

# TOWN OF BEAUFORT FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: FEB 1, 2014

## PLANNING & INSPECTIONS – PERMITTING FEES

### RESIDENTIAL

Residential permits are required for all work involving the following:

- Work performed to residential and/or farm structures costing \$5,000 and above
- Work involving changes to load-bearing features
- Work involving plumbing, heating & air conditioning, and electrical systems (including appliances)
- Any project larger than 12' in length, height, or width

### NEW STRUCTURES & ADDITIONS

Building & Insulation (heated/unheated space)	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.12/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.06/sq ft. thereafter
Electrical (heated/unheated space)	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Mechanical (heated space only)	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Plumbing (heated space only)	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Homeowner's Recovery Fee*	\$10.00/structure

### NEW PORCHES, DECKS, SHEDS, DOCKS, PIERS, BULKHEADS, ETC.

Building & Insulation	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Electrical	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Mechanical	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Plumbing	\$50.00 base fee + \$.06/sq. ft.
Homeowner's Recovery Fee*	\$10.00/structure

\*100% of the Homeowner's Recovery Fee is sent quarterly to the General Contracting Board; fee is only assessed to contractors with a current NC General Contracting License.

### RENOVATIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES

Renovations & Repairs (For projects valued in excess of \$5,000, the fee assessed for Renovations & Repairs is inclusive of all other fees listed below.)	\$8.00 per \$1,000.00 construction value
Electrical additions/changes	\$50.00/system
HVAC additions	\$50.00/unit
Plumbing	\$50.00

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Re-inspection fee (applies to third attempt and beyond)	\$50.00/visit
Minimum permit fee	\$50.00
House moving	Same as new construction
Demolition	\$50.00/structure
Gas pumps/Storage tanks	\$50.00 + \$20.00/unit
Signs	\$50.00 + \$1.50/sq. ft.
Fire sprinkler/Alarm systems	\$50.00 + \$.06/sq. ft.
Working without a permit	Double the permit fee unless waived by Inspector

## COMMERCIAL

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### COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES & ADDITIONS

Building & Insulation (heated/unheated space)	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.25/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.15/sq ft. thereafter
Electrical (heated/unheated space)	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.09/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.05/sq ft. thereafter
Mechanical (heated space only)	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.09/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.05/sq ft. thereafter
Plumbing (heated space only)	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.09/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.05/sq ft. thereafter

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### COMMERCIAL PIERS, BULKHEADS, JETTIES, DOCKS, RETAINING WALLS, DECKS, ETC.

Building & Insulation	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.12/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.06/sq ft. thereafter
Electrical	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.06/sq. ft.
Plumbing	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.06/sq. ft.

## COMMERCIAL OUTBUILDINGS

- Commercial Outbuildings includes airport storage structures (except hangars), and warehouse buildings, but does not include shell buildings or multiple storage structures.

Building & Insulation	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.13/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.08/sq ft. thereafter
Electrical	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.05/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.03/sq ft. thereafter
Mechanical	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.05/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.03/sq ft. thereafter
Plumbing	\$50.00 base fee + \$0.05/sq. ft. for first 1,000 sq. ft. then \$.03/sq ft. thereafter

## OTHER APPLICATION FEES

Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission Submission	\$25.00/application
Rezoning Request	\$200.00/application
Variance Request	\$200.00/application
Preliminary Plat Approval	\$100.00/application
Final Plat/Subdivision Approval	\$100.00/application
Special Use Permission	\$200.00/application
Site Plan Review	\$100.00/application

## BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSES

Listed below are Schedules A, B, C, & D. Review each section for the fee(s) that may apply. Some businesses with various types of activities may be required to pay a fee under more than one section of the privilege license fee schedule. The license year runs from July 1 through June 30.

### SCHEDULE A – FLAT FEES REGULATED BY THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT

Carwash	\$12.50
Charter Boats	\$25.00
Cleaning Service	\$25.00
Cold Storage Plant Freezer Location	\$25.00
Daycare less than 50 children	\$50.00
Daycare more than 51 children	\$100.00
Florist	\$25.00
Gas Bottlers	\$25.00
Itinerant Merchant	\$100.00
Linen\Uniform Supply	\$12.50
Marina	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Occupations	\$50.00
Operating a Specialty Market	\$200.00
Other Service	\$50.00
Printing Company	\$25.00
Private Club and Bar	\$25.00
Repair Shop	\$25.00
Retail	\$100.00
Sale of Oil\Gasoline	\$25.00
Security Dealers	\$50.00
Shoe Shop	\$25.00
Sign Painting	\$15.00
Tobacco Retailer	\$10.00
Undertaker, Coffin dealer	\$50.00
Wholesale	\$75.00

## SCHEDULE B – FLAT FEES REGULATED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Advertising- Outdoors	\$35.00
Amusements- Rides	\$25.00
Auto Service Stations	\$12.50
Auto Equipment Retailer	\$12.50
Auto Equipment Wholesale	\$37.50
Automatic Sprinkler Installation	\$100.00
Barber\Beauty Shop	\$2.50/chair
Bicycle Dealers	\$25.00
Billiards\Pool Tables	\$25.00
Bowling Alleys	\$10.00/alley
Campgrounds	\$12.50
Chain Store	\$50.00
Collection Agency	\$50.00
Dry Cleaners	\$50.00
Electronic Video Game	\$5.00/ machine
Electrical Contractor	\$50.00
Elevator Sales\Installs	\$100.00
Employment Agents	\$100.00
Firearm Dealer	\$50.00
General Contractor	\$10.00
Heating Contractor	\$50.00
Hotel/Motel Under 25 rooms	\$25.00
Hotel/Motel Over 26 rooms	\$1.00/room
Juke Boxes	\$25.00/machine
Laundromats	\$50.00
Loan Agencies	\$100.00
Motor Vehicle Dealer	\$25.00
Motorcycle Dealer	\$12.50
Pawnbrokers	\$275.00
Plumbing Contractor	\$50.00
Restaurants 5 or more seats	\$42.50
Restaurants under 4 seats	\$25.00
Sundries	\$4.00
Taxi Cars	\$15.00/car

## SCHEDULE C – BUSINESSES EXEMPT FROM FEES

The following activities are exempt from fees but must still obtain a privilege license with the Town of Beaufort. Exempt businesses engaging in non-exempt business activities, are required to pay the privilege license fee for those activities.

Accountants  
Architects  
Attorneys  
Chiropractors  
Dentists  
Home Inspectors  
Insurance Agents  
Landscape architects  
Massage Therapist  
Morticians or embalmers  
Non-Profit Organization  
Ophthalmologists  
Opticians  
Optometrists  
Osteopaths  
Photographers  
Physicians  
Professional engineers  
Real estate appraisers  
Real estate brokers  
Registered land surveyors  
Veterinarians

## SCHEDULE D – FEES REGULATED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE

Beer on premises	\$15.00
Beer off premises	\$5.00
Wine on premises	\$15.00
Wine off premises	\$10.00

## FIRE SAFETY

### INSPECTION PROGRAM

1 <sup>st</sup> Inspection (initial)	No charge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Inspection (after 30 days)	No charge
3 <sup>rd</sup> Inspection	\$25.00 + \$25.00 fine per violation per day until corrected
4 <sup>th</sup> Inspection	\$50.00 + \$25.00 fine per violation per day until corrected

- After 4<sup>th</sup> inspection, the inspection fee increases incrementally by \$25 for each inspection with a fine of \$25 per violation per day until corrected.
- After the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection, a request for an extension and waiver of fees can be submitted for approval.

### LIFE SAFETY VIOLATIONS FINES AND FEES

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Must be corrected immediately; verbal warning with a written letter sent within 72 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense in 6 months	Must be corrected immediately; \$150.00+ \$20.00 per violation; warning letter sent within 72 hours
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense in 6 months	Business is closed for 24 hours; \$250.00 + \$40.00 per violation

### DEFINITIONS

- *Over Occupant Limit/Overcrowding:* A condition that exists when either there are more people in a building, structure or portion thereof than have been authorized or posted by the fire code official, or when the fire code official determines that a threat exists to the safety of the occupants due to persons sitting and/ or standing in locations that may obstruct or impede the use of aisles, passages, corridors, stairways, exits or other components of the means of egress. **Each person over occupancy is considered a violation.**
- *Locked/Blocked/Impeded Means of Egress:* Any obstruction in the required width of a means of egress. ("Means of Egress" is the continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel from any point in a building or structure to a public way, consisting of three separate and distinct parts: the exit access, the exit, and the exit discharge.)
- *Impairment of Fire Detection, Extinguishment and Related Equipment:* Failure to have required testing and maintenance conducted of fire alarm system(s), fire sprinkler systems and/or alternative automatic fire extinguishing systems (includes commercial hood and duct systems, wet –chemical, dry-chemical, foam, carbon dioxide systems, halon systems and clean agent systems) and to have required documentation of test(s).
- Assemblies with Impaired Fire Detection/Extinguishment Equipment must provide a Fire Watch person while the building is occupied or will be closed.

## GENERAL VIOLATION FEES

Parking in a fire lane or in front of a fire hydrant	\$100.00 per violation
Assault on a Fire Code Official	\$100.00 per violation

### Nuisance Fire Alarms

After 4<sup>th</sup> nuisance alarm in a single calendar year \$100.00

After 5<sup>th</sup> nuisance alarm in a single calendar year \$200.00

\*If a business owner/occupant can show documentation that the system has been serviced by a Fire System Technician since the 3<sup>rd</sup> nuisance alarm, then the fee will be waived. The alarm count will start new for the calendar year after the system has been serviced.

Fire Detection & Suppression System work and/or modification without plan submittal and approval:	\$150.00
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## WATER, SEWER & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

### SERVICE CHARGES

New Water Account Service Fee (waived if set up on Bank Draft)	\$25.00
New Account Service Deposit (3/4" meter)	\$75.00
New Account Service Deposit (1" meter)	\$100.00
New Account Service Deposit (1 1/2" meter)	\$140.00
New Account Service Deposit (2" meter)	\$275.00
Transfer Account	\$25.00
Cleaning/Renovation/Inspection (available for a 2 week period plus water and sewer usage)	\$25.00
Fire Hydrant Meters	\$35.00
Reconnect Fee	\$25.00
After Hours Reconnect Fee	\$75.00
Week End Call Out	\$75.00
Meter Tampering	\$100.00
Meter Testing	\$30.00
Irrigation/Dock Meter- Tap Fee	\$500.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
Solid Waste User Fee- Residential	\$11.00
Late Fees - added to late portion	10%

### IMPACT & TAP FEES

Meter Size	Water Tap Fee	Sewer Tap Fee	Water Impact Fee	Sewer Impact Fee
3/4"	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1"	\$630.00	\$750.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
1 1/2"	\$1,075.00	\$750.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00
2"	\$1,375.00	\$750.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
3"	*\$575.00	\$750.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
4"	*\$625.00	\$750.00	\$11,900.00	\$11,900.00
6"	*\$850.00	\$750.00	\$19,200.00	\$19,200.00
8"	*\$1175.00	\$750.00	\$25,800.00	\$25,800.00

\* All taps larger than 2" shall be installed at the developers cost in accordance with the Town of Beaufort standards and developers shall pay a tap-on fee applicable to the above schedule.

\*All water and sewer taps made outside the Town limits will be double the in-town rates shown above. Water or Sewer impact fees outside Town limits are negotiable but will not exceed 2X rates shown above.

\*Upgrades in service, i.e. changing from a 3/4" meter to a 1" meter, will be subject to a difference in the water tap, water impact, and sewer impact fees.

## USAGE RATES

<b><u>WATER</u></b>	<b>In-Town Monthly Rate</b>	<b>Out- of Town Monthly Rate</b>
	Fixed rate for all Users	Fixed rate for all Users
3/4"	\$11.00	\$22.00
1"	\$18.20	\$36.40
1 1/2"	\$38.00	\$76.00
2"	\$65.90	\$131.80
3"	\$146.90	\$293.80
4"	\$259.40	\$518.80
6"	\$578.00	\$1,156.00
<b>Variable Charge per 1000/gallons</b>	<b>\$2.80</b>	<b>\$4.20</b>
<b><u>SEWER</u></b>	<b>In-Town Monthly Rate</b>	<b>Out- of Town Monthly Rate</b>
	Fixed Rate for all Users	Fixed rate for all Users
3/4"	\$19.00	\$38.00
1"	\$29.80	\$59.60
1 1/2"	\$59.50	\$119.00
2"	\$101.35	\$202.70
3"	\$222.85	\$445.70
4"	\$391.60	\$783.20
6"	\$869.50	\$1,739.00
<b>Variable Charge per 1000/gallons</b>	<b>\$11.85</b>	<b>\$17.78 (ETJ)</b>
<b>Variable Charge per 1000/gallons</b>		<b>\$20.74 (NGB)</b>
<b>Variable Charge per 1000/gallons</b>		<b>\$23.70 (beyond NGB)</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Tent Permit\Inspection	\$50.00
Public Records Request ( paper copies)	\$.15/page
Public Records Request (recording of meeting))	\$1.00/CD
Off Duty Officer Request	\$30.00/hr.
Parking Ticket	\$20.00
Parking Ticket in Handicap Space	\$100.00
Golf Cart Registration	\$75.00
Special Event Parking	\$10/day or \$25/event
Fire Works Display	\$50.00