

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING BUILDING, ELECTRICAL,  
PLUMBING MECHANICAL AND FIRE SYSTEMS  
PERMIT FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Billings adopted Resolution No. 11-19068 on June 13, 2011 to establish valuation-based fees for building permits issued by the Building Division;

WHEREAS, the City of Billings has experienced a substantial increase in construction project valuations, along with several large projects, leading to a corresponding increase in revenue from building permits issued by the Building Division; and

WHEREAS, the increase in fees for building permits has resulted in the Building Division collecting revenue in excess of its projected expenditures for the previous and current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it both fiscally responsible and in the public interest to reduce fees for building permits to benefit the community and promote continued investment and reinvestment in new and existing properties; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to balance financial stewardship with encouraging residential and commercial improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. **BUILDING PERMIT FEES.** Residential and Commercial Building Permit fees are to be charged on the higher of total bid price values or based on the most recent valuation table established in the International Code Council Building Safety Journal and in accordance with the schedule as follows:

**COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

VALUATION	FEE
\$1 - \$2,000	45.00
\$2,001 - \$25,000	45.00 for the first \$2,000 Plus 8.00 for each additional \$1000 or fraction of
\$25,001 to \$50,000	229.00 for the first \$25,000 Plus 5.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of

\$50,001 to \$100,000	354.00 for the first \$50,000 Plus 3.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of
\$100,001 to \$500,000	529.00 for the first \$100,000 Plus 2.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	1,529.00 for the first \$500,000 Plus 2.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	2,529.00 for the first \$1,000,000 Plus 1.75 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of
\$5,000,001 and over	9,529.00 for the first \$5,000,000 Plus 1.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction of

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SHALL BE ASSESSED AT 60% OF THE PERMIT FEE

2. ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES. Electrical Permit fees are to be charged as follows:

A. Single Family Dwelling (includes garage wired at same time)		
	100 to 300 amp service	130.00
	301 or more amp service	200.00
B. Interior Rewire Only or New Addition to Home		40.00
C. Residential Change of Service		25.00
D. Private Property Accessory Building (Garages, Barns, Sheds, Etc.)		
	To 200 amp service	40.00
	201 to 300 amp service	100.00
	301 or more amp service	130.00
E. Modular Home - No basement and/or garage		40.00
	Modular Home - With basement and/or garage	65.00
F. Mobile Home located in a court		25.00
	Mobile Home located outside of a court	40.00
G. Livestock Wells, Irrigation Wells		40.00
H. Irrigation Pump or Machines, per unit (one pump or one pivot)		35.00
I. Temporary Construction Service (ADDITIONAL FEE)		25.00
J. New service only		40.00
K. Multi-family Dwellings Per Building+>		100.00
	Plus per unit, up to and including 12 units>	40.00
[\$100.00 per bldg. Fee does not apply to remodel/rewire projects only. Over 12 units under one roof will use commercial fee]		
L. Mobile Home Courts and/or Recreational Vehicle Parks up to 3 spaces		45.00
	(Audit. spaces at same time plus per space) - >	5.00

COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES:

Project Cost	
\$ 0 - \$ 500	30.00
\$ 501 - \$ 1,000	30.00 for first \$500 plus 6% of balance
\$ 1,001 - \$10,000	60.00 for first \$1,000 plus 2% of balance
\$10,001 - \$50,000	240.00 for first \$10,000 plus 0.5% of balance
\$50,001 - or more	440.00 for first \$50,000 plus 0.3% of balance

### 3. PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

For the issuance of each permit 20.00

#### UNIT FEE SCHEDULE

A.	For each plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures on one trap (including water, drainage piping, and backflow protection)	7.00 15.00
B.	For each building sewer and each trailer park sewer	7.00
C.	Rainwater systems - per drain (inside building)	25.00
D.	For each cesspool (where permitted)	40.00
E.	For each private sewage disposal system	7.00
F.	For each water heater and/or vent	5.00
G.	For each gas-piping system of one to five outlets	1.00
H.	For each additional gas piping system outlet, per outlet	
I.	For each industrial waste pretreatment interceptor including its trap and vent, excepting kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps	7.00
J.	For installation, alteration, or repair of water piping and/or water- treating equipment, each	7.00
K.	For each repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping, each fixture	7.00
L.	For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter, including backflow protection devices	7.00
M.	For atmospheric-type vacuum breakers not included in Item L:	
	1 to 5	5.00
	Over 5, each	1.00
N.	For each backflow protective device other than atmospheric-type Vacuum breakers:	
	2 inch diameter and smaller	7.00
	over 2 inch diameter	15.00

#### 4. MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

Mechanical Permit fees are to be charged as follows:

Permit Issuance [MINIMUM FEE PLUS THE CHARGES BELOW]: \$20

##### RESIDENTIAL FEES (1&2-Family and Townhomes)

For new installation, repair or replacement of each piece of equipment or system:

A. Furnace	20.00
B. Kitchen Exhaust	5.00
C. Bathroom Exhaust	5.00
D. Other Exhaust Fan	5.00
E. Dryer Vent	10.00
F. Unit Heater	20.00
G. Air Conditioner	10.00

##### COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY

For new installation, repair or replacement of each piece of equipment or system:

A. Boiler	30.00
B. Kitchen Hood	30.00
C. Furnace	20.00
D. Rooftop Unit	30.00
E. Unit Heater	20.00
F. Air Conditioner	10.00
G. Air Handler	10.00
H. Exhaust Fan	5.00
I. Other	10.00

5. FIRE SYSTEM PERMIT FEES:

Includes the installation, repair, and/or replacement of fire protection and alarm systems. For each system:

PROJECT COST	PERMIT FEE
\$0 - \$500	45.00
\$501 - \$ 1,000	90.00
\$ 1,001 - \$10,000	180.00
\$10,001 - \$50,000	250.00
\$50,001 - \$100,000	500.00
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	1,000.00
\$1,000,000 and over	2,000.00

6. OTHER INSPECTIONS AND FEES \$ 75.00 per hour
- A. Inspections outside of normal business hours (Minimum charge- two hours)
  - B. Re- inspection (Minimum charge- one hour)
  - C. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (Minimum charge- one hour)
  - D. Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans (minimum charge – ½ hour)

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.
8. REPEALER. All resolutions inconsistent herewith, including Resolution 11-19068, are hereby repealed.
9. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this resolution which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk