



Item: Resolution 10064 to establish rates relating to Permit Fees and Plan Review Fees for Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Sign Permits

From: Craig Raymond, CBO, Planning and Community Development Director

Initiated By: Planning and Community Development Department

Presented By: Craig Raymond, CBO, Planning and Community Development Director

Action Requested: City Commission to set a public hearing on Resolution 10064 for April 1, 2014

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (set/not set) a public hearing on Resolution 10064 for April 1, 2014.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

Background: During the last fiscal year (April 2013), the fund balance for the Building Safety Division reached a dangerously low \$7,000 Fund balance. The declining Fund balance is attributable to a combination of factors including not implementing increases in plan review fees to reflect inflation, the general downturn in development activity over the past 2-3 years, and the lack of major commercial construction projects that in some previous years have provided an occasional but welcome boost to the Fund balance. While the building permit fees were increased in fiscal year 2011/12, the plan review fees were not adjusted at that time. Additionally, while the level of development activity now appears to have stabilized, it is down significantly from previous years when projects like the \$70 million Benefis Patient Tower pushed permit revenues to all time highs, thereby maintaining the Fund balance despite static permit fee and plan review fee rates.

Plan review fees essentially are designed to fund specific plan review functions. This includes, but is not limited to, reviewing of permit submittals in order to establish minimum code compliance for residential, commercial and industrial projects. The plans examiners also routinely provide assistance to the general public either at the front counter in our office or by phone on current or potential future projects. It is not uncommon to have numerous inquiries each day. Some inquiries can be very technical in nature and require extensive research and knowledge to provide accurate and timely assistance. It is also common to meet with project

developers and architects multiple times throughout the design and construction phases of larger commercial and industrial projects.

At the February 4, 2014, work session of the City Commission, Planning and Community Development Director, Craig Raymond, presented the results of research that indicated that most Montana cities are charging significantly higher plan review fees than the City of Great Falls currently is. A plan review fee increase was proposed to City Commissioners at that time. The general consensus of the City Commission during the work session was that although the increases were fairly significant, it was acknowledged that the Building Safety Division cannot begin to rely on general fund subsidies, and that the Division should continue to provide a high level of service to the community. The City Commission asked to have a proposal brought to the Commission at a future date for formal consideration and action.

The proposed plan review fee increases are as follows:

Increase the Commercial Plan Review Fee from 50% of the building permit fee to 65%, and increase the Residential Plan Review Fee from 25% to 50%.

An estimate of the effect on the average residential and commercial projects is shown on the attached analysis.

Total revenue increases are anticipated to be approximately \$42,000 annually.

Staff is also recommending that the City Commission continue the previously authorized automatic 2.5% annual increase in permit fees which began July 1, 2012, to keep pace with inflation, to provide certainty to the development community and to avoid the need for additional sporadic but large permit fee increases in the future. While it will likely take many years for the Fund balance to recover to pre-recession levels, as a counterpoint to the annual fee increases, staff also recommends that in any year the Fund balance on June 30 exceeds \$600,000, the automatic fee increase will be suspended for the next fiscal year. This mechanism will limit the cash balance in the Fund from getting too high in the best case scenario of a much improved economy or construction of very large projects in the future. The automatic 2.5% increase is specifically pertaining to permit fees and not to plan review fees. The plan review fees will remain at 65% for commercial and 50% for residential unless specifically amended by resolution in the future.

Fiscal Impact: If the proposed fees are applied to a similar level of land development activity experienced during the past few years, it is estimated an additional \$42,000 annually could possibly be generated to augment the Building Safety Division budget. If fees are not increased, then either general revenue funds may be needed annually or decreases in level of service will be considered in order to address the Building Safety Division budget shortfall.

Alternatives: The City Commission could vote not to establish new fees but that is expected to potentially result in a negative balance in the Building Fund.

Attachments/Exhibits: Resolution 10064 and Exhibit "A"
Permit Fee Schedules
Fee Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO. 10064

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, TO ESTABLISH RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 15 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF), RELATING TO PERMIT FEES AND PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND SIGN PERMITS IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution 9933 on July 19, 2011, establishing rates in accordance with Title 15 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls relating to permit fees for building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and sign permits in the City of Great Falls effective February 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls reviews plans and processes approximately 500 permits annually; and

WHEREAS, having considered the cost of service associated with promoting safe buildings for the citizens of Great Falls, it is necessary to adjust fees accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

1. That Resolution No. 9933 is hereby repealed.
2. That the Permit Fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
4. That, starting July 1, 2014, and annually every July 1 thereafter, permit fees shall automatically increase 2.5%, except for those years in which the building fund cash balance exceeds \$600,000 on June 30.
5. Plan review fees shall remain as established by this resolution unless specifically amended by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, April 1, 2014.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

Building Permit Fees - Effective April 1,2014						
Value		Permit	Value		Permit	
\$1	\$1,000	\$64.30	\$50,001	\$51,000	\$737.42	\$100,001 TO \$500,000:
\$1,001	\$2,000	\$76.91	\$51,001	\$52,000	\$745.23	\$1,120.43 FOR THE FIRST \$100,000
\$2,001	\$3,000	\$92.54	\$52,001	\$53,000	\$753.05	PLUS \$6.56 FOR EACH
\$3,001	\$4,000	\$108.17	\$53,001	\$54,000	\$760.87	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$4,001	\$5,000	\$123.81	\$54,001	\$55,000	\$768.68	PORTION THEREOF
\$5,001	\$6,000	\$139.45	\$55,001	\$56,000	\$776.50	
\$6,001	\$7,000	\$155.08	\$56,001	\$57,000	\$784.31	
\$7,001	\$8,000	\$170.71	\$57,001	\$58,000	\$792.13	\$500,001 TO \$1,000,000:
\$8,001	\$9,000	\$186.34	\$58,001	\$59,000	\$799.96	\$3,744.43 FOR THE FIRST \$500,000
\$9,001	\$10,000	\$201.98	\$59,001	\$60,000	\$807.77	PLUS \$5.17 FOR EACH
\$10,001	\$11,000	\$217.61	\$60,001	\$61,000	\$815.59	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$11,001	\$12,000	\$233.24	\$61,001	\$62,000	\$823.40	PORTION THEREOF
\$12,001	\$13,000	\$248.87	\$62,001	\$63,000	\$831.22	
\$13,001	\$14,000	\$264.51	\$63,001	\$64,000	\$839.04	
\$14,001	\$15,000	\$280.15	\$64,001	\$65,000	\$846.85	\$1,000,000 AND UP:
\$15,001	\$16,000	\$295.78	\$65,001	\$66,000	\$854.67	\$6,327.43 FOR THE FIRST \$1,000,000
\$16,001	\$17,000	\$311.41	\$66,001	\$67,000	\$862.48	PLUS \$3.91 FOR EACH
\$17,001	\$18,000	\$327.04	\$67,001	\$68,000	\$870.30	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$18,001	\$19,000	\$342.67	\$68,001	\$69,000	\$878.12	PORTION THEREOF
\$19,001	\$20,000	\$358.31	\$69,001	\$70,000	\$885.93	
\$20,001	\$21,000	\$373.94	\$70,001	\$71,001	\$893.75	RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW =
\$21,001	\$22,000	\$389.58	\$71,001	\$72,000	\$901.56	50% OF PERMIT FEE
\$22,001	\$23,000	\$405.21	\$72,001	\$73,000	\$909.38	
\$23,001	\$24,000	\$420.84	\$73,001	\$74,000	\$917.20	
\$24,001	\$25,000	\$436.48	\$74,001	\$75,000	\$925.02	COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW =
\$25,001	\$26,000	\$448.21	\$75,001	\$76,000	\$932.84	65% OF PERMIT FEE
\$26,001	\$27,000	\$459.92	\$76,001	\$77,000	\$940.65	
\$27,001	\$28,000	\$471.65	\$77,001	\$78,000	\$948.47	
\$28,001	\$29,000	\$483.37	\$78,001	\$79,000	\$956.29	
\$29,001	\$30,000	\$495.10	\$79,001	\$80,000	\$964.10	
\$30,001	\$31,000	\$506.83	\$80,001	\$81,000	\$971.92	
\$31,001	\$32,000	\$518.55	\$81,001	\$82,000	\$979.73	
\$32,001	\$33,000	\$530.28	\$82,001	\$83,000	\$987.55	
\$33,001	\$34,000	\$542.00	\$83,001	\$84,000	\$995.37	
\$34,001	\$35,000	\$553.73	\$84,001	\$85,000	\$1,003.18	
\$35,001	\$36,000	\$565.46	\$85,001	\$86,000	\$1,011.00	
\$36,001	\$37,000	\$577.17	\$86,001	\$87,000	\$1,018.81	
\$37,001	\$38,000	\$588.90	\$87,001	\$88,000	\$1,026.63	
\$38,001	\$39,000	\$600.62	\$88,001	\$89,000	\$1,034.45	

\$39,001	\$40,000	\$612.35	\$89,001	\$90,000	\$1,042.27	
\$40,001	\$41,000	\$624.08	\$90,001	\$91,000	\$1,050.09	
\$41,001	\$42,000	\$635.80	\$91,001	\$92,000	\$1,057.90	
\$42,001	\$43,000	\$647.53	\$92,001	\$93,000	\$1,065.72	
\$43,001	\$44,000	\$659.25	\$93,001	\$94,000	\$1,073.54	
\$44,001	\$45,000	\$670.98	\$94,001	\$95,000	\$1,081.35	
\$45,001	\$46,000	\$682.71	\$95,001	\$96,000	\$1,089.17	
\$46,001	\$47,000	\$694.42	\$96,001	\$97,000	\$1,096.98	
\$47,001	\$48,000	\$706.15	\$97,001	\$98,000	\$1,104.80	
\$48,001	\$49,000	\$717.87	\$98,001	\$99,000	\$1,112.62	
\$49,001	\$50,000	\$729.60	\$99,001	\$100,000	\$1,120.43	

ELECTRIC PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

Table No. 3-B

For issuing each permit.....\$ **35.31**

Temporary Power Service: For temporary service pole or pedestal including all pole or pedestal-mounted receptacle outlets and appurtenances, each.....\$ **35.31**

System Fee Schedule

(Note: the following do not include permit issuing fee).

New Residential Buildings

The following fees shall include all wiring and electrical equipment in or on each building, or other electrical equipment on the same premises constructed at the same time.

1. ***Residential**: new construction and extensive remodeling based on square foot area. Included shall be all finished and unfinished rooms, including basements and residential garages. Multifamily dwellings or apartments, up to and including four units within a single structure, come under this section and each unit shall be counted as an individual residence.
 - a. 0 – 750 sq. ft.....\$ **53.21**
 - 751 – 4,000 sq. ft.....\$ **53.21 plus \$.10 sq. ft. over 750 sq. ft.**
 - over 4,000 sq. ft.....\$ **280.53 plus \$.08 per sq. ft. over 4000 sq. ft.**
2. Mobile or Manufactured Homes: each connection or reconnection.....\$ **28.62**
3. Water pumps: any type
 - a. up to 25 h.p.....\$ **31.14**
 - b. over 25 h.p.....\$ **30.26 plus \$.10 per h.p. over 25 h.p.**
4. Private Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs: for new private, residential, in-ground, swimming pools & hot tubs for single-family, multi-family occupancies including a complete system of necessary branch circuit wiring, bonding, grounding, underwater lighting, water pumping and other similar electrical equipment directly related to the operation of a swimming pool or hot tub, each.....\$ **28.62**
5. Carnivals, Fairs, Outdoor Concerts and Similar Amusement Establishments and Other Public Assemblies of a Temporary Nature: Carnivals, circuses, or other traveling shows or exhibitions utilizing transportable type rides, booths, displays and attractions.

The electrical inspection fee for each temporary installation shall be **\$67.58** for the entirety of the temporary installation, provided that such inspection can be completed within one hour. If additional inspection time is required, it will be charged at the rate of **\$33.80** for each additional 30 minutes or fractional parts thereof.

6. All Other: fees listed in this section shall apply to any and all electrical installations not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this rule. The wiring cost shall be the cost to the owner of all labor charges and all wiring materials and equipment installed as part of the wiring system. For uniformity of fee, when labor is performed by the owner, such labor cost shall be based at actual cost. The value of factory installed wiring, switches, and controls on equipment shall be included in wiring costs. Value of motors and appliances need not be included. Multifamily dwellings or apartments with five or more dwellings come under this schedule. Mobile Home Parks – distribution wiring including pedestal or service is under this schedule. This does not include or permit the connection of the mobile home. Recreational Vehicle Parks – service conductors distribution and lot supply to individual units come under this schedule plus **\$7.36** per lot.

<u>Total Job Cost</u>	<u>Inspection Fee</u>
\$ 0 - \$ 1,000	\$ 63.68
\$ 1,001 - \$5,000	\$140.20
\$ 5,001 - \$10,000	\$267.54
\$10,001 - \$50,000	\$350.62 for first \$10,000 plus ½ of 1% of balance
More than \$50,000	\$633.66 for first \$50,000 plus ¼ of 1% of balance

7. Residential Appliances: For fixed residential appliances or receptacle outlets for same, including wall-mounted electric ovens; counter-mounted cooking tops; electric ranges, self-contained room, console, or through-wall air conditions; space heaters; food waste grinders; dishwashers; washing machines; water heaters; clothes dryers; or other motor-operated appliances not exceeding one horsepower (HP) in rating, each.....\$ **22.07**

Note: for other types of air conditioners and other motor driven appliances having larger electrical ratings, see Power Apparatus.

8. Nonresidential Appliances: For residential appliances and self-contained factory-wired, nonresidential appliances not exceeding one horsepower (HP), kilowatt (KW), or kilovolt-ampere (KVA), in rating including medical and dental devices; food, beverage, and ice cream cabinets; illuminated show cases; drinking fountains; vending machines; laundry machines; or other similar types of equipment, each.....**\$22.07**

Note: for other types of air conditioners and other motor-driven appliances have larger electrical ratings, see Power Apparatus.

9. Power Apparatus: For motors, generators, transformers, rectifiers, synchronous converters, capacitors, industrial heating, air conditioners and heat pumps, cooking or baking equipment and other apparatus, as follows:

Rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (KW), kilovolt-amperes (KVA), or kilovolt-amperes reactive (KVAR):

Up to and including 10, each.....	\$22.07
Over 10 and not over 50, each.....	31.14
Over 50 and not over 100, each.....	63.68
Over 100, each.....	94.82

- Note: a. For equipment or appliances having more than one motor, transformer, heater, etc., the sum of the combined ratings may be used.
 b. These fees include all switches, circuit breakers, contractors, thermostats, relays and other directly related control equipment.

10. Services: For services of six hundred volts or less and not over two hundred amperes in rating, each.....**\$40.23**
 For services of six hundred volts or less and over two hundred amperes to one thousand amperes in rating, each.....**\$77.91**
 For services over six hundred volts or over one thousand amperes in rating, each.....**\$157.10**

Note: This fee is not applicable when a fee is paid for one or more services, outlets, fixtures, appliances, power apparatus, bus ways, signs or other equipment.

11. Option to Permitting Commercial Work under \$100.00 Per Job Cost. As an option to individual permits for work \$100.00 or under, total electrical job cost, a licensed electrical contractor may purchase an annual permit to cover all jobs of this description for the calendar year. The cost of this permit shall be**\$420.72**

Other Inspections and Fees:

12. Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge – two hours)**Actual Cost to the Jurisdiction**
13. ****Reinspections**: A reinspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made (minimum charge – one half hour).....**\$64.30/hr**
14. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated.....(minimum charge – one half hour).....**\$64.30/hr**
15. Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to approve plans (minimum charge - one half hour).....**\$61.30/hr**

* Includes a maximum of three (3) inspections.

** This provision is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or reinspection.

Permit Issuance	
1. For the issuance of each mechanical permit.....	\$35.31
Unit Fee Schedule	
<i>(Note: The following do not include permit-issuing fee.)</i>	
1. Furnaces	
For the installation or relocation of each forced-air of gravity-type furnace or burner, including ducts And vents attached to such appliance, up to and including 100,000 Btu/h (29.3kW).....	19.55
For the installation or relocation of each forced-air or gravity-type furnace or burner, including Ducts and vents attached to such appliance over 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW).....	23.33
For the installation or relocation of each floor furnace, including vent.....	19.55
For the installation or relocation of each suspended heater, recessed wall heater or floor-mounted unit heater	19.55
2. Gas Piping Systems	
For each outlet.....	7.19
3. Mobile/Manufactured Home hookup	19.55
4. Appliance Vents	
For the installation, relocation, or replacement of each appliance vent installed and not included in an appliance permit.....	10.35
5. Repairs of Additions	
For the repair of, alteration of, or addition to each heating appliance, refrigeration unit, cooling unit, absorption unit, or each heating, cooling, absorption or evaporative cooling system, including installation of controls regulated by the Mechanical Code.....	18.16
6. Boilers, Compressors and Absorption Systems	
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor to and including three horsepower (10.6kW), or each absorption system to and including 100,000 Btu/h (29.3kW).....	19.55
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over three horsepower (10.6 kW) To and including 15 horsepower (52.7kW), or each absorption system over 100,000 Btu/h (29.3kW) to and including 500,000 Btu/h (146.6kW).....	35.05
For the installation or relocation of relocation of each boiler or compressor over 15 horsepower (52.7kW) to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h (293.1kW).....	48.04
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 30 horsepower (105.5 kW) To and including 50 horsepower (176 kW), or each absorption system over 1,000,000 Btu/h (293.1 kW) to and including 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9kW).....	70.10
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 50 horsepower (176 kW), or each absorption system over 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9kW).....	116.87
7. Air Handlers	
For each air-handling unit to and including 10,000 cubic feet per minute (cfm) (4719L/s), including ducts attached thereto.....	14.25
Note: This fee shall not apply to an air-handling unit which is a portion of a factory-assembled appliance, cooling unit, evaporative cooler or absorption unit for which a permit is required elsewhere in the Mechanical Code.	
For each air-handling unit over 10,000 cfm. (4719L/s).....	23.33
8. Evaporative Coolers	
For each evaporative cooler other than portable type.....	14.25
9. Ventilation and Exhaust	
For each ventilation fan connected to a single duct.....	10.35
For each ventilation system which is not a portion of any heating or air-conditioning system authorized by a permit.....	14.25
For the installation of each Type I commercial kitchen hood.....	64.30
For the installation of each Type II commercial kitchen hood.....	14.25
10. Incinerators	
For the installation or relocation of each domestic-type incinerator.....	23.33
For the installation or relocation of each commercial or industrial-type incinerator.....	93.56
11. Miscellaneous	
For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Mechanical Code but not classed in other Appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed.....	14.25
Other Inspection and Fees:	
1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour (minimum charge—two hours).....	Actual cost of jurisdiction
2. ** Re inspection fee may be assessed for each inspection of re-inspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. Minimum charge – one-half hour.....	64.30/hr
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour (minimum charge—one-half hour).....	64.30/hr
4. Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to plans for which an initial review has been completed (minimum charge—one-half hour).....	64.30/hr

**This provision is not to be interpreted as requiring re-inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or re-inspection.

MEDICAL GAS PERMIT FEES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

For each medical gas piping system serving **one to five inlet(s)/outlet(s)**
for a specific gas:

Oxygen.....1-5 outlet.....\$64.94 _____ \$ _____

Nitrous Oxide.....1-5 outlet.....\$64.94 _____ \$ _____

Nitrogen.....1-5 outlet.....\$64.94 _____ \$ _____

Medical Air.....1-5 outlet.....\$64.94 _____ \$ _____

Vacuum.....1-5 inlet.....\$64.94 _____ \$ _____

For each additional medical gas inlet(s)/outlet(s).....\$ 6.56 _____ \$ _____

Permit issuance fee.....\$ 35.31

Permit Issuance

1. For the issuance of each plumbing permit.....	\$35.31
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Unit Fee Schedule

(Note: The following do not include permit-issuing fee.)

1. Fixtures and Vents

For each plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures on one trap	12.99
For repair of alteration of drainage or vent piping, each fixture.....	7.82

2. Water Service

For repair, replacement or new (1 only).....	28.62
Utility stubs---2 or more water services ----12.99 ea. plus 35.31 per trip.....	
If included in plumbing/gas permit	12.99
For each industrial waste pretreatment interceptor including its trap and vent, excepting kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps.....	25.98
Rainwater systems—per drain (inside building).....	12.99

3. Water Piping and Water Heaters

For installation, alteration, or repair of water piping or water-treating equipment or both, each.....	7.82
For each water heater.	16.90

4. Lawn Sprinklers, Vacuum Breakers and Backflow Protection Devices

For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter, including backflow protection devices therefore.....	19.55
For atmospheric-type vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices not included in Item 1:	
1 to 5 devices.....	16.90
Over 5 devices, each.....	4.54
For each backflow protective device other than atmospheric-type vacuum breakers:	
2 inches (50.8mm) and smaller.....	15.64
Over 2 inches.....	31.14

5. Swimming Pools

For each swimming pool or spa:	
Public pool.....	115.61
Public spa.....	77.91
Private pool.....	77.91
Private spa.....	38.96

6. Miscellaneous

For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Plumbing Code but not classed in other appliance categories, or which no other fee is listed.....	12.99
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Other Inspections and Fees:

1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour (minimum charge—two hours)	Actual cost to jurisdiction
2. ** Re-inspection fees may be assessed for each inspection or re-inspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. Minimum charge – ½ hour.....	64.30/hr
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour (minimum charge—1/2 hour).....	64.30/hr
4. Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to plans for which an initial review has been completed (minimum charge—1/2 hour).....	64.30/hr

**This provision is not to be interpreted as requiring re-inspection fee the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or re-inspection.

SIGN FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

Sign Electrician/Journeyman Certificate (annual).....	\$ 15.00
Sign Erector Certificate (annual).....	\$ 15.00
Class A License.....	\$100.00
Class B License.....	\$ 50.00
Sign Examination Application Fee.....	\$ 50.00
Sign Permit Fees 0 – 24 Sq. Ft.....	\$ 37.83
25 Sq. Ft. or more.....	\$ 1.58 sq ft
Neon Lighting – First 100 ft.....	\$ 63.04
100 ft. or more is \$63.04 plus	\$ 0.32/ft
Sign Electrical.....	\$ 33.79
Bench Signs (annual).....	\$ 75.65
Bench Signs – One Time Design Review Fee.....	\$ 31.52
A-Type Sandwich Board Signs (annual).....	\$ 63.04
On-Premise Temporary Sign – 60 day permit.....	\$ 31.52
Annual permit.....	\$126.08
Montana Expo Park Temp Banner Annual Fee.....	\$630.38
Central Avenue Banner – 30 Day Maximum.....	\$ 63.04
Pick up fee for Confiscated Signs.....	\$ 63.04
Transit Shelter.....	\$ 75.6

HOUSE MOVING PERMIT FEES
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

Can be issued only to licensed house mover.

Application signed by appropriate utilities and departments.

Fee:

Structures less than 14' wide less than 22' length less than 14' high - \$32.53

Structures 14' to 26' wide 22' to 35' length 14' to 20' high - \$64.94

Structures 26' wide & over 36' length & over 20' high - \$129.86

If any one measurement of the building exceeds maximum given in any one fee schedule, the fee shall be determined by the next larger schedule.

If structure is relocated within City limits, building permit must be obtained for the foundation.

If structure is to be moved out of City limits, a demolition permit is required for removal of old foundation. Inspections are required and utilities must be shut off at original site.

BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

FEE ADJUSTMENT

February 4, 2014

Currently, plan review fees in Great Falls are assessed on top of the building permit fee as follows:

Residential = 25% of Building Permit Fee

Example:

Single Family Dwelling \$250,000 Valuation-
Permit Fee Approx. \$2,104.43
Plan Review Fee = \$526.10
Total = \$2,630.53

Commercial= 50% of Building Permit Fee

Example:

Commercial Addition \$500,000 Valuation-
Permit Fee Approx. \$3,744.43
Plan Review Fee= \$1,872.21
Total= \$5,616.64

Proposed plan review fee adjustment to 50% of Permit Fee on residential permits and 65% of permit fee on commercial permits. This is somewhat consistent with the larger jurisdictions across Montana with the exception of Missoula, which sets their plan review fees at 20% for both residential and commercial.

Residential = 50% of Building Permit Fee

Example:

Single Family Dwelling \$250,000 Valuation-
Permit Fee Approx. \$2,104.43
Plan Review Fee = \$1,052.21
Total = \$3,156.64

Commercial= 65% of Building Permit Fee

Example:

Commercial Addition \$500,000 Valuation-
Permit Fee Approx. \$3,744.43
Plan Review Fee= \$2,433.87
Total= \$6,178.30

Effect on division budget is an increase of approximately \$42,000 per year depending on permit activity.