

City of Rancho Santa Margarita

User Fee Schedules

Effective
July 1, 2025



General Government



City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Master Fee Schedule
Effective Date: July 1, 2025

General Government

Fee Name	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Agenda Subscriptions	Per Year	\$ 40.12	1 Free Packet per mtg.- Reporters
Meeting Minute Subscriptions	Per Year	\$ 80.26	
Document Certifications	Each	\$ 6.68	
Audio CD Duplication	Each	\$ 13.36	CD
Photocopies (inhouse)	Each	\$ 0.10	
Color Copies (outside copy center)	Each	Cost+13% (City OH)	
Microfiche Printouts	Each	\$ 0.25	
RFP Doc (outside copy center)	Each	Cost+13% (City OH)	
Duplication of Plans (copy center)	Each	Cost+13% (City OH)	
Public Hearing Notice Publication	Each	\$ -	Included in Fees in Planning
Imaging Fee (image center)	Per Page	Cost+13% (City OH)	
Notarial Services	Per Signature	\$ 15.00	Govt. Code Section 8211
Filing-Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition	Per Petition	\$ 200.00	
Passport Acceptance Fee	Each	\$ 35.00	Dept. of State 22 CFR Part 22
Passport Photo	Each	\$ 15.00	Per set of two photos
Returned Check	Each	\$ 25.00	CA Civil Code 1719 (a) 1

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Community Services Department

Ballroom



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Community Services Department - Ballroom

Fee Name		Day of the week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Ballroom					
Full Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 65.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Full Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
Full Ballroom	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 155.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 85.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 65.00	
Full Ballroom	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 175.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
Full Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 175.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 100.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 85.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Full Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 200.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 155.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 120.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
Full Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 200.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 155.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 115.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 100.00	
Full Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 220.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 175.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 140.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 120.00	
Full Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 220.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 175.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 115.00	
Full Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 240.00	
2/3 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 200.00	
1/3 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 155.00	
1/6 Ballroom	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 140.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Full Ballroom Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 500.00	
2/3 Ballroom Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 400.00	
1/3 Ballroom Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 200.00	
1/6 Ballroom Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 150.00	
Table/Chair Set Up (all ballroom events)			Per Rental	\$ 30.00	
Hallway/Entrance (only in conjunction with Ballroom Rental)					
Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 15.00	
Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
Non-Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
Non-Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
Corporate/Commercial			Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Atrium (only in conjunction with Ballroom Rental)					
Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
Non-Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
Non-Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Corporate/Commercial			Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Ballroom Veranda (only in conjunction with Ballroom Rental)					
Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 15.00	
Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
Non-Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
Non-Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
Corporate/Commercial			Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Paseo Court (only in conjunction with Ballroom Rental)					
Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
Non-Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
Non-Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Corporate/Commercial			Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Reception/Lobby Area (only in conjunction with Ballroom Rental)					
Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 15.00	
Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
Non-Resident Non Profit			Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
Non-Resident Private			Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
Corporate/Commercial			Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	

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Community Services Department

El Paseo Room



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Community Services Department - El Paseo Room

Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Resident Non Profit	Fee	Per Hour	\$ 45.00	
1/2 Room A	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 35.00	
1/2 Room B	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 35.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 65.00	
1/2 Room A	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 55.00	
1/2 Room B	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 55.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
1/2 Room A	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
1/2 Room B	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/2 Room A	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
1/2 Room B	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/2 Room A	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
1/2 Room B	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/2 Room A	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/2 Room B	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
1/2 Room A	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 85.00	
1/2 Room B	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 85.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 125.00	
1/2 Room A	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
1/2 Room B	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/2 Room A	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/2 Room B	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
1/2 Room A	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/2 Room B	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
El Paseo Multi Purpose Room					
Full Room Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 150.00	
1/2 Room A Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
1/2 Room B Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	

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La Miranda Room



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Community Services Department - La Miranda Room

Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 45.00	
2/3 Room A	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
1/3 Room B	Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 65.00	
2/3 Room A	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
1/3 Room B	Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
2/3 Room A	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
1/3 Room B	Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 45.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
2/3 Room A	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 80.00	
1/3 Room B	Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 65.00	

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Community Services Department - La Miranda Room

Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
2/3 Room A	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 75.00	
1/3 Room B	Non-Resident Non Profit	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 55.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
2/3 Room A	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 95.00	
1/3 Room B	Non-Resident Non Profit	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 75.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
2/3 Room A	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/3 Room B	Non-Resident Private	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 75.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 125.00	
2/3 Room A	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
1/3 Room B	Non-Resident Private	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 95.00	

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Fee Name		Day of the Week	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 110.00	
2/3 Room A	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
1/3 Room B	Corporate/Commercial	Mon - Fri	Per Hour	\$ 80.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 130.00	
2/3 Room A	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 120.00	
1/3 Room B	Corporate/Commercial	Sat - Sun	Per Hour	\$ 105.00	
La Miranda Room					
Full Room Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 150.00	
2/3 Room A Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
1/3 Room B Security Deposit			Per Rental	\$ 100.00	

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Community Services Department

Other Rooms



City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Master Fee Schedule - Proposed 2018 CPI Increase
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Community Services Department - Other Rooms

Fee Name		Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Large Conference Room				
	Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
	Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
	Non-Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
	Non-Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
	Corporate/Commercial	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Small Conference Room				
	Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 20.00	
	Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 20.00	
	Non-Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 25.00	
	Non-Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
	Corporate/Commercial	Per Hour	\$ 35.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Kitchen - Full Use with Room Rental		Flat Rate	\$ 250.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Kitchen -Partial Use with Room Rental (refrigerator, ice machine, small counter)		Flat Rate	\$ 50.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	

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Community Services Department - Other Rooms

Fee Name		Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Arts & Craft Room				
	Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 30.00	
	Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 40.00	
	Non-Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
	Non-Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
	Corporate/Commercial	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Reese Courtyard (in conjunction with the Ballroom or Arts and Crafts Room rental)	Fri (after 6:00 p.m.), Sat & Sun			
	Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 50.00	
	Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 60.00	
	Non-Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 70.00	
	Non-Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 80.00	
	Corporate/Commercial	Per Hour	\$ 90.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 100.00	
Technology Center				
	Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 120.00	
	Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 140.00	
	Non-Resident Non Profit	Per Hour	\$ 150.00	
	Non-Resident Private	Per Hour	\$ 160.00	
	Corporate/Commercial	Per Hour	\$ 170.00	
Security Deposit		Per Rental	\$ 500.00	

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Equipment and Other



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Community Services Department - Equipment and Other

Fee Name	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Porter	Per hour	\$ 30.00	Staff as required
Podium with microphone	Each	\$ 25.00	Flat Rate
Projector - Cart	Each	\$ 50.00	Flat Rate
Projector - Ceiling	Each	\$ 100.00	Flat Rate
Laptop	Each	\$ 100.00	Flat Rate
Microphone Only	Each	\$ 15.00	Flat Rate
Podium Only	Each	\$ 10.00	Flat Rate
Whiteboard package - portable	Each	\$ 25.00	Flat Rate

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Development Services Department

Planning Fees



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Planning Fees

Fee Description	Unit *	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Address change only/New Address (per address)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 579.42	
Agricultural Sales Permit (incl. X-mas tree lots, pumpkin sales lots & fruit/produce stands)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 771.11	
Annexation	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 22,321.00	
Certification of Compliance	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 868.26	
Change Plan - Minor	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 1,447.50	
Conditional Use Permit - Major	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 9,760.00	
Conditional Use Permit - Minor	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 5,554.00	
Construction or Temporary Office	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 578.02	
Development Agreement	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 15,556.00	
Environmental Impact Report	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 15,653.00	
Expedited Review For Entitlement Cases	<i>Deposit (T&M X 1.5)</i>	1.5 X Deposit	
Final Bldg Insp (by Planning)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 142.06	
General Plan Amendment	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 11,884.00	
Initial Study (Environmental)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 10,240.00	
Inspections (not covered by other fees)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	Actual Cost	
Land Use Appeal (by resident)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 1,978.18	
Land Use Appeal (except resident)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 3,961.24	
Massage Establishment - New	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 964.19	
Massage Establishment - Renewal	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 675.17	
Park In Lieu	<i>(Not Included in Cost Analysis)</i>	Determined on a case-by-case basis per RSMMC Chapter 9.11	

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Fee Description	Unit *	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Pre-Application Meeting - Design Review	<i>Per Request</i>	\$ 675.17	
Sidewalk Vending Permit -New	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 378.41	Adopted 2/28/24 Resolution 24-02-28-02
Sidewalk Vending Permit -Renewal	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 272.21	Adopted 2/28/24 Resolution 24-02-28-02
Sign Program	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 5,554.00	
Sign Plan Review (1 Sign)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 337.59	
Sign Plan Review (2 to 4)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 480.88	
Sign Plan Review (Multiple Sign Plan Check) More than 4	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 868.26	
Site Development Permit (Administrative Approval)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 3,861.00	
Site Development Permit (Planning Commission Approval)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 5,554.00	
Site Development Permit (Includes Alternate Development Standard)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 9,760.00	
Small Wireless Facility Permit (Collocation) 1-5 Facilities	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 500.00	Per FCC Declaratory, Third Report, & Order dated Sept. 26,2018
Small Wireless Facility Permit (Collocation) 6 or more Facilities	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 100.00	Per FCC Declaratory, Third Report, & Order dated Sept. 26,2018
Small Wireless Facility Permit (New Build)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 1,000.00	Per FCC Declaratory, Third Report, & Order dated Sept. 26,2018
Small Wireless Facility Permit Additional Fees Associated with Processing Small Wireless Facility Permit	<i>(Not Included in Cost Analysis)</i>	Determined on a case-by-case basis per RSMC Chapter 9.04.055	

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Special Event Permit (Non- Profit)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 200.00	amount to remain at \$200
Special Event Permit (All others)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 723.74	
Specific Plan	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 22,321.00	
Street Name Change - plus per address change	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 2,460.00	
Temporary Banner Permit	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 94.70	
Tent Tract Map Filing	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 8,210.00	
Tentative Map Amendments to Conditions	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 5,312.00	
Tentative Map Time Extension	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 5,312.00	
Tentative Parcel Map Filing	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 6,568.00	
Use Determination - Planning Commission	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 4,152.00	
Variance	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 9,272.00	
Zone Change	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 10,530.00	
Zoning Confirmation	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 336.36	
Zoning Plan Check - Major (grading, landscape & building permits)	<i>Deposit (T&M)</i>	\$ 1,156.00	
Zoning Plan Check-Minor (grading & building permits pools/spas, patio covers, A/C, etc.)	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 239.22	
Zoning Plan Check - Commercial/ Industrial TI	<i>Per Issuance</i>	\$ 480.88	
Hourly Rate		\$ 191.84	
* Deposit based fees include Time & Materials (T & M), actual costs, and Citywide Overhead rate of 13%.			
For services requested of City staff which have no fee listed in this fee schedule, the City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall determine the appropriate fee based on the established hourly rates for this department/division. Additionally, the City will pass-through to the applicant any discrete costs incurred from the use of external service providers if required to process the specific application.			

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Development Services Department

Plan Check and Inspection Fees



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PLAN CHECK & INSPECTION FEES COMBINED

IBC Occupancy Type	Project Size Threshold in square feet (sf)	Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Assembly—Fixed Seating	1,500	\$2,876	\$47.9284	\$2,397	\$39.9403	\$1,918	\$31.9522
Theater, Concert Hall	7,500	\$5,752	\$38.2999	\$4,793	\$31.9166	\$3,835	\$25.5333
-	15,000	\$8,624	\$32.6412	\$7,187	\$27.2010	\$5,750	\$21.7608
-	30,000	\$13,521	\$11.4913	\$11,267	\$9.5761	\$9,014	\$7.6609
-	75,000	\$18,692	\$8.9763	\$15,576	\$7.4803	\$12,461	\$5.9842
-	150,000	\$25,424	\$16.9493	\$21,187	\$14.1244	\$16,949	\$11.2996
Assembly—Food & Drink	1,000	\$3,059	\$76.4807	\$2,549	\$63.7339	\$2,040	\$50.9871
Restaurant, Night Club, Bar	5,000	\$6,119	\$60.7608	\$5,099	\$50.6340	\$4,079	\$40.5072
-	10,000	\$9,157	\$51.8192	\$7,631	\$43.1827	\$6,104	\$34.5462
-	20,000	\$14,339	\$18.5841	\$11,949	\$15.4867	\$9,559	\$12.3894
-	50,000	\$19,914	\$14.3033	\$16,595	\$11.9194	\$13,276	\$9.5355
-	100,000	\$27,065	\$27.0654	\$22,555	\$22.5545	\$18,044	\$18.0436
Assembly—Worship, Amusement	1,200	\$3,250	\$67.7117	\$2,709	\$56.4264	\$2,167	\$45.1412
Arcade, Church, Community Hall	6,000	\$6,501	\$54.2111	\$5,417	\$45.1759	\$4,334	\$36.1408
-	12,000	\$9,753	\$46.1846	\$8,128	\$38.4872	\$6,502	\$30.7897
-	24,000	\$15,295	\$16.1601	\$12,746	\$13.4667	\$10,197	\$10.7734
-	60,000	\$21,113	\$12.7140	\$17,594	\$10.5950	\$14,075	\$8.4760
-	120,000	\$28,741	\$23.9511	\$23,951	\$19.9593	\$19,161	\$15.9674
Assembly—Indoor Sport Viewing	500	\$1,721	\$86.0604	\$1,434	\$71.7170	\$1,148	\$57.3736
Arena, Skating Rink, Tennis Court	2,500	\$3,443	\$68.5144	\$2,869	\$57.0953	\$2,295	\$45.6763
-	5,000	\$5,155	\$58.4170	\$4,296	\$48.6809	\$3,437	\$38.9447
-	10,000	\$8,076	\$20.8315	\$6,730	\$17.3596	\$5,384	\$13.8877
-	25,000	\$11,201	\$16.1012	\$9,334	\$13.4177	\$7,467	\$10.7341
-	50,000	\$15,226	\$30.4526	\$12,689	\$25.3772	\$10,151	\$20.3017

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Assembly—Outdoor Activities	1,500	\$5,050	\$84.1631	\$4,208	\$70.1359	\$3,367	\$56.1087
Amusement Park, Bleacher, Stadium	7,500	\$10,100	\$66.0382	\$8,417	\$55.0318	\$6,733	\$44.0255
-	15,000	\$15,053	\$56.4866	\$12,544	\$47.0722	\$10,035	\$37.6578
-	30,000	\$23,526	\$21.0629	\$19,605	\$17.5524	\$15,684	\$14.0420
-	75,000	\$33,004	\$15.6317	\$27,503	\$13.0264	\$22,003	\$10.4211
-	150,000	\$44,728	\$29.8185	\$37,273	\$24.8488	\$29,819	\$19.8790
A Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$1,461	\$36.5167	\$1,217	\$30.4306	\$974	\$24.3444
-	5,000	\$2,922	\$29.1523	\$2,435	\$24.2936	\$1,948	\$19.4349
-	10,000	\$4,379	\$24.8501	\$3,649	\$20.7084	\$2,920	\$16.5667
-	20,000	\$6,864	\$8.7703	\$5,720	\$7.3086	\$4,576	\$5.8469
-	50,000	\$9,495	\$6.8546	\$7,913	\$5.7122	\$6,330	\$4.5698
-	100,000	\$12,923	\$12.9227	\$10,769	\$10.7689	\$8,615	\$8.6151
Business—Animal Hospital	500	\$3,578	\$178.9062	\$2,982	\$149.0885	\$2,385	\$119.2708
-	2,500	\$7,156	\$148.0693	\$5,963	\$123.3911	\$4,771	\$98.7128
-	5,000	\$10,858	\$125.3341	\$9,048	\$104.4451	\$7,239	\$83.5561
-	10,000	\$17,125	\$39.1761	\$14,270	\$32.6468	\$11,416	\$26.1174
-	25,000	\$23,001	\$34.1729	\$19,168	\$28.4774	\$15,334	\$22.7819
-	50,000	\$31,544	\$63.0885	\$26,287	\$52.5737	\$21,029	\$42.0590
Business—Bank	400	\$1,993	\$124.5917	\$1,661	\$103.8264	\$1,329	\$83.0611
-	2,000	\$3,987	\$99.2078	\$3,322	\$82.6732	\$2,658	\$66.1385
-	4,000	\$5,971	\$84.6156	\$4,976	\$70.5130	\$3,981	\$56.4104
-	8,000	\$9,356	\$30.0995	\$7,796	\$25.0829	\$6,237	\$20.0663
-	20,000	\$12,968	\$23.2930	\$10,806	\$19.4108	\$8,645	\$15.5286
-	40,000	\$17,626	\$44.0656	\$14,689	\$36.7213	\$11,751	\$29.3771

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Business—Barber Shop/Beauty Shop	200	\$1,771	\$221.4517	\$1,476	\$184.5431	\$1,181	\$147.6345
-	1,000	\$3,543	\$168.1757	\$2,953	\$140.1464	\$2,362	\$112.1171
-	2,000	\$5,225	\$144.8185	\$4,354	\$120.6821	\$3,483	\$96.5457
-	4,000	\$8,121	\$59.3896	\$6,768	\$49.4913	\$5,414	\$39.5930
-	10,000	\$11,685	\$40.3935	\$9,737	\$33.6612	\$7,790	\$26.9290
-	20,000	\$15,724	\$78.6198	\$13,103	\$65.5165	\$10,483	\$52.4132
Business—Car Wash	800	\$2,756	\$86.1125	\$2,296	\$71.7605	\$1,837	\$57.4084
-	4,000	\$5,511	\$66.7325	\$4,593	\$55.6104	\$3,674	\$44.4883
-	8,000	\$8,181	\$57.2130	\$6,817	\$47.6775	\$5,454	\$38.1420
-	16,000	\$12,758	\$22.1318	\$10,631	\$18.4432	\$8,505	\$14.7545
-	40,000	\$18,069	\$15.8925	\$15,058	\$13.2438	\$12,046	\$10.5950
-	80,000	\$24,426	\$30.5329	\$20,355	\$25.4441	\$16,284	\$20.3553
Business—Clinic, Outpatient	500	\$2,530	\$126.5221	\$2,109	\$105.4351	\$1,687	\$84.3480
-	2,500	\$5,061	\$100.9094	\$4,217	\$84.0912	\$3,374	\$67.2730
-	5,000	\$7,583	\$86.0443	\$6,320	\$71.7036	\$5,056	\$57.3629
-	10,000	\$11,886	\$30.4312	\$9,905	\$25.3594	\$7,924	\$20.2875
-	25,000	\$16,450	\$23.6782	\$13,709	\$19.7319	\$10,967	\$15.7855
-	50,000	\$22,370	\$44.7398	\$18,642	\$37.2832	\$14,913	\$29.8266
Business—Dry Cleaning	200	\$1,428	\$178.5098	\$1,190	\$148.7582	\$952	\$119.0066
-	1,000	\$2,856	\$137.3338	\$2,380	\$114.4448	\$1,904	\$91.5559
-	2,000	\$4,230	\$117.9297	\$3,525	\$98.2747	\$2,820	\$78.6198
-	4,000	\$6,588	\$46.6140	\$5,490	\$38.8450	\$4,392	\$31.0760
-	10,000	\$9,385	\$32.8084	\$7,821	\$27.3403	\$6,257	\$21.8723
-	20,000	\$12,666	\$63.3293	\$10,555	\$52.7744	\$8,444	\$42.2195

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Business—Laboratory	500	\$2,530	\$126.5221	\$2,109	\$105.4351	\$1,687	\$84.3480
-	2,500	\$5,061	\$100.9094	\$4,217	\$84.0912	\$3,374	\$67.2730
-	5,000	\$7,583	\$86.0443	\$6,320	\$71.7036	\$5,056	\$57.3629
-	10,000	\$11,886	\$30.4312	\$9,905	\$25.3594	\$7,924	\$20.2875
-	25,000	\$16,450	\$23.6782	\$13,709	\$19.7319	\$10,967	\$15.7855
-	50,000	\$22,370	\$44.7398	\$18,642	\$37.2832	\$14,913	\$29.8266
Business—Motor Vehicle Showroom	500	\$2,242	\$112.0864	\$1,868	\$93.4053	\$1,495	\$74.7242
-	2,500	\$4,484	\$90.5713	\$3,736	\$75.4761	\$2,989	\$60.3808
-	5,000	\$6,748	\$77.0065	\$5,623	\$64.1720	\$4,499	\$51.3376
-	10,000	\$10,598	\$26.1451	\$8,832	\$21.7875	\$7,065	\$17.4300
-	25,000	\$14,520	\$21.1258	\$12,100	\$17.6048	\$9,680	\$14.0839
-	50,000	\$19,801	\$39.6029	\$16,501	\$33.0024	\$13,201	\$26.4019
Business—Professional Office	1,000	\$2,911	\$72.7805	\$2,426	\$60.6504	\$1,941	\$48.5203
-	5,000	\$5,822	\$57.7308	\$4,852	\$48.1090	\$3,881	\$38.4872
-	10,000	\$8,709	\$49.2427	\$7,257	\$41.0356	\$5,806	\$32.8285
-	20,000	\$13,633	\$17.7654	\$11,361	\$14.8045	\$9,089	\$11.8436
-	50,000	\$18,963	\$13.5648	\$15,802	\$11.3040	\$12,642	\$9.0432
-	100,000	\$25,745	\$25.7451	\$21,454	\$21.4542	\$17,163	\$17.1634
Business—High Rise Office	20,000	\$20,848	\$42.9854	\$17,373	\$35.8211	\$13,898	\$28.6569
-	100,000	\$55,236	\$15.6651	\$46,030	\$13.0542	\$36,824	\$10.4434
-	200,000	\$70,901	\$10.7823	\$59,084	\$8.9852	\$47,267	\$7.1882
-	400,000	\$92,466	\$7.2863	\$77,055	\$6.0719	\$61,644	\$4.8575
-	1,000,000	\$136,183	\$2.9698	\$113,486	\$2.4748	\$90,789	\$1.9799
-	2,000,000	\$165,881	\$8.2941	\$138,235	\$6.9117	\$110,588	\$5.5294

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
B Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$1,736	\$43.3954	\$1,446	\$36.1628	\$1,157	\$28.9303
-	5,000	\$3,471	\$34.0806	\$2,893	\$28.4005	\$2,314	\$22.7204
-	10,000	\$5,176	\$29.1523	\$4,313	\$24.2936	\$3,450	\$19.4349
-	20,000	\$8,091	\$10.8358	\$6,742	\$9.0298	\$5,394	\$7.2239
-	50,000	\$11,341	\$8.0426	\$9,451	\$6.7021	\$7,561	\$5.3617
-	100,000	\$15,363	\$15.3628	\$12,802	\$12.8023	\$10,242	\$10.2418
Educational—Group Occupancy	1,000	\$3,652	\$91.3167	\$3,044	\$76.0973	\$2,435	\$60.8778
6+ persons, up to the 12th Grade	5,000	\$7,305	\$72.8608	\$6,088	\$60.7173	\$4,870	\$48.5738
-	10,000	\$10,948	\$62.0851	\$9,123	\$51.7376	\$7,299	\$41.3901
-	20,000	\$17,157	\$21.9726	\$14,297	\$18.3105	\$11,438	\$14.6484
-	50,000	\$23,748	\$17.0764	\$19,790	\$14.2304	\$15,832	\$11.3843
-	100,000	\$32,287	\$32.2867	\$26,906	\$26.9056	\$21,524	\$21.5245
Educational—Day Care	500	\$2,444	\$122.2038	\$2,037	\$101.8365	\$1,629	\$81.4692
5+ children, older than 2 1/2 yrs	2,500	\$4,888	\$97.0808	\$4,073	\$80.9007	\$3,259	\$64.7205
-	5,000	\$7,315	\$82.8136	\$6,096	\$69.0114	\$4,877	\$55.2091
-	10,000	\$11,456	\$29.7115	\$9,547	\$24.7596	\$7,637	\$19.8077
-	25,000	\$15,913	\$22.8355	\$13,260	\$19.0295	\$10,608	\$15.2236
-	50,000	\$21,621	\$43.2429	\$18,018	\$36.0357	\$14,414	\$28.8286
E Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,779	\$69.4846	\$2,316	\$57.9038	\$1,853	\$46.3231
-	5,000	\$5,558	\$53.5369	\$4,632	\$44.6141	\$3,706	\$35.6913
-	10,000	\$8,235	\$45.9518	\$6,863	\$38.2932	\$5,490	\$30.6346
-	20,000	\$12,830	\$18.0664	\$10,692	\$15.0553	\$8,554	\$12.0442
-	50,000	\$18,250	\$12.7822	\$15,209	\$10.6519	\$12,167	\$8.5215
-	100,000	\$24,641	\$24.6414	\$20,535	\$20.5345	\$16,428	\$16.4276

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Factory Industrial—Moderate Hazard	4,000	\$4,797	\$55.7402	\$3,998	\$46.4502	\$3,198	\$37.1601
-	20,000	\$13,716	\$19.0068	\$11,430	\$15.8390	\$9,144	\$12.6712
-	40,000	\$17,517	\$12.4251	\$14,598	\$10.3542	\$11,678	\$8.2834
-	80,000	\$22,487	\$8.9522	\$18,739	\$7.4602	\$14,991	\$5.9682
-	200,000	\$33,230	\$4.3825	\$27,692	\$3.6521	\$22,153	\$2.9217
-	400,000	\$41,995	\$10.4987	\$34,996	\$8.7489	\$27,997	\$6.9991
Factory Industrial—Low Hazard	3,000	\$5,792	\$48.2745	\$4,827	\$40.2288	\$3,862	\$32.1830
-	15,000	\$11,585	\$37.2230	\$9,654	\$31.0192	\$7,724	\$24.8153
-	30,000	\$17,169	\$31.9456	\$14,307	\$26.6213	\$11,446	\$21.2970
-	60,000	\$26,752	\$12.5481	\$22,294	\$10.4568	\$17,835	\$8.3654
-	150,000	\$38,046	\$8.8693	\$31,705	\$7.3911	\$25,364	\$5.9129
-	300,000	\$51,350	\$17.1166	\$42,791	\$14.2638	\$34,233	\$11.4110
F Occupancy Tenant Improvements	2,000	\$2,491	\$31.1469	\$2,076	\$25.9558	\$1,661	\$20.7646
-	10,000	\$4,983	\$23.8227	\$4,152	\$19.8523	\$3,322	\$15.8818
-	20,000	\$7,365	\$20.4837	\$6,138	\$17.0697	\$4,910	\$13.6558
-	40,000	\$11,462	\$8.2138	\$9,552	\$6.8448	\$7,641	\$5.4759
-	100,000	\$16,390	\$5.6988	\$13,658	\$4.7490	\$10,927	\$3.7992
-	200,000	\$22,089	\$11.0445	\$18,407	\$9.2037	\$14,726	\$7.3630
High Hazard Group H-1	1,000	\$2,876	\$71.9043	\$2,397	\$59.9202	\$1,917	\$47.9362
Pose a detonation hazard	5,000	\$5,752	\$57.4699	\$4,794	\$47.8916	\$3,835	\$38.3133
-	10,000	\$8,626	\$48.9618	\$7,188	\$40.8015	\$5,751	\$32.6412
-	20,000	\$13,522	\$17.2213	\$11,268	\$14.3511	\$9,015	\$11.4809
-	50,000	\$18,688	\$13.4846	\$15,574	\$11.2371	\$12,459	\$8.9897
-	100,000	\$25,431	\$25.4307	\$21,192	\$21.1922	\$16,954	\$16.9538

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High Hazard Group H-2	2,000	\$5,406	\$67.5753	\$4,505	\$56.3127	\$3,604	\$45.0502
Pose a deflagration hazard	10,000	\$10,812	\$54.1148	\$9,010	\$45.0957	\$7,208	\$36.0765
-	20,000	\$16,223	\$46.0883	\$13,519	\$38.4069	\$10,815	\$30.7255
-	40,000	\$25,441	\$16.1119	\$21,201	\$13.4266	\$16,961	\$10.7413
-	100,000	\$35,108	\$12.6659	\$29,257	\$10.5549	\$23,405	\$8.4439
-	200,000	\$47,774	\$23.8869	\$39,812	\$19.9058	\$31,849	\$15.9246
High Hazard Group H-3	1,000	\$4,314	\$107.8564	\$3,595	\$89.8803	\$2,876	\$71.9043
Readily support combustion	5,000	\$8,629	\$86.2048	\$7,190	\$71.8374	\$5,752	\$57.4699
-	10,000	\$12,939	\$73.4427	\$10,782	\$61.2022	\$8,626	\$48.9618
-	20,000	\$20,283	\$25.8320	\$16,903	\$21.5267	\$13,522	\$17.2213
-	50,000	\$28,033	\$20.2268	\$23,361	\$16.8557	\$18,688	\$13.4846
-	100,000	\$38,146	\$38.1460	\$31,788	\$31.7884	\$25,431	\$25.4307
High Hazard Group H-4	1,000	\$2,922	\$73.0534	\$2,435	\$60.8778	\$1,948	\$48.7023
Pose health hazards	5,000	\$5,844	\$58.2886	\$4,870	\$48.5738	\$3,896	\$38.8591
-	10,000	\$8,759	\$49.6681	\$7,299	\$41.3901	\$5,839	\$33.1121
-	20,000	\$13,725	\$17.5781	\$11,438	\$14.6484	\$9,150	\$11.7187
-	50,000	\$18,999	\$13.6611	\$15,832	\$11.3843	\$12,666	\$9.1074
-	100,000	\$25,829	\$25.8293	\$21,524	\$21.5245	\$17,220	\$17.2196
High Hazard Group H-5	1,000	\$2,922	\$73.0534	\$2,435	\$60.8778	\$1,948	\$48.7023
Semiconductor Fabrication, R&D	5,000	\$5,844	\$58.2886	\$4,870	\$48.5738	\$3,896	\$38.8591
-	10,000	\$8,759	\$49.6681	\$7,299	\$41.3901	\$5,839	\$33.1121
-	20,000	\$13,725	\$17.5781	\$11,438	\$14.6484	\$9,150	\$11.7187
-	50,000	\$18,999	\$13.6611	\$15,832	\$11.3843	\$12,666	\$9.1074
-	100,000	\$25,829	\$25.8293	\$21,524	\$21.5245	\$17,220	\$17.2196

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
H Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,223	\$55.5877	\$1,853	\$46.3231	\$1,482	\$37.0585
-	5,000	\$4,447	\$42.8295	\$3,706	\$35.6913	\$2,964	\$28.5530
-	10,000	\$6,588	\$36.7615	\$5,490	\$30.6346	\$4,392	\$24.5076
-	20,000	\$10,264	\$14.4531	\$8,554	\$12.0442	\$6,843	\$9.6354
-	50,000	\$14,600	\$10.2258	\$12,167	\$8.5215	\$9,733	\$6.8172
-	100,000	\$19,713	\$19.7131	\$16,428	\$16.4276	\$13,142	\$13.1421
Institutional-17+ persons, ambulatory	2,000	\$4,572	\$57.1448	\$3,810	\$47.6207	\$3,048	\$38.0965
-	10,000	\$9,144	\$45.7191	\$7,620	\$38.0992	\$6,096	\$30.4794
-	20,000	\$13,716	\$38.9447	\$11,430	\$32.4539	\$9,144	\$25.9631
-	40,000	\$21,505	\$13.6558	\$17,921	\$11.3798	\$14,336	\$9.1039
-	100,000	\$29,698	\$10.7234	\$24,748	\$8.9362	\$19,799	\$7.1490
-	200,000	\$40,422	\$20.2108	\$33,685	\$16.8423	\$26,948	\$13.4739
Institutional-6+ persons, non-ambulatory	2,000	\$6,247	\$78.0981	\$5,206	\$65.0817	\$4,165	\$52.0654
-	10,000	\$12,495	\$61.9046	\$10,413	\$51.5871	\$8,330	\$41.2697
-	20,000	\$18,686	\$52.8546	\$15,571	\$44.0455	\$12,457	\$35.2364
-	40,000	\$29,257	\$19.0630	\$24,381	\$15.8858	\$19,504	\$12.7087
-	100,000	\$40,694	\$14.5681	\$33,912	\$12.1401	\$27,130	\$9.7121
-	200,000	\$55,263	\$27.6313	\$46,052	\$23.0261	\$36,842	\$18.4209
Institutional—6+ persons, restrained	2,000	\$6,248	\$78.0930	\$5,207	\$65.0775	\$4,165	\$52.0620
-	10,000	\$12,495	\$61.9046	\$10,413	\$51.5871	\$8,330	\$41.2697
-	20,000	\$18,686	\$52.8546	\$15,571	\$44.0455	\$12,457	\$35.2364
-	40,000	\$29,257	\$19.0630	\$24,381	\$15.8858	\$19,504	\$12.7087
-	100,000	\$40,694	\$14.5681	\$33,912	\$12.1401	\$27,130	\$9.7121
-	200,000	\$55,263	\$27.6313	\$46,052	\$23.0261	\$36,842	\$18.4209

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		Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Institutional—6+ persons, day care	1,000	\$3,677	\$91.9237	\$3,064	\$76.6031	\$2,452	\$61.2825
-	5,000	\$7,354	\$71.8775	\$6,129	\$59.8979	\$4,903	\$47.9183
-	10,000	\$10,948	\$61.4832	\$9,123	\$51.2360	\$7,299	\$40.9888
-	20,000	\$17,096	\$23.2100	\$14,247	\$19.3417	\$11,398	\$15.4734
-	50,000	\$24,059	\$17.0162	\$20,050	\$14.1802	\$16,040	\$11.3442
-	100,000	\$32,568	\$32.5676	\$27,140	\$27.1397	\$21,712	\$21.7117
I Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,216	\$55.4151	\$1,847	\$46.1793	\$1,478	\$36.9434
-	5,000	\$4,433	\$42.7172	\$3,694	\$35.5976	\$2,955	\$28.4781
-	10,000	\$6,569	\$36.6652	\$5,474	\$30.5543	\$4,379	\$24.4434
-	20,000	\$10,235	\$14.4156	\$8,530	\$12.0130	\$6,824	\$9.6104
-	50,000	\$14,560	\$10.1776	\$12,133	\$8.4814	\$9,707	\$6.7851
-	100,000	\$19,649	\$19.6489	\$16,374	\$16.3741	\$13,099	\$13.0993
Labs (California ONLY)	2,000	\$5,211	\$65.1352	\$4,342	\$54.2794	\$3,474	\$43.4235
-	10,000	\$10,422	\$51.4340	\$8,685	\$42.8616	\$6,948	\$34.2893
-	20,000	\$15,565	\$43.9532	\$12,971	\$36.6277	\$10,377	\$29.3022
-	40,000	\$24,356	\$16.0477	\$20,296	\$13.3731	\$16,237	\$10.6985
-	100,000	\$33,984	\$12.1200	\$28,320	\$10.1000	\$22,656	\$8.0800
-	200,000	\$46,104	\$23.0522	\$38,420	\$19.2101	\$30,736	\$15.3681
Mercantile—Department & Drug Store	1,000	\$2,667	\$66.6803	\$2,223	\$55.5669	\$1,778	\$44.4536
-	5,000	\$5,334	\$52.5577	\$4,445	\$43.7981	\$3,556	\$35.0384
-	10,000	\$7,962	\$44.8843	\$6,635	\$37.4036	\$5,308	\$29.9229
-	20,000	\$12,451	\$16.5025	\$10,376	\$13.7521	\$8,300	\$11.0017
-	50,000	\$17,401	\$12.4251	\$14,501	\$10.3542	\$11,601	\$8.2834
-	100,000	\$23,614	\$23.6140	\$19,678	\$19.6784	\$15,743	\$15.7427

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IBC Occupancy Type	Project Size Threshold in square feet (sf)	Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Mercantile—Market	2,000	\$4,164	\$52.0480	\$3,470	\$43.3733	\$2,776	\$34.6987
-	10,000	\$8,328	\$41.1279	\$6,940	\$34.2732	\$5,552	\$27.4186
-	20,000	\$12,441	\$35.1080	\$10,368	\$29.2567	\$8,294	\$23.4053
-	40,000	\$19,463	\$12.8317	\$16,219	\$10.6931	\$12,975	\$8.5545
-	100,000	\$27,162	\$9.6960	\$22,635	\$8.0800	\$18,108	\$6.4640
-	200,000	\$36,858	\$18.4289	\$30,715	\$15.3574	\$24,572	\$12.2859
Mercantile—Motor fuel-dispensing	400	\$2,444	\$152.7547	\$2,037	\$127.2956	\$1,629	\$101.8365
-	2,000	\$4,888	\$121.3209	\$4,073	\$101.1007	\$3,259	\$80.8806
-	4,000	\$7,315	\$103.5221	\$6,095	\$86.2684	\$4,876	\$69.0147
-	8,000	\$11,455	\$37.1093	\$9,546	\$30.9244	\$7,637	\$24.7395
-	20,000	\$15,909	\$28.5343	\$13,257	\$23.7786	\$10,606	\$19.0229
-	40,000	\$21,615	\$54.0386	\$18,013	\$45.0321	\$14,410	\$36.0257
Mercantile—Retail or wholesale store	1,000	\$3,334	\$83.3504	\$2,778	\$69.4587	\$2,223	\$55.5669
-	5,000	\$6,668	\$65.6971	\$5,557	\$54.7476	\$4,445	\$43.7981
-	10,000	\$9,953	\$56.1054	\$8,294	\$46.7545	\$6,635	\$37.4036
-	20,000	\$15,563	\$20.6282	\$12,970	\$17.1901	\$10,376	\$13.7521
-	50,000	\$21,752	\$15.5313	\$18,127	\$12.9428	\$14,501	\$10.3542
-	100,000	\$29,518	\$29.5175	\$24,598	\$24.5979	\$19,678	\$19.6784
M Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,170	\$54.2442	\$1,808	\$45.2035	\$1,446	\$36.1628
-	5,000	\$4,339	\$42.6008	\$3,616	\$35.5006	\$2,893	\$28.4005
-	10,000	\$6,469	\$36.4404	\$5,391	\$30.3670	\$4,313	\$24.2936
-	20,000	\$10,113	\$13.5448	\$8,428	\$11.2873	\$6,742	\$9.0298
-	50,000	\$14,177	\$10.0532	\$11,814	\$8.3777	\$9,451	\$6.7021
-	100,000	\$19,203	\$19.2035	\$16,003	\$16.0029	\$12,802	\$12.8023

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Residential—Transient	2,000	\$4,530	\$56.6271	\$3,775	\$47.1893	\$3,020	\$37.7514
Boarding Houses, Hotels, Motels	10,000	\$9,060	\$44.7559	\$7,550	\$37.2966	\$6,040	\$29.8373
-	20,000	\$13,536	\$38.2062	\$11,280	\$31.8385	\$9,024	\$25.4708
-	40,000	\$21,177	\$13.9340	\$17,648	\$11.6117	\$14,118	\$9.2894
-	100,000	\$29,538	\$10.5629	\$24,615	\$8.8024	\$19,692	\$7.0419
-	200,000	\$40,101	\$20.0503	\$33,417	\$16.7085	\$26,734	\$13.3668
Residential—Transient, Phased Permit	2,000	\$3,431	\$42.8897	\$2,860	\$35.7414	\$2,288	\$28.5931
Boarding Houses, Hotels, Motels	10,000	\$6,863	\$34.8833	\$5,719	\$29.0694	\$4,575	\$23.2555
-	20,000	\$10,351	\$29.6018	\$8,626	\$24.6682	\$6,901	\$19.7345
-	40,000	\$16,271	\$9.8566	\$13,559	\$8.2138	\$10,848	\$6.5710
-	100,000	\$22,185	\$8.1228	\$18,488	\$6.7690	\$14,790	\$5.4152
-	200,000	\$30,308	\$15.1541	\$25,257	\$12.6284	\$20,205	\$10.1027
Residential—Permanent, 2+ Dwellings	1,500	\$4,001	\$66.6803	\$3,334	\$55.5669	\$2,667	\$44.4536
Apartment, Dormitory, Timeshare	7,500	\$8,002	\$52.5577	\$6,668	\$43.7981	\$5,334	\$35.0384
-	15,000	\$11,943	\$44.8843	\$9,953	\$37.4036	\$7,962	\$29.9229
-	30,000	\$18,676	\$16.5025	\$15,563	\$13.7521	\$12,451	\$11.0017
-	75,000	\$26,102	\$12.4251	\$21,752	\$10.3542	\$17,401	\$8.2834
-	150,000	\$35,421	\$23.6140	\$29,518	\$19.6784	\$23,614	\$15.7427
Residential—Permanent, 2+, Phased	1,500	\$3,177	\$52.9429	\$2,647	\$44.1191	\$2,118	\$35.2953
Apartment, Dormitory, Timeshare	7,500	\$6,353	\$42.6850	\$5,294	\$35.5709	\$4,236	\$28.4567
-	15,000	\$9,555	\$36.3120	\$7,962	\$30.2600	\$6,370	\$24.2080
-	30,000	\$15,002	\$12.4144	\$12,501	\$10.3453	\$10,001	\$8.2762
-	75,000	\$20,588	\$9.9850	\$17,157	\$8.3208	\$13,725	\$6.6567
-	150,000	\$28,077	\$18.7178	\$23,397	\$15.5982	\$18,718	\$12.4786

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Dwellings—Custom Homes	1,500	\$4,478	\$99.5088	\$3,732	\$82.9240	\$2,986	\$66.3392
-	2,500	\$5,474	\$74.6868	\$4,561	\$62.2390	\$3,649	\$49.7912
-	3,500	\$6,220	\$124.3609	\$5,184	\$103.6341	\$4,147	\$82.9073
-	4,500	\$7,464	\$124.3910	\$6,220	\$103.6592	\$4,976	\$82.9273
-	6,500	\$9,952	\$71.1207	\$8,293	\$59.2673	\$6,635	\$47.4138
-	10,000	\$12,441	\$124.4111	\$10,368	\$103.6759	\$8,294	\$82.9407
Dwellings—Models, First Master Plan	1,500	\$6,256	\$135.0763	\$5,213	\$112.5636	\$4,171	\$90.0509
-	2,500	\$7,607	\$110.1439	\$6,339	\$91.7866	\$5,071	\$73.4293
-	3,500	\$8,708	\$159.9485	\$7,257	\$133.2904	\$5,805	\$106.6323
-	4,500	\$10,308	\$195.4709	\$8,590	\$162.8924	\$6,872	\$130.3139
-	6,500	\$14,217	\$101.5928	\$11,847	\$84.6607	\$9,478	\$67.7286
-	10,000	\$17,773	\$177.7273	\$14,811	\$148.1061	\$11,848	\$118.4848
Dwellings—Production Phase	1,500	\$3,341	\$69.3291	\$2,784	\$57.7742	\$2,227	\$46.2194
of Master Plan (repeats)	2,500	\$4,034	\$63.0483	\$3,362	\$52.5403	\$2,690	\$42.0322
-	3,500	\$4,665	\$75.5797	\$3,887	\$62.9831	\$3,110	\$50.3865
-	4,500	\$5,421	\$119.9363	\$4,517	\$99.9469	\$3,614	\$79.9575
-	6,500	\$7,819	\$55.8560	\$6,516	\$46.5467	\$5,213	\$37.2373
-	10,000	\$9,774	\$97.7430	\$8,145	\$81.4525	\$6,516	\$65.1620
Dwellings—Alternate Materials	1,500	\$6,618	\$144.0961	\$5,515	\$120.0801	\$4,412	\$96.0641
-	2,500	\$8,059	\$114.7391	\$6,716	\$95.6159	\$5,372	\$76.4928
-	3,500	\$9,206	\$173.5434	\$7,672	\$144.6195	\$6,137	\$115.6956
-	4,500	\$10,941	\$199.9708	\$9,118	\$166.6423	\$7,294	\$133.3138
-	6,500	\$14,941	\$106.7671	\$12,451	\$88.9726	\$9,961	\$71.1781
-	10,000	\$18,678	\$186.7772	\$15,565	\$155.6476	\$12,452	\$124.5181

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Dwellings—Hillside - Custom Homes	1,500	\$7,195	\$158.3833	\$5,996	\$131.9861	\$4,796	\$105.5889
-	2,500	\$8,779	\$122.1837	\$7,315	\$101.8198	\$5,852	\$81.4558
-	3,500	\$10,000	\$194.5228	\$8,334	\$162.1023	\$6,667	\$129.6818
-	4,500	\$11,946	\$208.1979	\$9,955	\$173.4983	\$7,964	\$138.7986
-	6,500	\$16,110	\$115.0573	\$13,425	\$95.8811	\$10,740	\$76.7049
-	10,000	\$20,137	\$201.3654	\$16,780	\$167.8045	\$13,424	\$134.2436
Dwellings—Hillside - Models, First Master	1,500	\$7,160	\$157.7011	\$5,967	\$131.4176	\$4,774	\$105.1341
Plan	2,500	\$8,737	\$121.5215	\$7,281	\$101.2680	\$5,825	\$81.0144
-	3,500	\$9,953	\$193.8806	\$8,294	\$161.5672	\$6,635	\$129.2538
-	4,500	\$11,891	\$206.7983	\$9,909	\$172.3319	\$7,928	\$137.8655
-	6,500	\$16,027	\$114.4811	\$13,356	\$95.4009	\$10,685	\$76.3208
-	10,000	\$20,034	\$200.3420	\$16,695	\$166.9517	\$13,356	\$133.5613
Dwellings—Hillside - Production Phase	1,500	\$5,002	\$107.2644	\$4,168	\$89.3870	\$3,335	\$71.5096
of Master Plan (repeats)	2,500	\$6,075	\$89.1747	\$5,062	\$74.3122	\$4,050	\$59.4498
-	3,500	\$6,966	\$125.4445	\$5,805	\$104.5371	\$4,644	\$83.6297
-	4,500	\$8,221	\$160.2495	\$6,851	\$133.5413	\$5,481	\$106.8330
-	6,500	\$11,426	\$81.6412	\$9,521	\$68.0343	\$7,617	\$54.4275
-	10,000	\$14,283	\$142.8320	\$11,903	\$119.0266	\$9,522	\$95.2213
Dwellings—Hillside - Alternate Materials	1,500	\$7,160	\$157.7011	\$5,967	\$131.4176	\$4,774	\$105.1341
-	2,500	\$8,737	\$121.5215	\$7,281	\$101.2680	\$5,825	\$81.0144
-	3,500	\$9,953	\$193.8806	\$8,294	\$161.5672	\$6,635	\$129.2538
-	4,500	\$11,891	\$206.7983	\$9,909	\$172.3319	\$7,928	\$137.8655
-	6,500	\$16,027	\$114.4811	\$13,356	\$95.4009	\$10,685	\$76.3208
-	10,000	\$20,034	\$200.3420	\$16,695	\$166.9517	\$13,356	\$133.5613

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Residential—Assisted Living (6-16 persons)	1,500	\$4,461	\$74.3457	\$3,717	\$61.9547	\$2,974	\$49.5638
-	7,500	\$8,921	\$61.5153	\$7,435	\$51.2627	\$5,948	\$41.0102
-	15,000	\$13,535	\$52.0600	\$11,279	\$43.3834	\$9,023	\$34.7067
-	30,000	\$21,344	\$16.2992	\$17,787	\$13.5827	\$14,229	\$10.8661
-	75,000	\$28,679	\$14.1909	\$23,899	\$11.8257	\$19,119	\$9.4606
-	150,000	\$39,322	\$26.2146	\$32,768	\$21.8455	\$26,215	\$17.4764
R Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$3,058	\$76.4446	\$2,548	\$63.7038	\$2,038	\$50.9631
-	5,000	\$6,115	\$61.5955	\$5,096	\$51.3296	\$4,077	\$41.0637
-	10,000	\$9,195	\$52.4292	\$7,663	\$43.6910	\$6,130	\$34.9528
-	20,000	\$14,438	\$17.9313	\$12,032	\$14.9427	\$9,625	\$11.9542
-	50,000	\$19,817	\$14.3996	\$16,515	\$11.9997	\$13,212	\$9.5997
-	100,000	\$27,017	\$27.0173	\$22,514	\$22.5144	\$18,012	\$18.0115
Storage—Moderate Hazard	1,000	\$2,494	\$62.3427	\$2,078	\$51.9522	\$1,663	\$41.5618
-	5,000	\$4,988	\$48.8681	\$4,157	\$40.7235	\$3,325	\$32.5788
-	10,000	\$7,431	\$41.8048	\$6,193	\$34.8373	\$4,954	\$27.8699
-	20,000	\$11,612	\$15.6294	\$9,676	\$13.0245	\$7,741	\$10.4196
-	50,000	\$16,301	\$11.5716	\$13,584	\$9.6430	\$10,867	\$7.7144
-	100,000	\$22,086	\$22.0863	\$18,405	\$18.4053	\$14,724	\$14.7242
Storage—Moderate Hazard, Repair Garage	500	\$1,790	\$89.4790	\$1,491	\$74.5658	\$1,193	\$59.6527
Motor Vehicles (not High Hazard)	2,500	\$3,579	\$70.4729	\$2,983	\$58.7274	\$2,386	\$46.9819
-	5,000	\$5,341	\$60.2390	\$4,451	\$50.1992	\$3,561	\$40.1594
-	10,000	\$8,353	\$22.1710	\$6,961	\$18.4759	\$5,569	\$14.7807
-	25,000	\$11,679	\$16.6417	\$9,732	\$13.8680	\$7,786	\$11.0944
-	50,000	\$15,839	\$31.6780	\$13,199	\$26.3983	\$10,559	\$21.1187

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		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Storage—Low Hazard	500	\$1,680	\$84.0096	\$1,400	\$70.0080	\$1,120	\$56.0064
-	2,500	\$3,360	\$67.0215	\$2,800	\$55.8512	\$2,240	\$44.6810
-	5,000	\$5,036	\$57.1488	\$4,197	\$47.6240	\$3,357	\$38.0992
-	10,000	\$7,893	\$20.2054	\$6,578	\$16.8379	\$5,262	\$13.4703
-	25,000	\$10,924	\$15.7320	\$9,103	\$13.1100	\$7,283	\$10.4880
-	50,000	\$14,857	\$29.7142	\$12,381	\$24.7618	\$9,905	\$19.8095
Storage—Low Hazard, Aircraft Hangar	1,000	\$3,150	\$78.7502	\$2,625	\$65.6252	\$2,100	\$52.5001
-	5,000	\$6,300	\$63.1085	\$5,250	\$52.5904	\$4,200	\$42.0724
-	10,000	\$9,455	\$53.7376	\$7,879	\$44.7813	\$6,303	\$35.8250
-	20,000	\$14,829	\$18.7286	\$12,357	\$15.6071	\$9,886	\$12.4857
-	50,000	\$20,448	\$14.7688	\$17,040	\$12.3073	\$13,632	\$9.8459
-	100,000	\$27,832	\$27.8320	\$23,193	\$23.1933	\$18,555	\$18.5546
Storage—Low Hazard, Parking Garages	1,000	\$2,100	\$52.5001	\$1,750	\$43.7501	\$1,400	\$35.0001
Open or Enclosed	5,000	\$4,200	\$42.0724	\$3,500	\$35.0603	\$2,800	\$28.0482
-	10,000	\$6,303	\$35.8250	\$5,253	\$29.8542	\$4,202	\$23.8834
-	20,000	\$9,886	\$12.4857	\$8,238	\$10.4048	\$6,591	\$8.3238
-	50,000	\$13,632	\$9.8459	\$11,360	\$8.2049	\$9,088	\$6.5639
-	100,000	\$18,555	\$18.5546	\$15,462	\$15.4622	\$12,370	\$12.3698
S Occupancy Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,570	\$64.2523	\$2,142	\$53.5436	\$1,713	\$42.8349
-	5,000	\$5,140	\$52.8466	\$4,283	\$44.0389	\$3,427	\$35.2311
-	10,000	\$7,783	\$44.7880	\$6,485	\$37.3233	\$5,188	\$29.8587
-	20,000	\$12,261	\$14.2979	\$10,218	\$11.9149	\$8,174	\$9.5319
-	50,000	\$16,551	\$12.2324	\$13,792	\$10.1937	\$11,034	\$8.1549
-	100,000	\$22,667	\$22.6669	\$18,889	\$18.8891	\$15,111	\$15.1113

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		Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Accessory—Agricultural Building	600	\$1,462	\$60.9213	\$1,219	\$50.7678	\$975	\$40.6142
-	3,000	\$2,924	\$47.6374	\$2,437	\$39.6978	\$1,950	\$31.7583
-	6,000	\$4,354	\$40.7747	\$3,628	\$33.9789	\$2,902	\$27.1832
-	12,000	\$6,800	\$15.3641	\$5,667	\$12.8034	\$4,533	\$10.2427
-	30,000	\$9,566	\$11.2973	\$7,971	\$9.4144	\$6,377	\$7.5316
-	60,000	\$12,955	\$21.5913	\$10,796	\$17.9928	\$8,637	\$14.3942
Accessory—Barn or Shed	200	\$791	\$98.8316	\$659	\$82.3596	\$527	\$65.8877
-	1,000	\$1,581	\$78.2586	\$1,318	\$65.2155	\$1,054	\$52.1724
-	2,000	\$2,364	\$66.7807	\$1,970	\$55.6506	\$1,576	\$44.5204
-	4,000	\$3,699	\$24.1933	\$3,083	\$20.1611	\$2,466	\$16.1289
-	10,000	\$5,151	\$18.4409	\$4,293	\$15.3674	\$3,434	\$12.2940
-	20,000	\$6,995	\$34.9756	\$5,829	\$29.1463	\$4,663	\$23.3170
Accessory—Private Garage	200	\$791	\$98.8316	\$659	\$82.3596	\$527	\$65.8877
-	1,000	\$1,581	\$78.2586	\$1,318	\$65.2155	\$1,054	\$52.1724
-	2,000	\$2,364	\$66.7807	\$1,970	\$55.6506	\$1,576	\$44.5204
-	4,000	\$3,699	\$24.1933	\$3,083	\$20.1611	\$2,466	\$16.1289
-	10,000	\$5,151	\$18.4409	\$4,293	\$15.3674	\$3,434	\$12.2940
-	20,000	\$6,995	\$34.9756	\$5,829	\$29.1463	\$4,663	\$23.3170
Accessory—Other	1,000	\$2,170	\$54.2442	\$1,808	\$45.2035	\$1,446	\$36.1628
-	5,000	\$4,339	\$42.6008	\$3,616	\$35.5006	\$2,893	\$28.4005
-	10,000	\$6,469	\$36.4404	\$5,391	\$30.3670	\$4,313	\$24.2936
-	20,000	\$10,113	\$13.5448	\$8,428	\$11.2873	\$6,742	\$9.0298
-	50,000	\$14,177	\$10.0532	\$11,814	\$8.3777	\$9,451	\$6.7021
-	100,000	\$19,203	\$19.2035	\$16,003	\$16.0029	\$12,802	\$12.8023

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		Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Other Tenant Improvements	1,000	\$2,779	\$69.4846	\$2,316	\$57.9038	\$1,853	\$46.3231
-	5,000	\$5,558	\$53.5369	\$4,632	\$44.6141	\$3,706	\$35.6913
-	10,000	\$8,235	\$45.9518	\$6,863	\$38.2932	\$5,490	\$30.6346
-	20,000	\$12,830	\$18.0664	\$10,692	\$15.0553	\$8,554	\$12.0442
-	50,000	\$18,250	\$12.7822	\$15,209	\$10.6519	\$12,167	\$8.5215
-	100,000	\$24,641	\$24.6414	\$20,535	\$20.5345	\$16,428	\$16.4276
All Shell Buildings	1,000	\$1,334	\$33.3382	\$1,111	\$27.7818	\$889	\$22.2254
-	5,000	\$2,667	\$26.2788	\$2,223	\$21.8990	\$1,778	\$17.5192
-	10,000	\$3,981	\$22.4422	\$3,318	\$18.7018	\$2,654	\$14.9614
-	20,000	\$6,225	\$8.2513	\$5,188	\$6.8761	\$4,150	\$5.5008
-	50,000	\$8,701	\$6.1965	\$7,251	\$5.1637	\$5,800	\$4.1310
-	100,000	\$11,799	\$11.7990	\$9,832	\$9.8325	\$7,866	\$7.8660
Shell: Assembly—Food & Drink	1,000	\$2,294	\$57.3575	\$1,912	\$47.7979	\$1,530	\$38.2384
-	5,000	\$4,589	\$45.5746	\$3,824	\$37.9788	\$3,059	\$30.3831
-	10,000	\$6,867	\$38.8805	\$5,723	\$32.4004	\$4,578	\$25.9203
-	20,000	\$10,756	\$13.9394	\$8,963	\$11.6162	\$7,170	\$9.2929
-	50,000	\$14,937	\$10.7074	\$12,448	\$8.9228	\$9,958	\$7.1383
-	100,000	\$20,291	\$20.2910	\$16,909	\$16.9092	\$13,527	\$13.5274
Shell: Business—Clinic, Outpatient	1,000	\$2,785	\$69.6221	\$2,321	\$58.0184	\$1,856	\$46.4147
-	5,000	\$5,570	\$55.8164	\$4,641	\$46.5137	\$3,713	\$37.2110
-	10,000	\$8,360	\$47.5170	\$6,967	\$39.5975	\$5,574	\$31.6780
-	20,000	\$13,112	\$16.5453	\$10,927	\$13.7878	\$8,741	\$11.0302
-	50,000	\$18,076	\$13.0672	\$15,063	\$10.8893	\$12,050	\$8.7115
-	100,000	\$24,609	\$24.6093	\$20,508	\$20.5078	\$16,406	\$16.4062

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IBC Occupancy Type	Project Size Threshold in square feet (sf)	Construction Type IA, IB		Construction Type IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV		Construction Type VA, VB	
		Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *	Base Cost @ Threshold Size	Cost for Each Additional 100 sf *
Shell: Business—Professional Office	1,000	\$1,731	\$43.2589	\$1,442	\$36.0491	\$1,154	\$28.8393
-	5,000	\$3,461	\$34.2893	\$2,884	\$28.5744	\$2,307	\$22.8595
-	10,000	\$5,176	\$29.2486	\$4,313	\$24.3739	\$3,450	\$19.4991
-	20,000	\$8,100	\$10.5897	\$6,750	\$8.8247	\$5,400	\$7.0598
-	50,000	\$11,277	\$8.0747	\$9,398	\$6.7289	\$7,518	\$5.3831
-	100,000	\$15,315	\$15.3146	\$12,762	\$12.7622	\$10,210	\$10.2097
Shell: Mercantile-Department & Drug Store	1,000	\$2,000	\$50.0213	\$1,667	\$41.6844	\$1,334	\$33.3475
-	5,000	\$4,001	\$39.4102	\$3,334	\$32.8419	\$2,667	\$26.2735
-	10,000	\$5,972	\$33.6793	\$4,976	\$28.0661	\$3,981	\$22.4529
-	20,000	\$9,340	\$12.3715	\$7,783	\$10.3096	\$6,226	\$8.2477
-	50,000	\$13,051	\$9.3108	\$10,876	\$7.7590	\$8,701	\$6.2072
-	100,000	\$17,707	\$17.7065	\$14,755	\$14.7554	\$11,804	\$11.8043
Other Shell Building	1,000	\$1,667	\$41.6727	\$1,389	\$34.7272	\$1,111	\$27.7818
-	5,000	\$3,334	\$32.8485	\$2,778	\$27.3738	\$2,223	\$21.8990
-	10,000	\$4,976	\$28.0527	\$4,147	\$23.3772	\$3,318	\$18.7018
-	20,000	\$7,782	\$10.3141	\$6,485	\$8.5951	\$5,188	\$6.8761
-	50,000	\$10,876	\$7.7456	\$9,063	\$6.4547	\$7,251	\$5.1637
-	100,000	\$14,749	\$14.7487	\$12,291	\$12.2906	\$9,832	\$9.8325

Each additional 100 square feet, or portion thereof, up to the next highest project size threshold.

Development Services Department

Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Fees



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Building Division - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Fees (MEPs)

Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Certificate of Use and Occupancy	Per Issuance	\$ 131.66	
Misc. Inspection (Hourly rate)	Per Hour	\$ 131.66	
Misc. Plan Check (Hourly rate)	Per Hour	\$ 131.66	
Permit Issuance	Per Issuance	\$ 98.72	
Imaging Fee	Per Image	\$ 4.37	
MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES			
Stand Alone Mechanical Plan Check (hourly rate)	Stand Alone Mechanical Plan Check (hourly rate)	\$ 131.65	
UNIT FEES:	UNIT FEES:		
Furnace (F.A.U.)	Install/Relocate forced air or gravity- type furnace or burner (including attached ducts and vents) up to and including 100,000 Btu/h (each)	\$ 76.79	
Furnace (F.A.U.)	Install/Relocate forced air or gravity- type furnace or burner (including attached ducts and vents) over 100,000 Btu/h (each)	\$ 76.79	
Floor / Wall / Radiant Heater	Install/Relocate floor furnace, suspended heater, recessed wall heater, radiant heater, including vent (each)	\$ 76.79	
Appliance Vent (only)	Install/Relocate/Replace appliance vent installed and not included in an appliance permit (each)	\$ 32.90	
Prefabricated Fireplace	Install / Relocate interior or exterior gas fueled prefabricated fireplace, including chimney	\$ 32.90	
Ducts, Units or controls to existing system	Repair/Alter heating appliance, refrigeration unit, cooling unit, absorption unit, or each heating, cooling, absorption, or evaporative cooling system, including installation of controls / Ducts (each)	\$ 32.90	
AC / Compressor / Boiler / Chiller / Heat Pump	Install/Relocate boiler, compressor, air conditioner, coil/absorption system or heat pump up to and including 5 tons /5HP, or 100,000 Btu/h (each)	\$ 43.87	
AC / Compressor / Boiler / Chiller / Heat Pump	Install/Relocate boiler, compressor, air conditioner, coil/absorption system or heat pump over 5 tons / 5HP, or 100,000 Btu/h (each)	\$ 65.82	

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Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
AC / Compressor / Boiler / Chiller / Heat Pump	Install/Relocate boiler or compressor, over 15 HP and up to and including 30HP, or absorption system over 500,000 Btu/h and up to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h (each)	\$ 65.82	
Air Handler / Make-up Air System	Air-handling unit, 5,000 cfm or less, including attached ducts. (Note: this fee shall not apply to an air-handling unit that is a portion of a factory-assembled appliance, cooling unit, evaporative cooler, or absorption unit for which a permit is required elsewhere) (each)	\$ 32.90	
Air Handler / Make-up Air System	Air-handling unit > 5,000 cfm (each)	\$ 43.87	
Evaporative Cooler	Evaporative cooler other than portable type (each)	\$ 43.87	
Vent Fan, Single Duct (each)	Ventilation fan connected to a single duct (each)	\$ 32.90	
Ventilation System	Ventilation System that is not a portion of any heating or air conditioning system authorized by a permit (each)	\$ 43.87	
Exhaust Hood and Duct (Residential)	Install/Relocate Residential Exhaust Hood including ducts (each)	\$ 32.90	
Exhaust Hood, Type I (Commercial Grease Hood)	Type I (Commercial Grease Hood) (each)	\$ 131.65	
Exhaust Hood, Type II (Commercial Steam Hood)	Install/Relocate commercial or industrial-type Exhaust Hood, Type II (Commercial Steam Hood) (each)	\$ 131.65	
Commercial Incinerator	commercial or industrial-type incinerator	\$ 65.82	
Commercial Walk-in Box/Refrigerator		\$ 32.90	
Incidental gas piping	gas piping related to the installation of a mechanical appliance, not already covered in a plumbing permit	\$ 32.90	
Misc. Mechanical Non- Listed, regulated appliances or equipment	Appliance or piece of equipment not classed in other appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed (each)	\$ 54.84	

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OTHER FEES:		OTHER FEES:	
Other Mechanical Inspections (per hour)	Other Mechanical Inspections (per hour)	\$ 131.65	
PLUMBING/GAS PERMIT FEES			
Stand Alone Plumbing Plan Check (hourly rate)	Stand Alone Plumbing Plan Check (hourly rate)	\$ 131.65	
UNIT FEES:		UNIT FEES:	
Drain, Waste, Vent - Fixtures (each)	Installation / Alteration / Repair of Each plumbing fixture, P-Trap, dishwasher, drinking fountain, disposal or drain (each fixture)	\$ 32.90	
Building Sewer lateral	(Each) Building or trailer park sewer, lateral	\$ 109.69	
Gray water system	Gray water or Rainwater system (per drain)	\$ 32.90	
Sewage System, Pit, Tank, Cesspool or Disposal Field	Private sewage disposal system Seepage Pit, Septic Tank, Sewer Cap, Disposal Field or Cesspool (each)	\$ 109.69	
Water Heater	Water Heater or appliance replacement (each)	\$ 54.84	
Gas Piping System	Gas piping system 1 to 5 outlets	\$ 43.87	
Gas Piping System	each additional gas outlet	\$ 10.96	
Grease Interceptor	Clarifier/Industrial waste pretreatment interceptor, including its trap and vent, excepting kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps (each)	\$ 43.87	
Water Piping (each outlet)	Install/Alter/Repair water piping and/or water treating equipment or copper repipe (each outlet)	\$ 10.96	
Irrigation System	Underground sprinkler system on any one meter, including vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices (each)	\$ 32.90	
Vacuum Breaker/Backflow Irrigation Devices	Install / Relocate Residential or Commercial Sprinkler Backflow, Vacuum Breakers or Metering Device (each)	\$ 21.93	

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Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Reclaimed water system	for installation and testing for a reclaimed water system	\$ 54.84	
Solar Water System		\$ 65.82	
Medical Gas System (Each Outlet)		\$ 32.90	
CO2 Fire Suppression System	Carbon Dioxide System	\$ 65.82	
Stand Pipe	Standpipes (each)	\$ 65.82	
Fire Sprinklers	Install, Remove, Replace, Alteration or Addition of fire sprinkler piping	\$ 131.65	
OTHER FEES:	OTHER FEES:		
Other Plumbing and Gas Inspections (per hour)	Other Plumbing and Gas Inspections (per hour)	\$ 131.65	
ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES			
Stand Alone Electrical Plan Check (hourly rate)	Stand Alone Electrical Plan Check (hourly rate)	\$ 131.65	

SYSTEM FEES:	SYSTEM FEES:		
Swimming Pool / Spa	Private, Residential, In-ground Swimming Pool or spa equipment. Includes a complete system of necessary branch circuit wiring, bonding, grounding, underwater lighting, water pumping, and other similar electrical equipment directly related to the operation of a swimming pool (each new)	\$ 131.65	
Swimming Pool / Spa	For all other types of swimming pools, therapeutic whirlpools, spas, and alterations to existing swimming pools	\$ 131.65	
Carnivals, circuses, or other traveling shows	Electric generator and mechanically- driven or electrically-driven rides (each)	\$ 32.90	
Carnivals, circuses, or other traveling shows	Mechanically-driven rides and walk- through attractions or displays having electric lighting or System of area and booth lighting (each)	\$ 32.90	

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Building Division - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Fees (MEPs)

Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Temporary Service (each)	Temporary Service power pole, pedestal or piggyback, including all pole or pedestal-mounted receptacle outlets	\$ 43.87	
Temporary Pole (each)	Temporary construction pole (each additional)	\$ 32.90	
Temporary Lighting	Temporary distribution system and temporary lighting and receptacle outlets for constructions sites, decorative light, Christmas tree sales lots, firework stands, etc. (500 fixtures or less)	\$ 65.82	
Temporary Lighting	Temporary distribution system and temporary lighting and receptacle outlets for constructions sites, decorative light, Christmas tree sales lots, firework stands, etc. (Over 500 fixtures)	\$ 87.75	
Receptacle, Switch, and Lighting Outlets each (1-20)	Receptacle, switch, lighting, or other outlets at which current is used or controlled, except services, feeders, and meters (each) First 20 (or portion thereof)	\$ 21.93	
Receptacle, Switch, and Lighting Outlets (over 20)	Each Additional	\$ 10.96	
Misc. and Multi-outlet assemblies, dedicated circuit or self contained factory wired appliance	(For multi-outlet assemblies, each 5 feet or fraction thereof may be considered as one outlet) or Multiple appliance outlet assembly or dedicated circuit or self-contained factory wired residential appliances Under 1 HP-KW-	\$ 21.93	
Branch Circuits	15 or 20 amp, first 10 circuits (each)	\$ 21.93	
Branch Circuits	15 or 20 amp, next 90 circuits (each)	\$ 10.96	
Branch Circuits	15 or 20 amp, over 100 circuits (each)	\$ 10.96	
Branch Circuits	25 to 40 amp circuits (each)	\$ 21.93	
Branch Circuits	50 to 175 amp circuits (each)	\$ 21.93	

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Building Division - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Fees (MEPs)

Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Branch Circuits	200 amp and larger circuits (each)	\$ 21.93	
Lighting Fixtures or sockets	Lighting Fixtures, sockets, or other lamp-holding devices. (Each) First 20 (or portion thereof)	\$ 21.93	
Lighting Fixtures or sockets	Each additional	\$ 10.96	
Pole or Platform mounted lighting fixture	Pole or platform-mounted lighting fixtures (each)	\$ 21.93	
Power Apparatus or Self Contained Factory Wired Appliance	Motors, generators, transformers, batteries, rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (kW), or kilovolt-amperes (kVA), Up to and including 1	\$ 43.87	
Power Apparatus or Self Contained Factory Wired Appliance	Motors, generators, transformers, batteries, rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (kW), or kilovolt-amperes (kVA), from 1 up to and including 10	\$ 98.72	
Power Apparatus or Self Contained Factory Wired Appliance	Motors, generators, transformers, batteries, rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (kW), or kilovolt-amperes (kVA), from 10 up to and including 50	\$ 131.65	
Power Apparatus or Self Contained Factory Wired Appliance	Motors, generators, transformers, batteries, rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (kW), or kilovolt-amperes (kVA), from 50 up to and including 100	\$ 131.65	
Power Apparatus or Self Contained Factory Wired Appliance	Motors, generators, transformers, Rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (kW), or kilovolt-amperes (kVA), Over 100	\$ 131.65	
Busways or Trolleys	Trolley or plug-in-type busways - each 100 feet or fraction thereof	\$ 21.93	
Illuminated Signs	New Signs, Outline Lighting, or Marquees supplied from one branch circuit (One sign and one transformer)	\$ 65.82	
Illuminated Signs	Additional Signs, Outline Lighting, or Marquees, transformer, flasher, time clock or change lettering on existing sign (each)	\$ 43.87	
Service meter, Switchboard or Panelboard	Services of 600 volts or less, up to 200 amperes in rating (each)	\$ 98.72	
Service meter, Switchboard or Panelboard	Services of 600 volts or less, 201 to 1000 amperes in rating (each)	\$ 164.55	
Service meter, Switchboard or Panelboard	Services over 600 volts or over 1000 amperes in rating (each)	\$ 394.97	

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Building Division - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Fees (MEPs)

Fee Name	Fee Types	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Sub-Panel	Electrical Sub-Panel (each)	\$ 32.90	
Service Meter Pedestal	Installation of new pedestal (each)	\$ 32.90	
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous Apparatus, Conduits, and Conductors, Electrical apparatus, conduits, and conductors for which a permit is required, but for which no fee is herein set forth	\$ 21.93	
OTHER FEES:	OTHER FEES:		
Other Electrical Inspections (per hour)	Other Electrical Inspections (per hour)	\$ 131.65	
OTHER INSPECTIONS AND FEES			
Reinspection Fee (per hour)	Reinspection Fee (per hour)	\$ 131.65	
Other Inspections per hour (minimum charge = 1/2 hour)	Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated	\$ 131.65	
Additional Plan Review per hour (minimum charge = 1/2 hour)	Additional Plan Review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans	\$ 131.65	
Expedited Plan Check Fee	Expedited processing and plan check for special circumstances, per hour charge	Actual cost @ overtime rate (see position rate sheet)	
Overtime Inspections (weekdays between 5:00 p.m to 8:00 a.m.)	Inspections outside of normal business hours, (minimum 4 hour charge)	Actual cost @ overtime rate (see position rate sheet)	
Overtime inspections, each additional hour after 4 hour minimum charge	Each additional hour or portion thereof	Actual cost @ overtime rate (see position rate sheet)	
Penalty for construction or work without a required permit	See Fee Schedule	2X applicable permit fees	

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Development Services Department

Miscellaneous Items Permit Fees



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Miscellaneous Items Permit Fees

Work Item	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Standard Hourly Rate		\$ 131.65	
Acoustical Review			
Single Family Home/Duplex—New	each	\$ 32.90	
Single Family Home/Duplex—Addition/Alteration	each	\$ 32.90	
Multi-Family/Commercial	each	\$ 32.90	
Address Assignment	per hour	\$ 131.65	
Antenna—Telecom Facility			
Radio	each	\$ 362.05	
Cellular/Mobile Phone, free-standing	each	\$ 362.05	
Cellular/Mobile Phone, attached to building	each	\$ 362.05	
Application Meeting	hourly rate	\$ 131.65	
Arbor/Trellis	each	\$ 417.33	
Awning/Canopy (supported by building)	each	\$ 252.76	
Balcony addition	each	\$ 417.33	
Carport	each	\$ 608.90	
Certifications	each	\$ 362.05	
Chimney	each	\$ 55.28	
Chimney Repair	each	\$ 252.76	
Close Existing Openings			
Interior wall	each	\$ 219.86	
Exterior wall	each	\$ 252.76	
Commercial Coach (per unit)	each unit	\$ 203.00	PerState regulations in Title 25 (25 CCR Section 4044(d))
Covered Porch	each	\$ 417.33	
Deck (wood)	each	\$ 499.62	
Deck Railing		\$ 164.55	
Demolition (up to 3,000 sf)			
Commercial	each	\$ 279.76	
Residential	each	\$ 279.76	
Disabled Access Compliance Inspection	per hour	\$ 329.12	

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Work Item	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Door			
New door (non structural)	each	\$ 252.76	
New door (structural shear wall/masonry)	each	\$ 252.76	
Duplicate/Replacement Job Card	each	\$ 186.93	
Fence			
Non-masonry, over 6 feet in height	up to 100 lf	\$ 197.47	
Non-masonry, each additional 100 lf	each 100 lf	\$ 98.73	
Masonry, over 6 feet in height	up to 100 lf	\$ 444.33	
Masonry, each additional 100 lf	each 100 lf	\$ 246.84	
Fireplace			
Masonry	each	\$ 417.33	
Pre-Fabricated/Metal	each	\$ 335.05	
Flag pole (over 20 feet in height)	each	\$ 279.76	
Foundation Repair	each	\$ 55.28	
Garage (detached)			
Wood frame up to 1,000 sf	each	\$ 548.99	
Masonry up to 1,000 sf	each	\$ 631.30	
Lighting pole	each	\$ 164.55	
each add'l pole	each	\$ 49.35	
Loft—Residential			
Less than 250 sf	up to 250 sf	\$ 460.78	
Additional 250 sf	each 250 sf	\$ 263.31	
Partition—Commercial, Interior (up to 30 lf)	up to 30 lf	\$ 219.86	
Additional partition	each 30 lf	\$ 104.64	
Partition—Residential, Interior (up to 30 lf)	up to 30 lf	\$ 219.86	
Additional partition	each 30 lf	\$ 104.64	
Patio Cover			
Wood frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 335.05	
Metal frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 335.05	
Other frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 302.14	

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Work Item	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Additional patio	each 300 sf	\$ 115.19	
Enclosed, wood frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 367.97	
Enclosed, metal frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 367.97	
Enclosed, other frame	up to 300 sf	\$ 367.97	
Additional enclosed patio	each 300 sf	\$ 115.19	
Photovoltaic System			
Residential	each	\$ 385.36	
Commercial, up to 30kWth	up to 30kWth	\$ 1,000.00	AB 1414 Fee Structure
Commercial, up to 30kWth to 250kWth	ea. kWth over 30	\$ 7.00	AB 1414 Fee Structure
Commercial, 251kWth or more	ea. kWth over 250	\$ 5.00	AB 1414 Fee Structure
Pile Foundation			
Cast in Place Concrete (first 10 piles)	up to 10	\$ 658.27	
Additional Piles (increments of 10)	each 10	\$ 658.27	
Driven (steel, pre-stressed concrete)	up to 10	\$ 658.27	
Additional Piles (increments of 10)	each 10	\$ 658.27	
Product Review	per hour	\$ 131.65	
Remodel—Residential			
Less than 300 sf	up to 300 sf	\$ 581.91	
Kitchen	up to 300 sf	\$ 664.20	
Bath	up to 300 sf	\$ 664.20	
Additional remodel	each 300 sf	\$ 219.86	
Re-roof			
Residential	up to 1000 sf	\$ 335.05	
Multi-Family Dwelling	up to 1000 sf	\$ 335.05	
Commercial	up to 1000 sf	\$ 302.14	
Commercial Addition	up to 1000 sf	\$ 400.88	
Retaining Wall (concrete or masonry)			
Standard (up to 50 lf)	up to 50 lf	\$ 444.33	
Additional retaining wall	each 50 lf	\$ 65.82	

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Special Design, 3-10' high (up to 50 lf)	up to 50 lf	\$ 477.24	
Additional retaining wall	each 50 lf	\$ 65.82	
Special Design, over 10' high (up to 50 lf)	up to 50 lf	\$ 493.70	
Additional retaining wall	each 50 lf	\$ 65.82	
Roof Structure Replacement	up to 100 sf	\$ 302.14	
Additional roof structure replacement	each 100 sf	\$ 104.64	
Room Addition—Residential			
Less than 250 sf	up to 250 sf	\$ 581.91	
Additional 250 sf	each 250 sf	\$ 329.12	
Sauna—steam	each	\$ 252.76	
Siding			
Stone and Brick Veneer (interior or exterior)	up to 400 sf	\$ 213.28	
All Other	up to 400 sf	\$ 246.18	
Additional siding	each 400 sf	\$ 94.77	
Signs			
Directional	each	\$ 246.84	
Wall/Awning Sign, Non-Electric	each	\$ 230.39	
Wall, Electric	each	\$ 230.39	
Skylight			
Less than 10 sf	each	\$ 147.44	
Greater than 10 sf or structural	each	\$ 213.28	
Solar Panels	each	\$ 88.20	
Stairs—First Flight	first flight	\$ 252.76	
Each additional flight	per flight	\$ 94.77	
Storage Racks			
0-8' high (up to 100 lf)	first 100 lf	\$ 252.76	
each additional 100 lf	each 100 lf	\$ 107.94	
over 8' high (up to 100 lf)	first 100 lf	\$ 186.93	
each additional 100 lf	each 100 lf	\$ 107.94	

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Work Item	Unit	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Stucco Applications	up to 400 sf	\$ 55.28	
Additional Stucco Application	each 400 sf	\$ 55.28	
Supplemental Plan Check Fee (after 3rd review)			
First hour	each	\$ 246.84	
Each Additional hour	per hour	\$ 246.84	
Supplemental Inspection Fee			
First hour	each	\$ 131.65	
Each Additional hour	per hour	\$ 131.65	
Swimming Pool/Spa			
Vinyl-lined (up to 800 sf)	each	\$ 92.14	
Fiberglass	each	\$ 125.07	
Gunitite (up to 800 sf)	each	\$ 658.28	
Additional pool (over 800 sf)	each 100 sf	\$ 263.31	
Commercial pool (up to 800 sf)	each	\$ 658.27	
Commercial pool (over 800 sf)	each	\$ 658.27	
Spa or Hot Tub (Pre-fabricated)	each	\$ 269.88	
Window or Sliding Glass Door			
Replacement	each	\$ 219.86	
New Window (non structural)	each	\$ 246.18	
New window (structural shear wall/masonry)	each	\$ 417.33	
Bay Window (structural)	each	\$ 417.33	

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Public Works Department

Permit Fees



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Public Works - Permits

Fee Description	Unit *	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Construction and Demolition Permit Deposit	Deposit	3% of Project valuation (\$500 minimum; \$10,000 maximum)	
Expedited Review	Actual Cost (T&M)	Actual Cost @ overtime rate (see position sheet)	
Film - Motion Pictures in ROW	Per Day	\$ 399.29	
Film - Still Pictures in ROW	Per Day	\$ 198.43	
Improvement/Grading/Landscape Plan Check - Initial - per sheet	Deposit	\$ 512.95	
Improvement/Grading/Landscape Plan Check - 4th and subsequent - per sheet	Deposit	\$ 138.86	
Improvement/Grading/Landscape/(Construction) Inspection:			
Up to \$25,000 of Construction Costs of on and offsite improvements	Deposit	Base Deposit of 4.5% Construction value for 1st \$25,000	
\$25,001 - \$100,000 of Construction Costs of on and offsite improvements	Deposit	Plus Deposit of 3.5% Construction value for next \$25,001 - \$100,000	
> \$100,000 of Construction Costs of on and offsite improvements - per \$100,000 or fraction thereof	Deposit	Plus Deposit of 2.5% Construction value for > \$100,000	
Legal Instruments-Certificate of Compliance Correction (plus \$75 per lot)	Each	\$ 935.73	
Legal Instrument - Easement Dedication	Project	\$ 1,068.03	
Legal Instruments-Final Tract/Parcel Map (City staff time only)	Each	\$ 2,475.26	
Legal Instruments-Lot Line Adjustment/Lot Merger Map (City staff time only)	Deposit	\$ 1,284.62	
Overtime Inspections (Weekdays between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.)	Actual Cost (T&M)	Actual Cost @ overtime rate (see position sheet)	
Overtime Inspections - Saturday (minimum 4 hour charge)	Actual Cost (T&M)	Actual Cost @ overtime rate (see position sheet)	

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Fee Description	Unit *	Adopted Fee	Additional Information
Overtime Inspections - Sunday or Holiday (minimum 4 hour charge)	Actual Cost (T&M)	Actual Cost @ overtime rate (see position sheet)	
Penalty for construction or work without a required permit	See Fee Schedule	2X applicable permit fees	
Permit Issuance Fee	Per Issuance	\$ 64.93	
PW-ADA Curb Ramp	Each	\$ 353.60	
PW-Curb & Gutter (plus \$.35 L.F.)	Project	\$ 311.50	
PW-Curb Core - Residential	Project	\$ 176.79	
PW-Drilling & Redrilling Monitoring Wells/Bore	Fee per Boring	\$ 291.04	
PW-Driveway Approaches - Commercial	Per Issuance	\$ 353.60	
PW-Driveway Approaches - Residential	Per Issuance	\$ 353.60	
PW-Dumpster/Roll off/Comm Trash Container	Per Issuance		Permit Issuance fee only
PW-Full Road Closure	Per Day	\$ 1,000.67	
PW-Lane Closure	Per Day	\$ 287.45	
PW-Parking (Temporary Elimination and/or Addition)	Per Day	\$ 155.14	
PW-Parkway Culverts	Project	\$ 422.15	
PW-Paving (plus \$ 0.10 S.F.)	Project	\$ 232.11	
PW-Sidewalks (plus \$ 0.35 S.F.)	Project	\$ 311.50	
PW-Stockpile Storage (encroachment)	Per Day	\$ 220.08	
PW-Stockpile/Storage (temporary)	Project	\$ 267.00	
PW-Temporary Fencing (plus \$0.50 LF)	Project	\$ 220.08	
PW-Trenching/Utilities (plus \$0.50 LF)	Project	\$ 291.04	
Reports-Geotechnical Report Review - initial	Deposit	\$ 1,927.48	
Reports-Geotechnical Report Review - 4th and subsequent	Deposit	\$ 641.74	
Reports-Drainage Report Review - initial	Deposit	\$ 1,927.48	
Reports-Drainage Report Review - 4th and subsequent	Deposit	\$ 641.74	
Reports-WQMP (Water Quality Management Plan) - initial	Deposit	\$ 1,927.48	

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Reports-WQMP (Water Quality Management Plan) - 4th and subsequent	Deposit	\$ 641.74	
Reports-SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) - initial	Deposit	\$ 1,927.48	
Reports-SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) - 4th and subsequent	Deposit	\$ 641.74	
Small Wireless Facility Annual Fee for Use of Public Right-of-Way	Per Facility	\$ 270.00	Per FCC Declaratory, Third Report, & Order dated Sept. 26,2018 and other Fees per Ord. 9.04.055
Street Vacation	Street	\$ 2,475.26	
Surety - Faithful Performance Surety	Each	100% Improvement & Landscaping cost	
Surety - Grading & Drainage	Each	100% Grading & Drainage cost	
Surety - Labor & Material	Each	50% Public Improvement cost	
Surety - Monumentation	Each	100% cost	
Traffic Control - Plan Review & Monitoring - Initial -per sheet	Deposit	\$ 512.95	
Traffic Control - Plan Review & Monitoring - 4th and subsequent -per sheet	Deposit	\$ 138.86	
Transportation Permit - Oversized Load Annual	Project	\$ 90.00	Fee set by State of California
Transportation Permit - Oversized Load Single Trip	Project	\$ 16.00	Fee set by State of California
Inspections, Other Permits or Other Items (not covered by other fees)	Deposit	Actual cost with a Deposit determined by City Engineer	
* Deposit based fees include Time & Materials (T & M), actual costs, and Citywide Overhead rate of 13%.			
For services requested of City staff which have no fee listed in this fee schedule, the City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall determine the appropriate fee based on the established hourly rates for this department/division. Additionally, the City will pass-through to the applicant any discrete costs incurred from the use of external service providers if required to process the specific application.			

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Employee Position Rates



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Employee Position Rate Sheet

Fee Name	Unit	Time Rate 2025*	Overtime Rate @1.5X **	Additional Information
Administrative Assistant	Per Hour	\$ 72.52	\$ 95.84	
Assistant City Engineer	Per Hour	\$ 141.91	\$ 195.34	
Associate Engineer	Per Hour	\$ 103.29	\$ 140.68	
Associate Planner	Per Hour	\$ 90.37	\$ 121.85	
Building Permit Technician	Per Hour	\$ 73.49	\$ 97.28	
Code Enforcement Officer	Per Hour	\$ 74.78	\$ 98.87	
Development Services Director	Per Hour	\$ 209.84	\$ 293.58	
Engineering Technician	Per Hour	\$ 65.66	\$ 98.49	
Environmental Programs Coordinator	Per Hour	\$ 92.23	\$ 124.53	
Intern	Per Hour	\$ 29.40	\$ 44.11	
Planning Technician	Per Hour	\$ 47.46	\$ 71.20	
Principal Engineer	Per Hour	\$ 112.32	\$ 153.80	
Principal Planner	Per Hour	\$ 117.14	\$ 160.56	
Public Works Director/City Engineer	Per Hour	\$ 183.49	\$ 255.47	
Public Works Superintendent	Per Hour	\$ 132.01	\$ 182.14	
Senior Permit Processing Technician	Per Hour	\$ 79.01	\$ 105.29	
Senior Planner	Per Hour	\$ 94.95	\$ 128.50	
City Attorney/Special Counsel Legal Services	Contract Rate			

* Fully Burdened Rate including Direct Labor based on FY 2025/26 and Department Overhead rate

** Overtime rate applies to Weekdays between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. or anytime on Weekends and Holidays

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