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Building Permit Valuation Fee Calculation Example

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When calculating the building permit fee for a structure, the documents within this packet will give the applicant an **estimate** of the fees for a given project. The actual building permit fees are calculated when the project plan review is completed and entered into the fee calculation section our permitting program.

Single Family Dwelling Example:

2,000 s.f. finished floor area with a single car garage of 576 s.f., 200 sf deck and no basement

Valuation of dwelling based on Square Foot Valuation Data Table (February 2022)

Finished floor value – R-3 $$150.87 \times 2,000 \text{ s.f.} = $301,740.00$ Garage value - U $$60.43 \times 576 \text{ s.f.} = $34,807.68$ Deck value - U $$60.43 \times 200 \text{ s.f.} = $12,086.00$

Total Square Foot Valuation \$ 348,633.68

Contract Dollar Amount by Contractor \$320,000.00

Per City Code – Ordinance 3134, item #25, Building Permit Fees will be calculated on the greatest of the Square Foot Valuation or Contract Dollar Amount

Permit Fees will be based on \$348,633.68

Building Permit Fee - \$ 2,140.00
Plan Check fee - (65% of Permit Fee) \$ 1,391.00
\$ 3,531.00

Additional fees will apply for Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Permits as well as water meter, system development fees, sidewalks, curb cuts and street opening permits and water-sewer service inspections fees and others as applicable.

For additional information, contact the Building Division office at 406-447-8438 or email us at citybuilding@helenamt.gov.

Important Points

- The BVD is not intended to apply to alterations or repairs to existing buildings. Because the scope of alterations or repairs to an existing building varies so greatly, the Square Foot Construction Costs table does not reflect accurate values for that purpose. However, the Square Foot Construction Costs table can be used to determine the cost of an addition that is basically a stand-alone building which happens to be attached to an existing building. In the case of such additions, the only alterations to the existing building would involve the attachment of the addition to the existing building and the openings between the addition and the existing building.
- For purposes of establishing the Permit Fee Multiplier, the estimated total annual construction value for a given time period (1 year) is the sum of each building's value (Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost) for that time period (e.g., 1 year).
- The Square Foot Construction Cost does not include the price of the land on which the building is built. The Square Foot Construction Cost takes into account everything from foundation work to the roof structure and coverings but does not include the price of the land. The cost of the land does not affect the cost of related code enforcement activities and is not included in the Square Foot Construction Cost.

Square Foot Construction Costs a, b, c

Group (2021 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	338.88	327.46	319.76	307.63	289.42	280.47	298.24	268.37	259.83
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	310.12	298.70	291.00	278.87	260.66	251.71	269.48	239.62	231.07
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	275.09	266.93	259.34	250.54	234.96	228.26	241.54	213.57	206.65
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	274.09	265.93	257.34	249.54	232.96	227.26	240.54	211.57	205.65
A-3 Assembly, churches	314.65	303.24	295.53	283.41	265.65	256.70	274.02	244.61	236.06
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	268.44	257.02	248.32	237.19	218.26	210.31	227.80	197.22	189.68
A-4 Assembly, arenas	309.12	297.70	289.00	277.87	258.66	250.71	268.48	237.62	230.07
B Business	263.16	253.51	244.15	233.85	213.00	204.65	224.67	187.98	179.49
E Educational	280.42	270.83	263.70	252.34	235.54	223.64	243.64	205.87	199.45
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	161.70	154.21	144.70	139.94	124.72	118.51	133.72	103.40	96.83
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	160.70	153.21	144.70	138.94	124.72	117.51	132.72	103.40	95.83
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	150.85	143.36	134.84	129.08	115.17	107.96	122.87	93.86	N.P.
H234 High Hazard	150.85	143.36	134.84	129.08	115.17	107.96	122.87	93.86	86.28
H-5 HPM	263.16	253.51	244.15	233.85	213.00	204.65	224.67	187.98	179.49
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	438.26	428.62	419.26	408.96	386.98	N.P.	399.78	361.97	N.P.
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	304.86	295.22	285.86	275.55	256.23	N.P.	266.37	231.21	N.P.
I-3 Institutional, restrained	298.67	289.02	279.66	269.36	250.30	240.95	260.18	225.29	214.80
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
M Mercantile	205.22	197.06	188.47	180.67	164.83	159.13	171.67	143.44	137.53
R-1 Residential, hotels	267.42	258.06	249.33	240.60	220.62	214.60	240.64	198.79	192.64
R-2 Residential, multiple family	223.61	214.25	205.52	196.79	177.77	171.76	196.82	155.95	149.80
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family ^d	211.77	205.84	200.99	197.13	190.36	183.32	193.75	177.67	167.37
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	149.85	142.36	132.84	128.08	113.17	106.96	121.87	91.86	85.28
S-2 Storage, low hazard	148.85	141.36	132.84	127.08	113.17	105.96	120.87	91.86	84.28
U Utility, miscellaneous	115.48	108.95	102.64	98.13	88.49	81.89	93.86	69.76	66.48

- a. Private Garages use Utility, miscellaneous
- b. For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent
- c. N.P. = not permitted
- d. Unfinished basements (Group R-3) = \$31.50 per sq. ft.

As of 3-6-2023

APPENDIX A

Building Permit Fee Tabulation, Figure 1 Building Permit Valuation Table

		Building Pe	rmit Valuation Table		
From	Through	FEE	From	Through	FEE
0	500	\$22.00	43,001	44,000	\$523.00
500	600	\$24.75	44,001	45,000	\$532.00
600	700	\$27.50	45,001	46,000	\$541.00
700	800	\$30.25	46,001	47,000	\$550.00
800	900	\$33.00	47,001	48,000	\$559.00
900	1,000	\$35.75	48,001	49,000	\$568.00
1,000	1,100	\$38.50	49,001	50,000	\$577.00
1,100	1,200	\$41.25	50,001	51,000	\$586.25
1,200	1,300	\$44.00	51,001	52,000	\$592.50
1,300	1,400	\$46.75	52,001	53,000	\$598.75
1,400	1,500	\$49.50	53,001	54,000	\$605.00
1,500	1,600	\$52.25	54,001	55,000	\$611.25
1,600	1,700	\$55.00	55,001	56,000	\$617.50
1,700	1,800				
		\$57.75	56,001	57,000	\$623.75
1,800	1,900	\$60.50	57,001	58,000	\$630.00
1,900	2,000	\$63.25	58,001	59,000	\$636.25
2,001	3,000	\$75.50	59,001	60,000	\$642.50
3,001	4,000	\$88.00	60,001	61,000	\$648.75
4,001	5,000	\$100.50	61,001	62,000	\$655.00
5,001	6,000	\$113.00	62,001	63,000	\$661.25
6,001	7,000	\$125.50	63,001	64,000	\$667.50
7,001	8,000	\$138.00	64,001	65,000	\$673.75
8,001	9,000	\$150.50	65,001	66,000	\$680.00
9,001	10,000	\$163.00	66,001	67,000	\$686.25
10,001	11,000	\$175.50	67,001	68,000	\$692.50
11,001	12,000	\$188.00	68,001	69,000	\$698.75
12,001	13,000	\$200.50	69,001	70,000	\$705.00
13,001	14,000	\$213.00	70,001	71,000	\$711,25
14,001	15,000	\$225.50	71,001	72,000	\$717.50
15,001	16,000	\$238.00	72,001	73,000	\$723.75
16,001	17,000	\$250.50	73,001	74,000	\$730.00
17,001	18,000	\$263.00	74,001	75,000	\$736.25
18,001	19,000	\$275.50	75,001	76,000	\$742.50
19,001	20,000	\$288.00	76,001	77,000	\$748.75
20,001	21,000	\$300.50	77,001	78,000	\$755.00
21,001	22,000	\$313.00	78,001	79,000	\$761.25
22,001	23,000	\$325.50	79,001	80,000	\$767.50
23,001	24,000	\$338.00	80,001	81,000	\$773.75
24,001	25,000	\$350.50	81,001	82,000	\$780.00
25,001	26,000	\$361.00	82,001	83,000	\$786.25
26,001	27,000	\$370.00	83,001	84,000	\$792.50
27,001	28,000	\$379.00	84,001	85,000	\$798.75
28,001	29,000	\$388.00	85,001	86,000	\$805.00
29,001	30,000	\$397.00	86,001	87,000	\$811.25
30,001	31,000	\$406.00	87,001	88,000	\$817.50
31,001	32,000	\$415.00	88,001	89,000	\$823.75
32,001	33,000	\$424.00	89,001	90,000	
				are the common or	\$830.00
33,001	34,000	\$433.00	90,001	91,000	\$836.25
34,001	35,000	\$442.00	91,001	92,000	\$842.50
35,001	36,000	\$451.00	92,001	93,000	\$848.75
36,001	37,000	\$460.00	93,001	94,000	\$855.00
37,001	38,000	\$469.00	94,001	95,000	\$861.25
38,001	39,000	\$478.00	95,001	96,000	\$867.50
39,001	40,000	\$487.00	96,001	97,000	\$873.75
40,001	41,000	\$496.00	97,001	98,000	\$880.00
41,001	42,000	\$505.00	98,001	99,000	\$886.25
42,001	43,000	\$514.00	99,001	100,000	\$892.50

100,001	500,000	
For 1st \$100,000	\$895.00	
**Each Additional \$1,000	\$5,00	
max example =	500.000	\$2.895.00

500,001	1,000,000	
For 1st \$500,000	\$2,855.00	
**Each Additional \$1,000	\$4.25	
max example =	1.000.000	\$4,980.00

1,000,001	and over	
For 1st \$1,00,000) =	\$4,955.00
**Each Additional \$1,000 :	=	\$2.75

^{** --} Each Additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof

25. The determination of Building permit fees, plan review fees and valuation of construction is as follows:

- a. Building permit fees and plan review fees are established by resolution passed by the City Commission after public hearing. The determination of value or valuation under any of the provisions of this title is made by the building official.
- b. The value to be used in computing the building permit and building plan review fees is the total estimated cost of all construction work for which the permit is issued as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire-extinguishing systems and any other permanent equipment. The value or valuation of a building or structure under any of the provisions of this title is the greater of the construction cost estimated by the owner or the owners agent, or the cost per square foot method of valuation and the cost per square foot figures for the type and quality of construction listed in the most current "Building Valuation Data" table published by the International Code Council (ICC) in the "Building Safety Journal" magazine, as regionally modified.

c. The building and safety division may base the building permit fee and plan review fee on the best available valuation information when unusual circumstances make the above methods unreasonable.