Fee:

1. L.P.G. (i.e. butane, propane, etc.)

 Tanks and associated piping permit fee:

0 - 500 gallons **Fee: \$ 25.00** (Proposed Fee: \$50.00)

501 - 2000 gallons **Fee: \$ 30.00** (Proposed Fee: \$60.00)

Over 2000 gallons **Fee: \$ 40.00** (Proposed Fee: \$80.00)

2. Tanks and associated piping for flammable liquids permit fee: (**installation or upgrading**)

0 - 10,000 gallons **Fee: \$40.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$60.00**)

10,001 - 20,000 gallons **Fee: \$50.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$70.00**)

20,001 - 50,000 gallons **Fee: \$60.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$80.00**)

Over 50, 000 gallons **Fee: \$70.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$90.00**)

C. Fuel UST Corrective Action Permit Fee:

1. Removal of UST- **Fee: \$25.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$100.00**)

2. Temporary Closure
 of a UST. **Fee:\$15.00** (**Proposed Fee: \$25.00**)

3. Permanent closure or change
 in service. **Fee: \$25.00 for first tank (Proposed Fee: \$100.00 plus
\$20.00 for each additional tank. Proposed Fee: \$25.00**

D. Fire Suppression System Fee:

Up to \$1000.00 value the fee is: \$20.00 (Proposed Fee: \$25.00)

Over \$1000.00 value the fee is : \$20.00 (Proposed Fee: \$25.00), plus \$6.00
(Proposed Fee: \$8.00 per thousand or fraction thereof.

E. Elevators, Dumbwaiters, moving stairways and Conveying Equipment Permit
 Fee:

\$20.00 (Proposed Fee: \$25.00 plus \$6.00 (Proposed Fee: \$8.00 or fraction
thereof.

F. Mechanical System Permit Fees:

Air conditioning, gas heating, oil heating and heat pumps (fees do not include
electrical or fuel piping permits)

Residential- Up to and including \$1,000.00 valuation \$ 25.00 proposed Fee: \$35.00. Above \$1000.00 valuation \$25.00 (Proposed Fee: \$35.00, plus \$8.00 (proposed Fee: \$9.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

Commercial- Up to and including \$1000.00 valuation \$40.00 (Proposed Fee: \$80.00. Above \$1000.00 valuation \$40.00 (Proposed Fee: \$80.00, plus \$8.00 (Proposed Fee: \$9.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

G. Commercial Range Hood Permits Fees:

Up to and including \$1000.00 valuation \$40.00(Proposed Fee: \$80.00). Above \$1,000.00 valuation \$40.00 (Proposed Fee \$80.00 plus \$8.00 (Proposed Fee: \$9.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

H. Amusement Device Permit Fee:

Kiddie Rides	Fee: \$15.00 Each	(Proposed Fee: \$25.00 each)
Major Rides	Fee: \$20.00 Each	(Proposed Fee: \$35.00 each)
Spectacular Rides	Fee: \$45.00 Each	(Proposed Fee: \$55.00 Each)