

CHAPTER VIII. FIRE

ARTICLE A. FEES AND CHARGES

Section 1. General Inspection Use Permits.

All buildings required by the North Carolina Fire Code to be inspected shall obtain a General Inspection Use Permit. The frequency rates of the inspections are based upon the minimum inspection schedule required by the North Carolina Fire Code. Operational permits required by the North Carolina Fire Code will be included in the General Inspection Use Permit and will be listed on their permit as a provision(s). Departure from that type of operation would require another permit to be obtained. Operations or processes listed in the Fee Schedule as a Special Operational Use Permit are not included in the General Inspection Use Permit. The various General Inspection Use Permits and fees are as follows:

Six Month Inspection. The following occupancies are on a six month inspection schedule and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of six months from the date of issuance:

Occupancy	Fee
Public and Private Schools	\$30

Twelve Month Inspection. The following occupancies are to be inspected once every year and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance:

Occupancy	Fee
Assembly	\$60
Foster Care	No Charge
Hazardous	\$140
High Rise	\$190
Institutional	\$60
Educational and Daycares	\$60
Residential	
10 Buildings or Less	\$60
11 to 20 Buildings	\$80
More than 20 Buildings	\$100
Residential Care Facility	\$60
Group Homes	\$60

Residential excludes one and two family dwellings and applies to the interior common areas of multifamily dwelling units. Interior common areas will include exit corridors, community rooms, offices, laundry rooms, etc.

Educational includes educational occupancies other than public and private schools included in six month inspections.

Twenty-Four Month Inspection. The following occupancies are to be inspected every two years and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance:

Occupancy	Fee
Factory/Industrial	\$115

Thirty-Six Month Inspection. The following occupancies are to be inspected every three years and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 36 months from the date of issuance:

Occupancy	Fee
Business	\$70
Churches/Synagogues	No charge
Mercantile	\$70
Multi-Tenant Buildings	*Will assess permit fee for each tenant individually based on type of occupancy
Storage (includes Garages/Car Repair/Car Services)	\$100

Other Not Listed. Buildings not fitting into one of the other General Inspection Use Permits will be classified as Other Not Listed. Based upon the degree of hazards, the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for either 12, 24, or 36 months from the date of issuance.

Item	Fee
12 Month Inspection	\$60
24 Month Inspection	\$70
36 Month Inspection	\$80

Section 2. Special Operational Use Permit.

Operational permits are required by the North Carolina Fire Code to conduct the following types of operations. A permit fee will be charged for the following Special Operational Use Permits. These permits are not attached to normal procedures and are not covered under a General Inspection Use Permit or Fire Department Construction Permit. Tents and air supported structures requiring a construction permit will be included with the Special Operational Use Permit.

Item	Fee
Blasting Permit	
2 day permit (48 hours)	\$50
30 day permit	\$100
Burning Permit	
Commercial	\$40
Residential	No Charge
Exhibit and Trade Shows	\$40
Festivals (fairs, carnivals, etc.)	\$40
Firework Displays (pyrotechnics)	\$160
Fumigation or Thermal Insecticidal Fogging	\$40
Mall Kiosk	\$20
Special Amusement Building	\$40
Tent or Air Supported Structures	\$40
Air supported structure (Greater than 400 sq. ft.)	\$40
Tent with walls (Greater than 800 sq. ft.)	\$40
Tent without walls (Greater than 1,800 sq. ft.)	\$40
Tent Structure or Stand for Fireworks Sales	
7 day permit	\$235
21 day permit	\$475
Others not listed	\$40

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Section 3. Fire Department Construction Permits.

Construction permits are required by the North Carolina Fire Code to install or modify the following systems or equipment. A permit fee will be charged for the following Fire Department Construction Permit. Any person that commences any work before obtaining the necessary permit will be charged double permit fees and subject to civil citations and being reported to the NC State Board of Examiners.

Item	Fee
Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (Hood Systems, Computer Rooms, Spray Booth, Dip Tank, etc.)	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$48
Automatic Sprinkler Systems	
Installation	.50 cent per head over 100 heads/ (\$60 minimum)
Renovation/Modification	\$60
Compressed Gas Systems (Amounts exceed those listed in Table 105.6.9)	
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Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service or Close	\$40
Door Locking Devices (Access-controlled egress, delayed egress, and special locking devices)	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$40
Fire Alarm and Detection System (Includes devices tied into fire alarm system)	
Installation	\$60
Renovation/Modification	\$40
Fire Pumps and Related Equipment	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$40
Flammable and Combustible Liquid Storage Tanks	
*Tank Installation (*If electric circuitry is involved then an electrical permit must also be obtained from the Building Inspections Department)	\$48/tank
Removal or Place out of Service	\$40/tank
Hazardous Material Facility or Other Area	
Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service or Close areas regulated by Chapter 27 when amounts listed in Table 105.6.21 are exceeded	\$40
Plan Review Fee- Building Construction- New / Addition / Renovation area only	
12,000 sq. ft..or less	\$.02/sq. ft./ (\$30 minimum)
12,001 sq. ft. or more	\$.015 sq. ft./ (\$30 minimum)
Private Fire Hydrants	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$40
Standpipe System (Not part of a sprinkler system)	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$40
Two-Way Communication System (Area of Rescue Assistance)	
Installation	\$48
Renovation/Modification	\$40

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Section 4. Miscellaneous Test, Inspections, and Re-Inspections.

Item	Fee
ABC License (Inspection beyond the original inspection)	\$75
Fire Flow Test	\$100
Re-inspection Fees Construction Permit: Additional fees will be charged to the permit holder of a Fire Department Construction Permit for the following: Re-inspection due to work not being finished, corrections not being complete, or failure to cancel an inspection	\$50
Re-inspection Fees General Inspections: Additional fees will be charged to the permit applicant or holder of a General Inspection Use Permit beyond the first re-inspection when conducting inspections for fire code violations that have not been corrected.	
Second non-compliance re-inspection	\$35
All Subsequent non-compliance re-inspection	\$50 per re-inspection
Special Inspections (Requested by contractor outside normal work hours)	\$120/hour

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Section 5. Address Sign and Post.

Address Sign	Fee
Sign	\$14
Sign and Post	\$28

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City of Monroe Departments are required to obtain the proper permit(s) as defined within this ordinance; however, City of Monroe Departments operating under the City's General Fund Budget will be exempt from the permit fees.