

Ordinance No. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 10 OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD,
VIRGINIA:**

Section 1. Section 10-2 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, is amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 10-2. - Building and rehabilitation administration.

The town has elected to enforce Part I and Part II of the Virginia Statewide Building Code pursuant with Virginia Code §§ 36-98 and 36-99 and the building regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant thereto effective January 1, 2019. The town has appointed the building code official for the enforcement of the code as designated through the Department of Planning and Economic Development. The building official shall be responsible for collecting fees as set forth in Article II, perform inspections, the issuance of permits, licenses, certificates and similar documents and the appeals resulting therefrom.

Section 2. Section 10-11 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Bedford, Virginia is amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 10-11. – Building Permit Fees (Effective: January 1, 2019)

Pursuant with Code of Virginia §36-105, the building official shall apply fees as set forth in this schedule for the issuance of building permits. These amounts are based on square footage and flat fees per trade. Square footage applications for new construction, alterations, renovations and repairs shall be all inclusive. In cases where square footage applications are not applicable, a flat fee shall be charged for the installation, alteration or repair of each individual system, piece of equipment, or portion thereof, per trade. Instances not specifically addressed in this schedule shall be charged the closest relative fee(s) as prescribed by the building official. Upon approval of the building official, refunds will be provided upon written request, less administration fees, inspections previously completed and the state mandated levy. Fees shall be waived for projects on Town owned buildings and property and those of emergency services. No other permit fees may be waived without approval of Town Council.

a. **RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION (R-5 1&2 family dwellings, townhouses and related accessory structures):**

1. Minimum fee - \$35

2. New Construction - \$0.18 sq/ft for finished area (occupiable and/or habitable spaces).
3. New Construction - \$0.14 sq/ft for unfinished area.
4. Additions shall be the same as for new construction per sq/ft.
5. Alterations, renovations, relocation or repairs shall be as for unfinished area per sq/ft.
6. Industrialized (modular) shall be the same as for unfinished area per sq/ft.
7. Manufactured – Singlewide \$125 / Doublewide \$200.
8. Demolition - \$50 per structure or portion thereof.
9. Swimming pools and spas \$50.
10. Signs - \$25.
11. Plan reviews - \$25. This fee may be waived by the building official.

b. COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION:

1. Minimum fee - \$75.
2. New Construction - \$0.20 sq/ft.
3. Additions shall be the same as for new construction per sq/ft.
4. Alterations, renovations, relocation, repairs and Industrialized - \$0.15 sq/ft.
5. Foundation only permits shall be the minimum construction fee per structure.
6. Demolition - \$100 per structure or portion thereof.
7. Towers - \$200.
8. Swimming pools - \$200.
9. Tents and temporary structures - \$50.
10. Signs - \$50.
11. Plan reviews - \$50 initial and for each subsequent review. The building official may waive the fee(s), or require a third party review at the expense of the applicant.

c. CHANGE of USE and/or OCCUPANCY:

1. Shall be the minimum construction fee in addition to any other applicable fees herein.

d. ELECTRICAL:

1. New service, upgrades and repairs - \$50 to 200 amps - \$75 from 200 to 400 amps - \$100 over 400 amps.
2. New systems and equipment shall be two times the applicable minimum construction fee.
3. Each system or equipment addition, renovation or repair shall be as per the applicable minimum construction fee.

e. PLUMBING and MECHANICAL:

1. New systems and equipment shall be two times the applicable minimum construction fee.
2. Each system or equipment addition, renovation or repair shall be as per the applicable minimum construction fee.

f. TANKS:

1. Installation, removal or repair of underground or above ground storage tanks - \$75.

g. AMUSEMENT DEVICES:

1. Fees shall be applied as set forth in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

h. REINSPECTION FEE:

1. \$25 Applied for wrong address or directions, incomplete work or locked premises.

i. APPEALS:

1. \$50 Filing fee.

j. ADMINISTRATION FEE:

1. \$25 For requests of refunds for permits, or portions thereof not utilized, additional copies of permit documents or to reinstate expired permits when a new permit is not required by the building official.

k. VIRGINIA LEVY:

1. A 2% levy is applied to all building permits pursuant with §36-137(7).

State Law Reference: Code of Virginia §36-105

Section 3. This ordinance is effective January 1, 2019.

Clerk of Council

Date