## **RESOLUTION NO. 10374**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10252 on August 7, 2018, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Great Falls reviews plans and processes approximately 3,000 permits with nearly 7000 inspections annually; and

**WHEREAS**, unless specifically exempt from permit requirements, securing a building permit is necessary prior to starting construction work; 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 to include adding penalty fees accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Investigation Fee will cover the cost of additional staff time needed to fully investigate completed unauthorized construction and complete the plan review and permit issuance process.

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

- 1. That the Permit Fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved superseding Resolution 10252;
- 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption; and
- 3. All fees shall remain as established by this Resolution while only adding penalty fees unless specifically amended by the City Commission.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney

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Buildi	ng Permit F	ees - Effecti	ve August 7	7, 2018		
Val		Permit		alue	Permit	
\$1	\$1,000	\$62.61	\$50,001	\$51,000	\$718.07	\$100,001 TO \$500,000:
\$1,001	\$2,000	\$74.90	\$51,001	\$52,000	\$725.67	\$1,091.02 FOR THE FIRST \$100,000
\$2,001	\$3,000	\$90.12	\$52,001	\$53,000	\$733.29	PLUS \$6.39 FOR EACH
\$3,001	\$4,000	\$105.34	\$53,001	\$54,000	\$740.91	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$4,001	\$5,000	\$120.56	\$54,001	\$55,000	\$748.51	PORTION THEREOF
\$5,001	\$6,000	\$135.79	\$55,001	\$56,000	\$756.12	
\$6,001	\$7,000	\$151.01	\$56,001	\$57,000	\$763.72	
\$7,001	\$8,000	\$166.23	\$57,001	\$58,000	\$771.34	\$500,001 TO \$1,000,000:
\$8,001	\$9,000	\$181.45	\$58,001	\$59,000	\$778.96	\$3,646.14 FOR THE FIRST \$500,000
\$9,001	\$10,000	\$196.68	\$59,001	\$60,000	\$786.57	PLUS \$5.04 FOR EACH
\$10,001	\$11,000	\$211.90	\$60,001	\$61,000	\$794.18	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$11,001	\$12,000	\$227.13	\$61,001	\$62,000	\$801.79	PORTION THEREOF
\$12,001	\$13,000	\$242.35	\$62,001	\$63,000	\$ 809.40	
\$13,001	\$14,000	\$257.57	\$63,001	\$64,000	\$817.02	
\$14,001	\$15,000	\$272.80	\$64,001	\$65,000	\$824.63	\$1,000,000 AND UP:
\$15,001	\$16,000	\$288.02	\$65,001	\$66,000	\$832.24	\$6,161.34 FOR THE FIRST \$1,000,000
\$16,001	\$17,000	\$303.24	\$66,001	\$67,000	\$839.85	PLUS \$3.81 FOR EACH
\$17,001	\$18,000	\$318.46	\$67,001	\$68,000	\$847.46	ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR
\$18,001	\$19,000	\$333.68	\$68,001	\$69,000	\$855.08	PORTION THEREOF
\$19,001	\$20,000	\$348.91	\$69,001	\$70,000	\$862.68	
\$20,001	\$21,000	\$364.13	\$70,001	\$71,001	\$870.30	RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW =
\$21,001	\$22,000	\$379.35	\$71,001	\$72,000	\$877.90	50% OF PERMIT FEE
\$22,001	\$23,000	\$394.57	\$72,001	\$73,000	\$885.51	
\$23,001	\$24,000	\$409.80	\$73,001	\$74,000	\$893.12	
\$24,001	\$25,000	\$425.03	\$74,001	\$75,000	\$900.74	COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW =
\$25,001	\$26,000	\$436.45	\$75,001	\$76,000	\$908.36	65% OF PERMIT FEE
\$26,001	\$27,000	\$447.85	\$76,001	\$77,000	\$915.96	
\$27,001	\$28,000	\$459.28	\$77,001	\$78,000	\$923.58	
\$28,001	\$29,000	\$470.69	\$78,001	\$79,000	\$ 931.19	IF CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED
\$29,001	\$30,000	\$482.11	\$79,001	\$80,000	\$938.80	PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUIRED
\$30,001	\$31,000	\$493.53	\$80,001	\$81,000	\$946.41	BUILDING PERMIT, AN INVESTIGATION FEE
\$31,001	\$32,000	\$504.94	\$81,001	\$82,000	\$954.02	WILL BE ASSESSED EQUAL TO THE
\$32,001	\$33,000	\$516.36	\$82,001	\$83,000	\$961.63	BUILDING PERMIT FEE
\$33,001	\$34,000	\$527.77	\$83,001	\$84,000	\$969.25	
\$34,001	\$35,000	\$539.20	\$84,001	\$85,000	\$976.85	
\$35,001	\$36,000	\$550.62	\$85,001	\$86,000	\$984.47	
\$36,001	\$37,000	\$562.02	\$86,001	\$87,000	\$992.07	
\$37,001	\$38,000	\$573.45	\$87,001	\$88,000	\$999.69	
\$38,001	\$39,000	\$584.86	\$88,001	\$89,000	\$1,007.30	
\$39,001	\$40,000	\$596.28	\$89,001	\$90,000	\$1,014.91	
\$40,001	\$41,000	\$607.71	\$90,001	\$91,000	\$1,022.53	
\$41,001	\$42,000	\$619.12	\$91,001	\$92,000	\$1,030.13	
\$42,001	\$43,000	\$630.57	\$92,001	\$93,000	\$1,037.75	
\$43,001	\$44,000	\$641.95	\$93,001	\$94,000	\$1,045.36	
\$44,001	\$45,000	\$653.37	\$94,001	\$95,000	\$1,052.97	
\$45,001	\$46,000	\$664.79	\$95,001	\$96,000	\$1,060.58	
\$46,001	\$47,000	\$676.19	\$96,001	\$97,000	\$1,068.19	
\$47,001	\$48,000	\$687.62	\$97,001	\$98,000	\$1,075.80	
\$48,001	\$49,000	\$699.03	\$98,001	\$99,000	\$1,083.42	
\$49,001	\$50,000	\$710.45	\$99,001	\$100,000	\$1,091.02	

MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES	EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7, 2018	
Permit Issuance		¢24.20
1. For the issuance of each mechanical permit Unit Fee Schedule		\$34.39
(Note: The following do not include permit-issuing fee.)		
1. Furnaces		
For the installation or relocation of each forced-air of gravity-ty		
And vents attached to such appliance, up to and including 100,0 For the installation or relocation of each forced-air or gravity-ty		19.04
Ducts and vents attached to such appliance over 100,000 Btu/h (		22.72
For the installation or relocation of each floor furnace, including		19.04
For the installation or relocation of each suspended heater, reces		10.04
unit heater		19.04
2. Gas Piping Systems For each outlet		7.00
3. Mobile/Manufactured Home hookup		19.04
4. Appliance Vents		
For the installation, relocation, or replacement of each appliance	e vent installed and not included	
in an appliance permit		10.07
5. Repairs of Additions		
For the repair of, alteration of, or addition to each heating applia		
absorption unit, or each heating, cooling, absorption or evaporat		17 (9
<ul><li>installation of controls regulated by the Mechanical Code</li><li>6. Boilers, Compressors and Absorption Systems</li></ul>	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	17.68
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor to	and including three horsenower	
(10.6kW), or each absorption system to and including 100,000 E		19.04
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor ov		
To and including 15 horsepower (52.7kW), or each absorption s	ystem over 100,000 Btu/h	
(29.3kW) to and including 500,000 Btu/h (146.6kW)	-	34.15
For the installation or relocation of relocation of each boiler or c		
(52.7kW) to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h (293.1kW)		46.78
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor ov To and including 50 horseneuror (176 kW) or each charmtion of		
To and including 50 horsepower (176 kW), or each absorption s (293.1 kW) to and including 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9kW)		68.26
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor ov	ver 50 horsepower (176 kW), or	00.20
each absorption system over 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9kW)		113.81
7. Air Handlers		
For each air-handling unit to and including 10,000 cubic feet per		
including ducts attached thereto		13.87
Note: This fee shall not apply to an air-handling unit which is a		
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)		22.72
8. Evaporative Coolers		22.12
For each evaporative cooler other than portable type		13.87
9. Ventilation and Exhaust		
For each ventilation fan connected to a single duct		10.07
For each ventilation system which is not a portion of any heating		
authorized by a permit		13.87
For the installation of each Type I commercial kitchen hood For the installation of each Type II commercial kitchen hood		62.61 13.87
• Incinerators		13.07
For the installation or relocation of each domestic-type incinerat	or	22.72
For the installation or relocation of each commercial or industria		
. Miscellaneous	51	
For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Mecha	anical Code but not classed in other	
Appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed		13.87
ther Inspection and Fees:		
. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour (minimum	n charge—two hours)Actual cost o	of jurisdiction
2. ** Re inspection fee may be assessed for each inspection of re-ir	spection when such portion of	
work for which inspection is called is not complete or when c		
Minimum charge – one-half hour		
<b>3.</b> Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour (n		62.62/h
<ol> <li>Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisio initial review has been completed (minimum charge—one-half h</li> </ol>	ans to prains for which an	67 671
minimum concer completed (minimum charge—one-han m		PERMIT FE

\*\*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

For each medical gas piping system serving <b>one to five inlet(s)/outlet</b> for a specific gas:	(s)
Oxygen\$63.24	\$
Nitrous Oxide1-5 outlet\$63.24	\$
Nitrogen\$63.24	\$
Medical Air	\$
Vacuum\$63.24	\$
For each additional medical gas inlet(s)/outlet(s)\$ 6.39	\$
Permit issuance fee	\$ <u>34.39</u>

Investigation Fee for commencing work prior to permit issuance...EQUAL TO PERMIT FEE

### PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

#### Permit Issuance

1. For the issuance of each plumbing permit	\$34.39
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	12.65
For repair of alteration of drainage or vent piping, each fixture	7.61
2. Water Service	<b>27 07</b>
For repair, replacement or new (10nly)	27.87
Utility stubs2 or more water services12.65 ea. plus 34.39 per trip	12 (5
If included in plumbing/gas permit	12.65
For each industrial waste pretreatment interceptor including its trap and vent, excepting	25.20
kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps	25.29
Rainwater systems—per drain (inside building)	12.65
3. Water Piping and Water Heaters	
For installation, alteration, or repair of water piping or water-treating equipment	<b>F</b> (1
or both, each	7.61
For each water heater.	16.46
4. Lawn Sprinklers, Vacuum Breakers and Backflow Protection Devices	19.04
For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter, including backflow protection devices therefore	19.04
For atmospheric-type vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices not included in Item 1: 1 to 5 devices	16.46
	4.42
Over 5 devices, each	4.42
For each backflow protective device other than atmospheric-type vacuum breakers: 2 inches (50.8mm) and smaller	15.23
Over 2 inches.	15.25 30.35
5. Swimming Pools	30.35
For each swimming pool or spa:	
Public pool	112 57
Public spa	
Private pool	75.86
Private spa	37.94
6. Miscellaneous	57.74
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	12.65
Other Inspections and Fees:	
1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour (minimum charge-two hours)Actual cost to juris	diction
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 $-\frac{1}{2}$ hour	62.62/hr
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour (minimum charge—1/2 hour)	62.62/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)	62.62/hr
5. Investigation Fee for commencing work before permit issuance	MIT FEE

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#### **ELECTRIC PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7, 2018**

Table No. 3-B

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	For issuing each permit\$ 34.39
	<u>Temporary Power Service</u> : For temporary service pole or pedestal including all pole or pedestal-mounted receptacle outlets and appurtenances, each
System	Fee Schedule (Note: the following do not include permit issuing fee).
New Re	sidential 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.	* <u>Residential</u> : 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
2.	Mobile or Manufactured Homes: each connection or reconnection\$27.87
3.	Water pumps: any type         a.       up to 25 h.p\$ 30.32         b.       over 25 h.p\$ 29.46 plus \$ .10 per h.p. over 25 h.p.
4.	<u>Private Swimming Pools &amp; Hot Tubs</u> : 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
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 <b>\$65.81</b> 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 <b>\$32.92</b> for each additional 30 minutes or fractional parts thereof.

All Other: fees listed in this section shall apply to any and all electrical installations not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this rule. The wiring 6. 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 **\$6.99** per lot. T. 4-1 T. 1. C. . 4 ....

<u>Total Job Cost</u>	Inspection Fee
\$ 0 - \$ 1,000	\$ 62.01
\$ 1,001 - \$5,000	\$136.52
\$ 5,001 - \$10,000	\$260.51
\$10,001 - \$50,000	\$341.42 for first \$10,000 plus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of 1% of balance
More than \$50,000	\$617.03 for first \$50,000 plus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of 1% of balance

Residential Appliances: For fixed residential appliances or receptacle outlets for same, including wall-mounted electric ovens; counter-mounted 7. 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 \$21.49

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

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9. <u>Power Apparatus</u>: 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	. \$21.49
Over 10 and not over 50, each	30.32
Over 50 and not over 100, each	62.01
Over 100, each	92.88

#### 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.

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.

#### **Other Inspections and Fees:**

12.	Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge – two hours)
13.	<b>**</b> 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)
14	Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated(minimum charge – one half hour)\$62.62hr
15.	Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to approve plans (minimum charge - one half hour)\$62.62/hr
16.	Investigation Fee for commencing work before permit issuance

\* Includes a maximum of three (3) inspections.

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## **SIGN FEES**

## EFFECTIVE

## Title 17 - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

## Chapter 60 SIGN CODE

Sign Electrician/Journeymen Certificate (annual)	\$ 15.00
Sign Electrician Certificate - Class A License	\$150.00
Sign Examination Application Fee	\$ 50.00
Sign Permit Fees $0 - 24$ Sq. Ft	\$ 38.78
25 Sq. Ft. or more is \$38.78 plus	\$ 1.62 sq ft
Reface Sign Permit/Inspection: existing permitted sign flat fee	\$ 65.90
Sign Electrical Inspection Fee	.\$ 38.78
Bench Signs/Transit Shelter (annual)	.\$77.55
Bench Signs – One Time Design Review Fee	.\$ 32.31
A-Type Sandwich Board Signs (annual)	. \$ 64.62
On-Premise Temporary Sign – 60 day permit	.\$32.31
Annual permit	\$129.24
Central Avenue Banner/BNSF Underpasses – 30 Day Maximum	\$ 64.62
Investigation Fee for commencing work prior to permit issuanceEQUAL TO	O PERMIT FEE

## HOUSE MOVING FEES EFFECTIVE

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 -\$33.35 Structures 14' to 26' wide 22' to 35' length 14' to 20' high -\$66.57 Structures 26' wide & over 36' length & over 20' high -\$133.11

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.

Investigation Fee for commencing work before permit issuance.....EQUAL TO PERMIT FEE