#### **RESOLUTION NO. 10572**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 15 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10522 on September 5, 2023, establishing fees in accordance with Title 15 of the OCCGF pertaining to fees and permits for building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and other related construction activities in the City of Great Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the Planning and Community Development Department to stay attentive to its enterprise budget in order to provide optimal service to the public. After consulting with various cities in Montana, it was determined that there was a wide range of fees and processes pertaining to review of identical building or plan sets; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Code Council (ICC) established a universal Plan Review fee of 65% derived from the Building Permit fee for commercial plan review and 50% derived from the Building Permit fee for residential plan review; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest to the inhabitants of the City of Great Falls to ensure that fees are fair and equitable regarding Plan Review fees of identical plans; and

**WHEREAS**, staff wishes to eliminate ambiguity and maintain a reasonable balance to properly address budgetary needs in the Building Division Enterprise Fund, and provide contractors and developers a discounted rate from the ICC established Plan Review fee for review of identical building or plan sets; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of Resolution 10572 Establishing Fees in Accordance with Title 15 of the OCCGF pertaining to Building and Construction was published in the *Great Falls Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cascade County, on April 27 and May 4, 2025, in the form and manner prescribed in Mont. Code Ann. § 7-1-4127; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission conducted a public hearing during a regular scheduled meeting of the City Commission on May 6, 2025, at the Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Commission Chambers Room 206, Great Falls, Montana, at 7:00 p.m., and did consider costs and public comment regarding the establishment of fees and permits for building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and other related construction activities in the City of Great Falls.

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

- 1. Plan Review fees for the approval of identical Commercial construction and Residential construction are hereby incorporated in the Fee Schedule, based on the following criteria:
- a. the structures depicted by the plan are on the same property or in the same subdivision and under the control of the same contractor or developer as the original structure;
  - b. the plans are submitted no more than 180 days following their last approval;
- c. the plans incorporate all code corrections or modifications indicated on the original plan set or the latest approved generation of the plans;
- d. all plans are eligible for review under the same edition of the building code as the original plan set;
- e. all fees will be paid within the 180 days of permit approval as set by the International Code Council (ICC);
- f. the plans were submitted in accordance with applicable Planning and Community Development Building Division policy.
- 2. Beginning, July 1, 2025, 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;
- 3. The Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved; and
- 4. Resolution No. 10522 is hereby repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this  $6^{th}$  day of May, 2025.

	Cory Reeves, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Lisa Kunz, City Clerk		

(CITY SEAL)
APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:
David G. Dennis, City Attorney

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\$1	\$1,00	\$67.6	\$50,001	\$51,000	\$775.5	\$100,001 TO
\$1,00	\$2,00	\$80.8	\$51,001	\$52,000	\$783.7	\$1,178.30 FOR THE FIRST \$100,000
\$2,00	\$3,00	\$97.3	\$52,001	\$53,000	\$791.9	PLUS \$6.90 FOR
\$3,00	\$4,00	\$113.7	\$53,001	\$54,000	\$800.1	ADDITIONAL \$1,000
\$4,00	\$5,00	\$130.2	\$54,001	\$55,000	\$808.3	PORTION
\$5,00	\$6,00	\$146.6	\$55,001	\$56,000	\$816.6	
\$6,00	\$7,00	\$163.0	\$56,001	\$57,000	\$824.8	
\$7,00	\$8,00	\$179.5	\$57,001	\$58,000	\$833.0	\$500,001 TO
\$8,00	\$9,00	\$195.9	\$58,001	\$59,000	\$841.2	\$3,937.83 FOR THE FIRST \$500,000
\$9,00	\$10,000	\$212.4	\$59,001	\$60,000	\$849.5	PLUS \$5.44 FOR
\$10,001	\$11,000	\$228.8	\$60,001	\$61,000	\$857.7	ADDITIONAL \$1,000
\$11,001	\$12,000	\$245.3	\$61,001	\$62,000	\$865.9	PORTION
\$12,001	\$13,000	\$261.7	\$62,001	\$63,000	\$874.1	
\$13,001	\$14,000	\$278.1	\$63,001	\$64,000	\$882.3	
\$14,001	\$15,000	\$294.6	\$64,001	\$65,000	\$890.6	\$1,000,000 AND
\$15,001	\$16,000	\$311.0	\$65,001	\$66,000	\$898.8	\$6,654.25 FOR THE FIRST \$1,000,000
\$16,001	\$17,000	\$327.5	\$66,001	\$67,000	\$907.0	PLUS \$4.11 FOR
\$17,001	\$18,000	\$343.9	\$67,001	\$68,000	\$915.2	ADDITIONAL \$1,000
\$18,001	\$19,000	\$360.3	\$68,001	\$69,000	\$923.4	PORTION
\$19,001	\$20,000	\$376.8	\$69,001	\$70,000	\$931.6	
\$20,001	\$21,000	\$393.2	\$70,001	\$71,001	\$939.9	RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW
\$21,001	\$22,000	\$409.7	\$71,001	\$72,000	\$948.1	*50% OF PERMIT FEE
\$22,001	\$23,000	\$426.1	\$72,001	\$73,000	\$956.3	
\$23,001	\$24,000	\$442.5	\$73,001	\$74,000	\$964.5	
\$24,001	\$25,000	\$459.0	\$74,001	\$75,000	\$972.8	COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW =
\$25,001	\$26,000	\$471.3	\$75,001	\$76,000	\$981.0	*65% OF PERMIT FEE
\$26,001	\$27,000	\$483.6	\$76,001	\$77,000	\$989.2	
\$27,001	\$28,000	\$496.0	\$77,001	\$78,000	\$997.4	
\$28,001	\$29,000	\$508.3	\$78,001	\$79,000	\$1,005.6	IF CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED
\$29,001	\$30,000	\$520.6	\$79,001	\$80,000	\$1,013.9	PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF
\$30,001	\$31,000	\$533.0	\$80,001	\$81,000	\$1,022.1	BUILDING PERMIT, THE BUILDING
\$31,001	\$32,000	\$545.3	\$81,001	\$82,000	\$1,030.3	FEE WILL DOUBLE
\$32,001	\$33,000	\$557.6	\$82,001	\$83,000	\$1,038.5	
\$33,001	\$34,000	\$569.9	\$83,001	\$84,000	\$1,046.7	
\$34,001	\$35,000	\$582.3	\$84,001	\$85,000	\$1,055.0	
\$35,001	\$36,000	\$594.6	\$85,001	\$86,000	\$1,063.2	
\$36,001	\$37,000	\$606.9	\$86,001	\$87,000	\$1,071.4	
\$37,001	\$38,000	\$619.3	\$87,001	\$88,000	\$1,079.6	
\$38,001	\$39,000	\$631.6	\$88,001	\$89,000	\$1,087.8	
\$39,001	\$40,000	\$643.9	\$89,001	\$90,000	\$1,096.1	*A FEE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL
\$40,001	\$41,000	\$656.3	\$90,001	\$91,000	\$1,104.3	OF IDENTICAL RESIDENTIAL AND
\$41,001	\$42,000	\$668.6	\$91,001	\$92,000	\$1,112.5	COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION
\$42,001	\$43,000	\$681.0	\$92,001	\$93,000	\$1,120.7	DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN
\$43,001	\$44,000	\$693.3	\$93,001	\$94,000	\$1,128.9	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SHALL BE
\$44,001	\$45,000	\$705.6	\$94,001	\$95,000	\$1,137.2	ASSESSED A PLAN REVIEW FEE OF
\$45,001	\$46,000	\$717.9	\$95,001	\$96,000	\$1,145.4	TWENTY-FIVE (25%) OF THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE
\$46,001	\$47,000	\$730.2	\$96,001	\$97,000	\$1,153.6	- C.Millie
\$47,001	\$48,000	\$742.6	\$97,001	\$98,000	\$1,161.8	
\$48,001	\$49,000	\$754.9	\$98,001	\$99,000	\$1,170.0	
\$49,001	\$50,000	\$767.2	\$99,001	\$100,000	\$1,178.3	

### MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

#### **EFFECTIVE 10/05/23**

	Ermt Issuance  For the issuance of each machanical normit	¢27 1 <i>1</i>
1.	For the issuance of each mechanical permit	\$37.14
	nit Fee Schedule	
	lote: The following do not include permit-issuing fee.)	
1.	Furnaces  For the installation or releastion of each forced air of areaity type formed on hymner including	
	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)	\$20.56
	For the installation or relocation of each forced-air or gravity-type furnace or burner, including	ψ20.20
	ducts and vents attached to such appliance over 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW)	\$24.53
	For the installation or relocation of each floor furnace, including vent	\$20.56
	For the installation or relocation of each suspended heater, recessed wall heater or floor-mounted unit heater.	\$20.56
2	Gas Piping Systems	φ20.30
۷.	For each outlet	\$7.56
3	Mobile/Manufactured Home hookup	· ·
	Appliance Vents	φ20.00
٦.	For the installation, relocation, or replacement of each appliance vent installed and not included	
	in an appliance permit	\$10.88
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	¢10.00
6	Boilers, Compressors and Absorption Systems	\$19.09
٠.	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)	\$20.56
	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)	\$36.88
	For the installation or relocation of relocation of each boiler or compressor over 15 horsepower	ψ50.00
	(52.7kW) to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h (293.1kW)	\$50.52
	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/ (512.9kW)	\$72.72
	For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 50 horsepower (176 kW),	\$13.12
	or each absorption system over 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9kW)	\$123.31
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 00
	Note: This fee shall not apply to an air-handling unit which is a portion of a	\$14.90
	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)	\$24.54
8.	<b>Evaporative Coolers</b>	
	For each evaporative cooler other than portable type	\$14.98
9.	Ventilation and Exhaust	
	For each ventilation fan connected to a single duct	\$10.88
	For each ventilation system which is not a portion of any heating or air-conditioning system	
	authorized by a permit	\$14.98
	For the installation of each Type I commercial kitchen hood	
	For the installation of each Type II commercial kitchen hood	\$14.98
10	. Incinerators	<b>004 53</b>
	For the installation or relocation of each domestic-type incinerator	\$24.55 \$02.30
11	. Miscellaneous	ψ2 <b>0.3</b> 7
11	For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Mechanical Code but not classed	

## Exhibit "A" to Resolution 10572 in other appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed ......

in other appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed
Other Inspection and Fees:  1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour.  Minimum charge – two hours
<ol> <li>** 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</li></ol>
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour.  Minimum charge – one half-hour
<b>4.</b> Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to plans for which an initial review has been completed.  Minimum charge – one half-hour
5. Investigation Fee for commencing work prior to permit issuance
**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.

# Exhibit "A" to Resolution 10572 MEDICAL GAS PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE 10/05/23

Oxygen1-	-5 outlet <b>\$68.30</b>	
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For each medical gas piping system serving **one to five inlet(s)/outlet(s)** for a specific gas:

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	Nitrous Oxide	.1-5 outlet	\$68.30	 \$
	Nitrogen	1-5 outlet	\$68.30	 \$
	Medical Air	1-5 outlet	\$68.30	 \$
	Vacuum	1-5 inlet	\$68.30	 \$
	For each additional medical	gas inlet(s)/outlet(s)	\$6.90	 \$
Pern	mit issuance fee			 \$ <u>37.14</u>

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

# Exhibit "A" to Resolution 10572 PLUMBING PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE 10/05/23

Permit Issuance	
1. For the issuance of each plumbing permit	\$37.14
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	\$13.66
For repair of alteration of drainage or vent piping, each fixture	\$8.22
2. Water Service	
For repair, replacement or new (1only)	\$30.10
Utility stubs2 or more water services12.65 ea. plus 34.39 per trip	Φ12.CC
If included in plumbing/gas permit	\$13.66
kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps	\$27.31
Rainwater systems—per drain (inside building	
3. Water Piping and Water Heaters	,
For installation, alteration, or repair of water piping or water-treating	
equipment or both, each	\$8.22
For each water heater	\$17 <b>.</b> 78
4. Lawn Sprinklers, Vacuum Breakers and Backflow Protection Devices	
For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter, including backflow protection devices therefor	re <b>\$20.56</b>
For atmospheric-type vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices not included in Item 1:	
1 to 5 devices	
Over 5 devices, each	<b>\$4.</b> 77
For each backflow protective device other than atmospheric-type vacuum breakers:  2 inches (50.8mm) and smaller	¢1 <i>C 15</i>
Over 2 inches	
5. Swimming Pools	ψ32.70
For each swimming pool or spa:	
Public pool	\$121.58
Public spa	
Private pool	
Private spa	\$40 <b>.</b> 98
6. Miscellaneous	
For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Plumbing Code but not classed in other	
categories, or which no other fee is listed	\$13.66
Other Inspections and Fees:	
1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour	
Minimum charge – two hours	RISDICTION
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 – one half-hour.	\$67.63/hr.
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour	
Minimum charge – one half-hour	\$67.63/hr.
<b>4.</b> Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to plans for which	
an initial review has been completed  Minimum charge – one half-hour	\$67 62/h
5. Investigation Fee for work commencing before permit issuanceEQUAL TO I	фо / .03/ПГ.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

# **Exhibit "A" to Resolution 10572 ELECTRIC PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE 10/05/23**

Table No.3-B

**Permit Issuance** 

1.	For the issuance of each electrical permit
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	or pedestal-mounted receptacle outlets and appurtenances, each
T I.	nit Fee Schedule
	ote: The following do not include permit-issuing fee.)
Ne	ew 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
	b. 751 – 4,000 sq. ft
2	*Mobile or Manufactured Homes: Each connection or reconnection
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3.	Water Pumps: any type a. Up to 25 horse power. \$32.75 b. Over 25 horse power. \$31.82 plus \$.11 per horse power over 25
4.	<b>Private Swimming Pools &amp; Hot Tubs</b> : 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 \$71.75 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 \$35.55 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.

**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 \$7.55 per lot.

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.

EXHIBIT "A" TO R	esolution 105/2	
Total Job Cost	<b>Inspection Fee</b>	
\$0 - \$ 1,000		
\$1,001 - \$5,000		
\$5,001 - \$10,000		
\$10,001 - \$50,000		
More than \$50,000	\$666.39 for first \$50,000 plus	4 of 1% of balan
7. Residential Appliances: For fixed residential appliances o	r receptacle outlets for same,	
including wall-mounted electric ovens; counter- mounted c		
contained room, console, or through-wall air conditions; sp		
dishwashers; washing machines; water heaters; clothes dry		
appliances not exceeding one horsepower (HP) in rating, ea	ach	\$23.21
Note: for other types of air conditioners and other motor dr electrical ratings, see Power Apparatus.	iven appliances having larger	
8. Nonresidential Appliances: For residential appliances and	I self-contained factory-wired.	
nonresidential appliances not exceeding one horsepower (F		
ampere (KVA), in rating including medical and dental devi		
cabinets; illuminated show cases; drinking fountains; vendi		
other similar types of equipment, each		\$23.21
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Note: for other types of air conditioners and other motor-dratings, see Power Apparatus.	riven appliances have larger electrical	
9. Power Apparatus: For motors, generators, transformers, r capacitors, industrial heating, air conditioners and heat pun and other apparatus, as follows: Rating in horsepower (HP), kilowatts (KW), kilovolt-ampereactive (KVAR):	nps, cooking or baking equipment	
Up to and including 10, each	¢22.21	
Over 10 and not over 50, each		
Over 50 and not over 100, each		
Over 100, each		
Note: a. For equipment or appliances having more than combined ratings may be used.	one motor, transformer, heater, etc.,	the sum of the
b. These fees include all switches, circuit breaker related control equipment.	rs, contractors, thermostats, relays and	d other directly
<b>0. Services:</b> For services of six hundred volts or less and not over two h	undred amperes in rating, each	\$42.30
For services of six hundred volts or less and over two hund amperes in rating, each		\$81.93

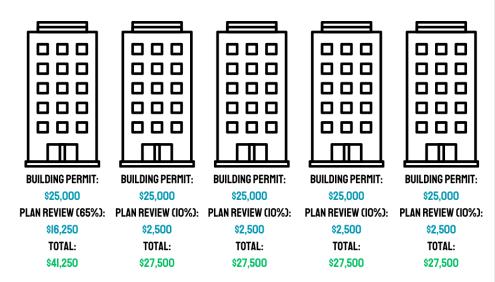
Note: This fee is not applicable when a fee is paid for one or more services, outlets, fixtures, appliances, power apparatus, bus ways, signs or other equipment.

11.	Option to Permitting Commercial Work under \$300.00 Per Job Cost. As an option to individual permits for work \$300.00 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
Other	Inspections and Fees:
12.	Inspections outside of normal business hours
	Minimum charge – two hours
13.	**Re-inspections: A re-inspection fee 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 – one half-hour
14.	Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated
<b></b>	Minimum charge – one half-hour
15.	Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to approve plans  Minimum charge – one half-hour
16.	Investigation Fee for commencing work before permit issuance
	* Includes a maximum of three (3) inspections.

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### **COMMERCIAL (MULTIFAMILY)**

#### **CURRENT UNWRITTEN POLICY**

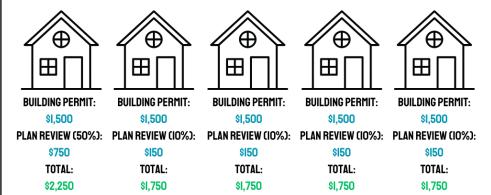


### PROPOSED FORMAL POLICY



# RESIDENTIAL

**CURRENT UNWRITTEN POLICY** 



### PROPOSED FORMAL POLICY

