

**ORDINANCE NO. 21- 5( )**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, FEES, OF CHAPTER 5, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Article 2, Fees, of Chapter 5, Building Regulations, is hereby reordained and amended as follows:

**By Amending:**

- Sec. 5-201 - Fees for building permits.
- Sec. 5-202 - Fees for electrical permits.
- Sec. 5-203 - Fees for plumbing permits.
- Sec. 5-204 - Fees for mechanical permits.
- Sec. 5-205 - Fees for amusement devices.
- Sec. 5-206 - Fee for demolition permits.
- Sec. 5-207 - Fees for zoning inspections.
- Sec. 5-208 - Fees for other ~~permits, plan amendments, and reinspections~~ building services; and technology surcharge.

**CHAPTER 5**

**BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE 2. FEES**

**Sec. 5-201 - Fees for building permits.**

The fees for building permits are:

- A. *Residential structures in use groups R-3 and R-5.* The fee for each new structure in use group R-3 or R-5 (one- and two-family dwellings), other than a garage, deck, or porch, or for an addition to an existing residential structure in either use group, is ~~\$0.53~~ \$0.58 per square foot, calculated on gross finished square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- B. *Accessory residential structures.* The fee for each residential attached garage, detached garage, shed, deck, or porch ten square feet or larger, is ~~\$0.16~~ \$0.18 per square foot, calculated on gross finished square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$27.00~~ \$30.00.
- C. *Residential swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.* The fee for each residential swimming pool, hot tub, or spa is ~~\$54.00~~ \$60.00.
- D. *Mobile homes and prefabricated homes.* The fee for each mobile home or prefabricated home is ~~\$48.00~~ \$53.00.
- E. *New commercial structures in various use groups.* The fee for each new structure in use group A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, B, E, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1, S-2, or U, or an addition to an existing commercial structure in any such use group, is ~~\$0.22~~ \$0.24 per square foot for the first 5,000 square feet, plus ~~\$0.15~~ \$0.17 per square foot for each square foot in excess of 5,000 square feet, calculated on gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- F. *Change of building occupancy classification.* The fee for a change of occupancy classification evaluation is ~~\$161.00~~ \$177.00.

- G. *Commercial swimming pools.* The fee for each commercial swimming pool is ~~\$328.00~~ \$361.00.
- H. *Elevators, escalators and lifts.* The fee for each elevator, escalator, or lift is ~~\$258.00~~ \$284.00.
- I. *Paint spraying booths.* The fee for each paint spraying booth is ~~\$27.00~~ \$30.00.
- J. *Mobile offices and premanufactured units.* The fee for each mobile office or premanufactured unit is ~~\$48.00~~ \$53.00.
- K. *Tents.* The fee for each tent is ~~\$54.00~~ \$60.00.
- L. *Alterations and repairs of structures in all use groups.* The fee for an alteration or repair of a structure in any use group is ~~\$0.18~~ \$0.20 per square foot of floor area affected, provided that there is no increase in gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-201, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

State Law reference— Va. Code § [36-105](#).

### Sec. 5-202 - Fees for electrical permits.

The fees for electrical permits are:

- A. *Residential structures in use groups R-3 and R-5.* The fee for each new structure in use group R-3 or R-5 (one- and two-family dwellings) other than a garage, deck, or porch, or for an addition to an existing residential structure in either such use group, is included as part of the building permit fee under County Code § 5-201(A).
- B. *Accessory residential structures.* The fee for each residential attached garage, detached garage, shed, deck, or porch ten square feet or larger, is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- C. *Mobile homes and prefabricated homes.* The fee for each mobile home or prefabricated home is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- D. *Commercial structures in various use groups.* The fee for each new structure in use group A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, B, E, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1, S-2, or U, or an addition to an existing commercial structure in any such use group, is \$0.04 per square foot. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- E. *Swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.* The bonding fee for each swimming pool, hot tub, or spa is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00. The equipment wiring fee for each swimming pool, hot tub, or spa is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- F. *Alterations and repairs of structures in all use groups.* The fee for an alteration or repair of a structure in any use group is \$0.04 per square foot of floor area affected, provided that there is no increase in gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- G. *Signs.* The fee for each sign is ~~\$48.00~~ \$53.00.
- H. *Temporary service.* The fee for each temporary electric service is ~~\$102.00~~, \$112.00, unless the service is sought as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- I. *Early service.* The fee for each early electric service shall be ~~\$65.00~~, \$72.00, unless the service is sought as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).

- J. *Fuel dispensing pumps.* The fee for each fuel dispensing pump is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- K. *Alarm systems.* The fee for each alarm system is \$0.04 per square foot of the gross square footage of the structure. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-202, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference—** Va. Code § [36-105](#).

### **Sec. 5-203 - Fees for plumbing permits.**

The fees for plumbing permits are:

- A. *Residential structures in use groups R-3 and R-5.* The fee for each new structure in use group R-3 or R-5 (one- and two-family dwellings), or for an addition to an existing residential structure in either use group, is included as part of the building permit fee under County Code § 5-201(A).
- B. *Mobile homes and prefabricated homes.* The fee for each mobile home or prefabricated home is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- C. *Commercial structures in various use groups.* The fee for each new structure in use group A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, B, E, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1, S-2, U, or an addition to an existing commercial structure in any use group, is ~~\$9.00~~ \$10.00 per fixture. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- D. *Alterations and repairs of structures in all use groups.* The fee for an alteration or repair of a structure in any use group is ~~\$9.00~~ \$10.00 per fixture, provided that there is no increase in gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- E. *Water lines.* The fee for each water line is ~~\$27.00~~, \$30.00, unless the lines are included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- F. *Sewer laterals.* The fee for each sewer lateral is ~~\$27.00~~, \$30.00, unless the lateral is included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- G. *Fire suppression systems.* The fee for each fire suppression system is ~~\$0.86~~ \$0.95 per head. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-203, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference—** Va. Code § [36-105](#).

### **Sec. 5-204 - Fees for mechanical permits.**

The fees for mechanical permits are:

- A. *Residential structures in use groups R-3 and R-5.* The fee for each new structure in use group R-3 or R-5 (one- and two-family dwellings), or for an addition to an existing residential structure in either use group, is included as part of the building permit fee under County Code § 5-201(A).

- B. *Mobile homes and prefabricated homes.* The fee for each mobile home or prefabricated home is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- C. *Commercial structures in various use groups.* The fee for each new structure in use group A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, B, E, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1, S-2, or U, or an addition to an existing commercial structure in any use group, is \$0.04 per square foot of gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- D. *Alterations and repairs of structures in all use groups.* The fee for an alteration or repair of a structure in any use group shall be \$0.04 per square foot of gross square footage, provided that there is no increase in gross square footage. The minimum fee is ~~\$80.00~~ \$88.00.
- E. *Underground tanks.* The fee for each underground tank, including associated piping, is ~~\$183.00~~ \$201.00, unless the tanks are included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- F. *Aboveground tanks.* The fee for each aboveground tank, including associated piping, is ~~\$408.00~~ \$119.00, unless the tanks are included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- G. *Gas and oil lines.* The fee for each gas or oil line is ~~\$38.00~~ \$42.00, unless the lines are included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- H. *Furnaces, wood stoves and gas log systems.* The fee for each furnace, wood stove, or gas log system is ~~\$70.00~~ \$77.00, unless the furnace, stove, or gas log system is included as part of a building permit for which a fee is paid under County Code § 5-201(A).
- I. *Range hoods.* The fee for each range hood is ~~\$27.00~~ \$30.00.
- J. *Hood suppression systems.* The fee for each hood suppression system is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-204, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference**— Va. Code § [36-105](#).

### **Sec. 5-205 - Fees for amusement devices.**

The fees for amusement devices are as provided in the fee schedule in 13VAC5-31-75

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-205, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference**— Va. Code § [36-105](#); 13VAC5-31-75.

### **Sec. 5-206 - Fee for demolition permits.**

The fee for each demolition permit is ~~\$402.00~~ \$112.00.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-206, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference**— Va. Code § [36-105](#).

**Sec. 5-207 - Fees for zoning inspections.**

The fees for inspections to determine compliance with the zoning ordinance are:

- A. *Initial zoning inspection.* The fee for each inspection related to the issuance of a building permit for main or accessory structures is ~~\$46.00~~ \$18.00 per inspection.
- B. *Final site inspection.* The fee for each final site inspection before a certificate of occupancy may be issued is ~~\$46.00~~ \$18.00 per inspection.

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-207, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

**State Law reference**— Va. Code § [36-105](#).

**Sec. 5-208 - Fees for other permits, plan amendments, and reinspections building services: and technology surcharge.**

The fees for other permits, plan amendments, and reinspections building services are:

- A. *Other permits.* The fees for any other building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permit not identified in this article is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00 per inspection.
- B. *Plan amendments.* The fee for each new plan submitted which requires any structural or fire safety review is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00.
- C. *Reinspections.* The fee for each inspection of work performed, after the second inspection of the work, is ~~\$32.00~~ \$35.00 per inspection.
- D. Plan review fee – commercial building permits: \$0.04 per square foot, for structures under 5,000 gross square feet - \$16.00 minimum; \$0.03 per square foot for structures greater than or equal to 5,000 gross square feet - \$16.00 minimum.
- E. Plan review fee – commercial electrical permits: \$0.01 per gross square foot; \$16.00 minimum.
- F. Plan review fee – commercial plumbing permits: \$1.80 per fixture; \$16.00 minimum.
- G. Plan review fee – commercial mechanical permits: \$0.01 per gross square foot; \$16.00 minimum.
- H. Plan review fee – residential building permits: \$0.05 per square foot; \$8.00 minimum.
- I. Plan review fee – residential electrical permits: \$0.05 per square foot; \$8.00 minimum.
- J. Plan review fee – residential plumbing permits: \$0.05 per square foot; \$8.00 minimum.
- K. Plan review fee – residential mechanical permits: \$0.05 per square foot; \$8.00 minimum.
- L. Plan review fee – fire suppression/alarm plan: \$0.02 per square foot; \$75.00 minimum.
- M. Request for permit extension: \$74.00.
- N. Commercial temporary certificate of occupancy: \$150.00 for each thirty days.
- O. Addition or change in contractor or mechanic's lien agent after permit is issued: \$34.00.
- P. Elevator certificate: \$100.00 per elevator.

- Q. Code modification request: \$250.00; no refund allowed.
- R. Group home/daycare/adultcare form, with no inspection: \$74.00.
- S. Administrative fee for working without a permit: \$250.00
- T. Technology surcharge: An additional 4% of each fee in Sections 5-201 through 5-208(S).

(§ 5-3; 10-18-73, § 6-3; 3-21-74; 10-17-74; 10-4-78; 4-17-85; 7-13-88; 6-7-89; Res. of 9-6-95; Code 1988, § 5-3; § 5-208, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; [Ord. 08-5\(1\)](#), 8-6-08; [Ord. 15-5\(1\)](#), adopted 10-14-15, effective 11-1-15; [Ord. 18-5\(1\)](#), 3-14-18)

State Law reference— Va. Code § [36-105](#).

**This ordinance is effective on and after July 1, 2021.**

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of \_\_\_ to \_\_\_, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____