

**The City of Buffalo Common Council**

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

ADOPTED**AGENDA ITEM 25-595**

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Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

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**Bollman, Feroletto, Nowakowski, Halton-Pope- Ord Amend -
Chap 175-1 Enumeration of Fees****RESULT: APPROVED**

By: Councilmembers: Bollman, Feroletto, Nowakowski

Ordinance Amendment

Chapter 175

§ 175-1 Enumeration of fees

The Common Council of the City of Buffalo does hereby ordain as follows:

That § 175-1 of the Code of the City of Buffalo be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 1, General Provisions

§ 1-15, general penalty	[\$25]	\$30
Charge for check returned, not sufficient funds		

Chapter 75 Amusement

§ 75-14, inspection certificate for public assemblage		
[Original certificate]	[\$100]	
[Certificate renewal]	[55]	

Per Occupant Capacity

<u>50-100</u>	\$100.00
<u>101-200</u>	\$150.00
<u>201-500</u>	\$200.00
<u>501-1000</u>	\$300.00
<u>1001-3000</u>	\$1,000.00
<u>3001-5000</u>	\$2,000.00
<u>5001-10,000</u>	\$3,000.00
<u>10,000+</u>	\$4,000.00

Chapter 103, Building Construction and Demolition; Fire Prevention

§ 103-12, building permits
 Commercial construction fees: All buildings except detached one- and two-family dwellings

Permits are required for all work that is not listed as "permit not required" in § 103-2.3 of the Buffalo City Code.

Commercial construction permit fees are found using the mean construction cost from the Calculating Mean Commercial Construction Cost form; the Building Construction Values table on this form is based on the current Building Valuation Data table from the International Code Council, which adjusts semiannually to the current Consumer Price Index.

Use the mean construction cost for the permit fee section only.

Application fee	[<u>\$25</u>]	<u>\$50</u>
Plan review fee (if work requires plans)	[\$0.50 per \$1,000 of construction cost or portion thereof; \$50 minimum]	<u>\$0.75 per \$1,000 of construction cost or portion thereof; \$75 minimum</u>

Permit fee		
New construction, additions, change of use, alterations*		
Construction cost up to \$500,000	[\$6 per \$1,000 of cost; \$100 minimum]	<u>\$8 per \$1,000 of cost, \$100 minimum</u>
Construction cost from \$500,001 to \$5,000,000	[\$4 per \$1,000 of cost, plus \$1,000]	<u>\$8 per \$1,000 of cost, \$100 minimum</u>
Construction cost \$5,000,001 and over	[\$3 per \$1,000 of cost, plus \$6,000]	<u>\$8 per \$1,000 of cost, \$100 minimum</u>

Demolitions		
Demolition of a commercial structure	[\$0.12 per sf., \$250 minimum]	<u>\$0.12 per sf., \$500 minimum</u>

Chapter 129, Certificates of Occupancy		
§ 129-5, certificates	[<u>\$50</u>]	<u>\$200</u>
Conditional certificate for new or altered structure		

	Nonresidential Structures		
Type	Fee		Per Square Feet of Gross Floor Area
All uses	[\$75.00] <u>\$300.00</u>		0 to 25,000
	[\$125.00] <u>\$600.00</u>		25,001 to 50,000
	[\$225.00] <u>\$900.00</u>		50,001 or more

Chapter 140, Collection Agencies		
§ 140-6, license [(biennial)] <u>annual</u>	[<u>\$400</u>]	<u>\$800.00</u>

Chapter 167, Elevators and Conveyances

§ 167-14B and 167-15, Elevator construction permit; registration and certificate of operation

Elevator permit fees

1. For new commercial conveyances (installations):		
Permit for construction	[\$105.00]	<u>\$200.00</u>
Each stop additional	[\$105.00]	<u>\$200.00</u>
2. For existing commercial conveyances (alterations):		
Permit for material alterations	[\$52.50]	<u>\$150.00</u>
Each stop additional	[\$10.50]	<u>\$50.00</u>
3. For new private residence conveyances (installations):		
Permit for construction	[\$105.00]	<u>\$150.00</u>
Each stop additional	\$0.00	
4. For existing private residence conveyances (alterations):		
Permit for construction	[\$52.50]	<u>\$100.00</u>
Each stop additional	[\$10.50]	<u>\$20.00</u>
Registration fees:		
For new commercial installations	[\$105.00]	<u>\$150.00</u>
For existing commercial installations	[\$52.50]	<u>\$100.00</u>
Certificate of operation fees:		
Initial certificate of operation	[\$105.00]	<u>\$150.00</u>
Renewal certificate of operation	[\$55.00]	<u>\$100.00</u>

Chapter 194, Food Stores

§ 194-5, food store license

New license	[\$250]	<u>\$500</u>
License renewal	[\$175]	<u>\$500</u>

Chapter 238, Heating

§ 238-14, heating installer's license
Examination (all classes)

[\$200.00] \$500.00

§ 238-20, Permit Required

Application Fee

\$50.00

Plan Review Fee

\$100.00

Permit fee for SF of conditioned space per 10,000 SF – New construction or area of renovation

\$100.00 per 10,000
SF (or portion of)
conditioned space

Plus Permit Fee for Type of Device

Furnace/Condensing Unit/PTAC/mini-splits 0-140k BTU

\$100.00/each

Furnace/Condensing Unit/PTAC/mini-splits over 140k BTU

\$200.00/each

Packaged RTU/Air Heat Pump - up to 15 tons

\$125.00/each

Packaged RTU/Air Heat Pump - more than 15 tons

\$200.00/each

Water Sourced Heat Pumps – up to 5 tons of pumps

\$100.00/each

Water Sourced Heat Pumps – over 5 tons of pumps

\$200.00/each

Chillers/Towers – up to 50 tons

\$150.00/each

Chillers/Towers – more than 50 tons

\$250.00/each

Boilers up to 500,000 BTUs

\$100.00/each

Boilers/Burner Replacement over 500,000 BTUs up to 1M BTU

\$150.00/each

Boilers/Burner Replacement more than 1M BTUs

\$250.00/each

Radiant Heat (e.g., flooring, patio, driveways, etc.)

\$100.00/each

Fireplaces, Gas Inserts, Chimney liners

\$100.00/each

Radiant IR Heating

\$100.00/each

Geothermal exterior loop – 1 & 2 family dwellings

\$50.00

Geothermal exterior loop – all other occupancies

\$200.00

Chapter 254, Junk Dealers and Pawnbrokers

§ 254-21, licenses

Secondhand dealers, per year

New license

[\$200] \$500

License renewal

[\$150] \$500

Chapter 263, Licenses

§ 263-12, alarm services

Monitored alarm registration, [biennial] annual	[\$20.00]	<u>\$50.00</u>
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Chapter 307, Parking and Parking Lots

§ 307-8, towing and storage

For towing all 2-axle vehicles, motorcycles, boats, small trailers or mobile homes under 25 feet in length and up to 6,500 pounds to impound area	[\$125]	<u>\$150</u>
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For each 1/2 hour of debris cleanup	[\$25]	<u>\$30</u>
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For each day of storage or fraction thereof after the first 24 hours for vehicles under 25 feet in length	[\$40]	<u>\$50</u>
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For each day of storage or fraction thereof after the first 24 hours for vehicles 25 feet in length or longer	[\$60]	<u>\$75</u>
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For mini-tow (tow 500 feet or less), plus a fine for violation of parking or standing prohibition pursuant to § 307-11 of Chapter 307	[\$50]	<u>\$60</u>
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§ 307-15.1, Boot removal fee	[\$45]	<u>\$60</u>
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§ 307-21, parking lot operation [biennial] annual license

[Capacity of 6 to 10 spaces] <u>In N-1D Zoning District</u>	[\$225]	<u>\$30</u>
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[Capacity of 11 to 25 spaces] <u>In N-1C Zoning District</u>	[\$350]	<u>\$25</u>
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[Capacity of 26 to 50 spaces] <u>In D-M Zoning District</u>	[\$550]	<u>\$5</u>
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[Capacity of 51 to 75 spaces] <u>All Other Zoning Districts</u>	[\$725]	<u>\$5</u>
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[Capacity of 76 to 100 spaces]	[\$1,000.00]	
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[Capacity of 101 to 150 spaces]	[\$1,500.00]	
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[Capacity of over 150 spaces]	[\$1,650.00]	
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Chapter 326, PlumbingArea-Calculated Fee Table
- Schedule A

For buildings and structures:

Permits		Plumbing	
Application fee of (nonrefundable)		[\$25.00 Plus]	<u>\$50.00</u> Plus
Plan review (nonrefundable)		[\$25.00 or \$0.0025 x SF, whichever is greater Plus]	<u>\$100.00 Plus</u>
<u>Permit and inspection</u>	<u>Residential (single & 2- family dwellings)</u>		<u>\$12.00 each</u>
Permit and inspection	<u>Commercial</u>	[\$50.00 or \$0.0275 x SF, whichever is greater]	<u>\$50.00 first fixture; \$20 each additional fixture</u>
<u>Underground Piping, first 100 ft.</u>			<u>\$60</u>
<u>Additional Underground Piping (6" and under)</u>			<u>\$20 per 100 ft.</u>
<u>Additional Underground Piping (over 6")</u>			<u>\$55 per 100 ft.</u>
<u>Reinspection Fee</u>			<u>\$75 each</u>

Chapter 337 Preservation Standards

§ 337-31, Preservation Board Review

Certificate of compliance (for nonowner occupants)

Less than \$10,000.00	[\$50.00]	<u>\$100.00</u>
\$10,000.00 or more	[\$100.00, plus 10% surcharge for State Environmental Quality Review Act]	<u>\$150.00</u>

Chapter 370, Restaurants

§ 370-4, annual licenses

Catering service	\$100.00N; \$100.00R	
Restaurant, takeout	\$125.00N; \$115.00R	
Temporary stand	\$40.00	
More than 1 persons and not more than [200] 999 persons	[\$200.00N; \$100.00R]	<u>\$300.00N;</u> <u>\$300.00R</u>
[More than 201 persons and not more than 400 persons]	[\$350.00N; \$200.00R]	
[More than 401 persons and not more than 999 persons]	[\$350.00N; \$275.00R]	

Chapter 491, Water and Water Pollution

§ 491-7, plumbing license

Exam fee

\$210.00

[Biennial] Original license

[\$262.50]

\$500.00[Biennial] Annual renewal

[\$262.50]

\$500.00**Chapter 496, Unified Development Ordinance**

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.a, Zoning Map amendment

[\$400]

\$500

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.b, Special use permit

[\$250]

\$350

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.c, Adaptive reuse permit

[\$250]

\$350

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.d, Zoning variance

Use

[\$200]

\$350, plus \$50 for each additional variance

Area (1-2 dwelling units)

[\$100]

\$150, plus \$25 for each additional variance

Area (Commercial)

[\$200]

\$250, plus \$50 for each additional variance

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.e, Minor site plan review

[\$250]

\$350

Minor site plan extension

[\$100]

\$175

Minor Site Plan Revision - Post-Approval

[\$100]

\$150

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1 f, Major site plan review

[\$1,000]

\$1,250 base (under one acre of land), plus either \$650 per additional acre (or portion thereof) or \$100 per 10,000 SF gross floor area of development, whichever value is greater.

Major Site Plan Extension

[\$400]

\$500

Major Site Plan Revision - Post-Approval

[\$200]

\$250

Major Site plan review for new principal buildings less than 5,000 square feet, demolitions of a principal building if no other site plan triggers are met, or construction of parking lots

[\$500]

\$650

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.g, Planned unit development

[\$500]

\$1,000

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.h, Temporary use permit

\$25

§ 496-11.2.1.C.1.i, Administrative appeal

Administrative appeal for 1-2 dwelling units

[\$100]

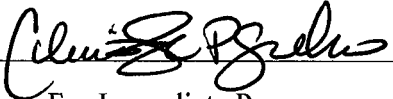
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Administrative appeal for commercial

[\$200]

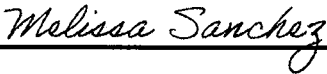
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Section 2: This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect once it is duly ratified pursuant to City Charter § 3-19, no sooner than July 1, 2025.



For Immediate Passage
Mayor Christopher P. Scanlon

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



Melissa Sanchez
Assistant Corporation Counsel

NOTE: Matter underlined is new, matter in brackets [] is to be deleted.

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