

Proposed Fees – Fire Prevention Code and Fire Safety Code

§ XXX-1. Legislative authority.

Pursuant to Chapters 541, 98 and 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the following penalties and schedule of fees are hereby established regarding the provisions of the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code and Connecticut Fire Safety Code, as amended.

§ XXX-2. Schedule of fees.

- A. The fee for plan reviews for new construction, renovations, additions or modernization of buildings or structures shall be at the rate established in table 1, below. The basis upon which the fee is calculated shall be developed by the Building Department of the Town of Mansfield.
 - 1) Additional plan review time required due to changes or revisions to previously approved plans, or major redesigns after initial plan review shall be billed on an actual cost basis, but shall not exceed an amount equal to the original plan review fee.
- B. Certificate of occupancy fees for new construction, renovations, additions or modernization of buildings or structures are set forth in table 2, below.
- C. All plan review permit and certificate of occupancy inspection fees for new construction, renovations, additions or modernization of buildings or structures are due and payable when an application is submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal.
- D. The owner or occupant of buildings that have any of the occupancy types listed in table 3 shall pay periodic inspection, permit, certificate, notice, or approval fees, according to fee schedule listed in Table 3. For the purposes of this section, “periodic inspection” means an inspection of the existing occupancy types listed in this section, as required by State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety regulations as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes § 29-291a and 29-292 and Connecticut General Statute § 29-305.
- E. Effective January 1, 2012 and January 1st of each year thereafter, the fees identified in tables 2, 3 and 4 shall be adjusted annually. The annual fee adjustment shall be implemented at the first of each year, beginning January 1, 2012, by an amount equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding year ending on June 30, as prepared by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor or a replacement index applicable to the Town of Mansfield. Each such newly adjusted fee shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar.

§ XXX-3. Refunds.

- A. When a permit or approval has been issued in accordance with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and/or Connecticut Fire Prevention Code and the owner/applicant abandons or discontinues the building project, or, if the permit is revoked by the Fire Marshal the owner/applicant can make a written request for a refund. That portion of the work actually completed shall be computed and any excess fee shall be returned, less a nonrefundable plan review/administrative fee equivalent to a minimum of \$40 or 15% of the cost of the permit, whichever is greater.

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- B. When a permit or approval application submitted under this section has been denied in accordance with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and/or Connecticut Fire Prevention Code, the owner/applicant can make a written request for a refund. Any excess fee shall be returned, less a nonrefundable plan review/administrative fee equivalent to a minimum of \$40 or 15% of the cost of the permit, whichever is greater.
- C. The Fire Marshal will calculate the refund due to the owner/applicant and forward it to the Finance Department for process.

§ XXX-4. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Starting work prior to obtaining approval from the Fire Marshal.
 - 1) A penalty of \$250 will be added to a permit fee for starting work without a permit.
 - 2) A penalty will not be assessed for emergency repair work.
- B. Conducting an operation for which a permit is required by section 1.12.1 of the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code.
 - 1) A penalty of double the permit fee will be added to the permit fee for conducting an operation without a permit.
 - 2) A penalty will not be assessed for emergency repair work.

§ XXX-5. Agencies exempt from fees; exception.

Agencies of the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Board of Education are required to comply with the provisions of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and Connecticut Fire Prevention Code, as amended; but shall not be required to pay any permit fees required under said Fire Safety Code or Fire Prevention Code, any amendment thereto or under any Town ordinance relating thereto.

§ XXX-6. Savings Clause.

Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section or clause or provision of this Article to be illegal or unconstitutional, such decision shall affect only such section, clause or provision so declared illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect any other section, clause or provision of this Article.

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TABLE 1. Plan Review Fee Schedule

Fire Plan Review (Not Including R-3 Occupancies)	65% of the Building Permit Fee (100% for "Fast Track" Review)
Mechanical Plan Review (Fire Protection Systems)	100% of Building Permit Fee (135% for "Fast Track" Review)
Electrical and all other Mechanical Plan Review	35% of Building Permit Fee (70% for "Fast Track" Review)

Fast track review is an expedited plan review, which will be conducted in five (5) business days or less.

Each request for “Fast Track Review” shall be evaluated on a case by case basis. Staff availability and current work load will be determining factors in granting a request for Fast Track Review. If the department is unable to complete the review in five (5) business days due to aforesaid factors, the request for a Fast Track Review will be denied. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that submitted construction plans and specifications are complete and, to the extent possible, code compliant when they are submitted for review.

Table 2. - These fees apply to multi-family residential (Not Including R-3 Occupancies) and commercial building permits for field inspections, approval and acceptance by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Certificate of Occupancy Fee Schedule for field inspections, approval and acceptance

Gross Floor Area	Certificate of Occupancy Fee
0 - 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
10,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$200.00
25,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$300.00
50,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$500.00
100,001 - 200,000 sq. ft.	\$750.00
Greater than 200,001 sq. ft.	\$1,000.00
Manufactured Structures Set-Up Fee	\$25.00 per section, with a minimum fee of \$50.00 per permit

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Table 3 – Occupancy and Use Permit Fee Schedule. These fees apply to occupancies and operations regulated by the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code.

Permit Requirements		
Operations and Materials	Permit Required	Permit Fee
Aircraft Hangars	For servicing or repairing aircraft	\$ 100.00 per year
Airport Terminal Buildings	For operation	\$ 100.00 per year
Ambulatory Health Care occupancy	To operate a ambulatory health care occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Ammonium Nitrate	For storage	\$ 250.00 per year
Apartment Buildings and Dormitories	To operate an apartment building or dormitory	See Permit Fee Table 4
Automobile Wrecking Yards	To operate automobile wrecking yards	\$ 100.00 per year
Battery System	To operate stationary lead-acid battery systems having an electrolyte capacity of more than 100 gal (379 L) in sprinklered buildings or 50 gal (189 L) in nonsprinklered buildings	\$ 75.00 per year
Business occupancies	To operate a business occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Candles, Open Flames, and Portable Cooking	To use in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants, or drinking establishments	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 60.00 – Multi-Use
Fairs – No rides	To conduct the events	\$ 50.00 per event
Cellulose Nitrate Film	For storage, handling, or use	\$ 100.00 per year
Cleanrooms	For operation	\$ 150.00 per year
Combustible Material Storage	To store more than 2500 ft ³ (70.8 m ³) gross volume	\$ 250.00 per year
Commercial Rubbish-Handling Operation	To operate	\$ 150.00 per year
Consumer Fireworks (1.4G)	For the sale, on-site handling, manufacture, and storage of consumer fireworks (1.4G)	\$ 150.00 per year
Covered Mall Buildings	Annual requirement for facilities that utilize mall area for exhibits or displays with 4 conditions	\$ 250.00 per year
Cutting and Welding Operation	For operations within a jurisdiction	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Day-care occupancies	To operate a day-care occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Drycleaning Plants	To engage in business of drycleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent	\$ 100.00 per year

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Permit Requirements (continued)

Operations and Materials	Permit Required	Permit Fee
Dust-Producing Operations	To operate a grain elevator, flour mill, starch mill, feed mill, or plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices, or sugar, etc.	\$ 250.00 per year
Educational occupancy	To operate an educational occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Exhibit and Trade Shows	For operation of all exhibits and trade shows held within a jurisdiction	\$ 250.00 per event
Fire Hydrants and Water-Control Valves	To use a fire hydrant or operate a water-control valve intended for fire suppression purposes on private property	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Flame Effects	Use of flame effects before an audience	\$ 150.00 per event
Health Care facility	To operate a health care occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
High-Piled Combustible Storage	To use any building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 ft ² (46.45 m ²)	\$ 250.00 per year
Hot Work Operations	For hot work. For additional permit requirements for hot work operations, see 41.1.5	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Hotels and Bed and Breakfast Establishment	To operate a hotel, motel or bed and breakfast establishment	See Permit Fee Table 4
Industrial occupancies	To operate an industrial occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Industrial Ovens and Furnaces	For operation of industrial ovens and furnaces covered by Chapter 51	\$ 100.00 per year
Liquid- or Gas-Fueled Vehicles	To display, compete, or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 60.00 – Multi-Use
Lumberyards and Woodworking Plants	For storage of lumber exceeding 100,000 board ft	\$ 250.00 per year
Membrane Structures, Tents, and Canopies — Permanent	For construction, location, erection, or placement	\$ 100.00 per Structure
Membrane Structures, Tents, and Canopies — Temporary	To operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or tent having an area in excess of 200 ft ² (18.6 m ²) or a canopy in excess of 400 ft ² (37.2 m ²). <i>Exception: Temporary membrane structures, tents, or canopy structures used exclusively for camping</i>	\$ 50.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Mercantile occupancies	To operate a mercantile occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4

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Permit Requirements (continued)

Operations and Materials	Permit Required	Permit Fee
Organic Coatings	For operation and maintenance of a facility that manufactures organic coatings	\$ 150.00 per year
Parade Floats	To use a parade float for public performance, presentation, spectacle, entertainment, or parade	\$ 10.00 per Float
Places of Assembly, including Special Amusement Buildings	To operate a place of assembly	See Permit Fee Table 4
Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience	For the display and use of pyrotechnic materials before a proximate audience	\$ 150.00 per Event
Refrigeration Equipment	To operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system	\$ 50.00 per year
Repair Garages and Service Stations	For operation of service stations and repair garages	\$ 50.00 per year
Residential Board and Care occupancies	To operate a residential board and care occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Rocketry Manufacturing	For the manufacturing of model rocket motors	\$ 250.00 per year
Rooftop Heliports	For operation of a rooftop heliport	\$ 250.00 per year
Special Outdoor Events, Carnivals, and Fairs	For the location and operation of special outdoor events, carnivals, and fairs	\$ 100.00 per Event
Special Structures and High-Rise Buildings	To operate special structures and high-rise buildings	See Permit Fee Table 4
Storage occupancies	To operate a storage occupancy	See Permit Fee Table 4
Tar Kettles	For placement of a tar kettle, permit shall be obtained prior to the placement of a tar kettle	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Tire-Rebuilding Plants	For operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant	\$ 150.00 per year
Tire Storage	To use an open area or portion thereof to store tires in excess of 1000 ft ³ (28.3 m ³)	\$ 150.00 per year
Torch-Applied Roofing Operation	For the use of a torch for application of roofing materials	\$ 30.00 – Single Use \$ 100.00 – Multi-Use
Wood Products	To store chips, hogged material, lumber, or plywood in excess of 200 ft ³ (5.7 m ³)	\$ 150.00 per year

- a. Single Use: (Valid - one time - one event - one venue) includes fire permit & fire inspection.
- b. Multi-Use: (Valid - 365 days per one calendar year and at multiple venues if configuration/process does not change) includes fire permit & fire inspection.

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Permit Fee

Table 4 – These fees apply to occupancies and operations regulated by the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code (see Table 3).

Gross Floor Area	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
	Annual Renewal Use and Occupancy Classifications: A-1, A-2, E, H-1, I-1 & R (Not Including R-3 Occupancies)	Biannual Renewal Use and Occupancy Classifications: A-3, H-2, I-3, I-4, B-Medical & B-College	Triennial Renewal Use and Occupancy Classifications: B, H-3, M, S-1, A-4 & A-5	Quadrennial Renewal Use and Occupancy Classifications: F-1, F-2, H-4, H-5, S-2 & U
0 - 3,000 sq. ft.	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
3,001 - 5,000 sq. ft.	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95
5,001 - 7,500 sq. ft.	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
7,501 - 10,000 sq. ft.	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135
10,001 - 12,500 sq. ft.	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
12,501 - 15,000 sq. ft.	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170
15,001 - 17,500 sq. ft.	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180
17,501 - 20,000 sq. ft.	\$190	\$190	\$190	\$190
20,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205
30,001 - 40,000 sq. ft.	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
40,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245
50,001 - 60,000 sq. ft.	\$260	\$260	\$260	\$260

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60,001 - 70,000 sq. ft.	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
70,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285
100,001 - 150,000 sq. ft.	\$305	\$305	\$305	\$305
150,001 - 200,000 sq. ft.	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340
Over 200,000 sq. ft.	\$415	\$415	\$415	\$415