

Chapter 37

CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 1-17-1977 by Ord. No. 1-1977. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Prevention — See Ch. 48.

Housing Code — See Ch. 55.

Swimming Pool Code — See Ch. 102.

§ 37-1. Enforcing agency established.

There is hereby established in the City of Gloucester City a State Uniform Construction Code enforcing agency to be known as the "City of Gloucester City Construction Enforcement Office," consisting of a Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official, Electrical Subcode Official, Fire Protection Subcode Official and such other subcode officials for such additional subcodes as the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, shall hereafter adopt as part of the State Uniform Construction Code. The Construction Official shall be the chief administrator of the enforcing agency.

§ 37-2. Qualifications of officials.

Each official position created in § 37-1 hereof shall be filled by a person qualified for such position pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 217, as amended and N.J.A.C. 5:23, provided that, in lieu of any particular subcode official, an on-site inspection agency may be retained by contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23. More than one such official position may be held by the same person, provided that such person is qualified pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 217, and N.J.A.C. 5:23 to hold each such position.

§ 37-3. Business office.

The public shall have the right to do business with the enforcing agency at one office location, except for emergencies and unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances.

§ 37-4. Fees. [Amended 11-2-1978 by Ord. No. 18-1978; 8-2-1984 by Ord. No. 6-1984; 3-5-1987 by Ord. No. 2-1987; 11-2-1989 by Ord. No. 8-1989; 3-1-1990 by Ord. No. 4-1990; 7-2-1991 by Ord. No. 7-1991; 7-2-1991 by Ord. No. 11-1991; 11-5-1992 by Ord. No. 26-1992; 5-6-1999 by Ord. No. 4-1999]

The following fees are hereby established and shall be charged by the Gloucester City Construction Enforcement Office in accordance with the standards published by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-130. Fees shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar amount.

- A. Plan review fee. The fee for plan review shall be 20% of the amount to be charged for a new construction permit.
- B. The basic construction fee shall be the sum of the parts computed on a basis of the volume or cost of construction, the number of plumbing fixtures and pieces of equipment, the number of electrical fixtures and devices and the number of sprinklers, standpipes and detectors (smoke and heat) at the unit rates provided

herein, plus any special fees. The minimum fee for a basic construction permit covering any or all of building, electrical, plumbing or fire protection work shall be \$55, with the exception of fees for minor construction work, as provided for in § 37-5 of this Code. **[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]**

C. Building subcode fees:

- (1) Minimum fee: \$55, with the exception of fees for minor construction work, as provided for in § 37-5 of this Code. **[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]**
- (2) New construction and addition fees: \$0.032 times cubic foot of volume.
- (3) Renovations, alterations and repairs: \$30 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
- (4) Demolition:
 - (a) Structures of less than 5,000 square feet and less than 30 feet in height, one- and-two family residences (R-3): \$55.
 - (b) All other use groups: \$120.
- (5) Signs: square foot surface area times \$1.25 (A double-sided sign shall be calculated based on one side.)

D. Plumbing subcode fees:

- (1) Minimum fee: \$55, with the exception of fees for minor construction work, as provided for in § 37-5 of this Code. **[Amended 4-6-2000 by Ord. No. 7-2000; 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]**
- (2) Fixtures and appliances connected to the plumbing system as listed: Water closet/bidet/urinals, bathtub, lavatory/sink, shower/floor drain, washing machine, dishwasher, commercial dishwasher, water heater, hose bibs, water cooler, garbage disposal, indirect

connection, vent stack, and drinking fountain: \$15 per fixture or appliance.

- (3) Special devices as listed: Grease traps, oil separators, water-cooled air conditioners, refrigeration units, water utility connection, sewer utility connection, backflow preventers, steam boilers, gas piping/gas service entrance, active solar systems, sewer pumps, interceptors, fuel oil piping: \$75 per special device.

E. Electrical subcode fees:

- (1) Minimum fee: \$55, with the exception of fees for minor construction work, as provided for in § 37-5 of this Code. [Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]
- (2) Switching, lighting and receptacle outlets:
 - (a) 1 to 50: \$55.
 - (b) Each additional 25: \$8.
- (3) Electrical devices/generators/transformers*
 - (a) Over 1 kilowatt to 10 kilowatts: \$15 each.
 - (b) Over 10 kilowatt to 45 kilowatts: \$55 each.
 - (c) Over 45 kilowatt to 112.5 kilowatts: \$100 each.
 - (d) Over 112 kilowatts: \$500 each.
- (4) Motors*
 - (a) Over 1 horsepower to 10 horsepower: \$15 each.
 - (b) Over 10 horsepower to 50 horsepower: \$55 each.

*Editor's Note: For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors except those in plug-in appliances shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming or generating electrical current.

- (c) Over 50 horsepower to 100 horsepower: \$100 each.
 - (d) Over 100 horsepower: \$500 each.
 - (5) Service panels/service entrance/sub panels*
 - (a) 0 to 200 amperes: \$55 each.
 - (b) 201 to 1,000 amperes: \$100 each.
 - (c) Over 1,000 amperes: \$500 each.
- F. Fire subcode fees.
- (1) Minimum fee: \$55, with the exception of fees for minor construction work, as provided for in § 37-5 of this Code. [Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]
 - (2) Alarms/supervisory/signaling:
 - (a) First 20: \$75.
 - (b) Each additional 80: \$75.
 - (3) Wet and dry sprinkler heads:
 - (a) 1 to 20: \$75.
 - (b) 21 to 100: \$140.
 - (c) 101 to 200: \$230.
 - (d) 201 to 400: \$600.
 - (e) 401 to 1,000: \$850.
 - (f) Over 1,000: \$1,100.
 - (4) Standpipes: \$229.
 - (5) Pre-engineered systems:
 - (a) Wet chemical: \$100.

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- (b) Dry chemical: \$100.
 - (c) CO₂ suppression: \$100.
 - (d) Foam suppression: \$100.
 - (e) Halon suppression: \$100.
 - (6) Kitchen hood exhaust system: \$55.
 - (7) Smoke control system: \$55.
 - (8) Gas- or oil-fired appliance: \$55.
 - (9) Incinerator or crematorium: \$400.
- G. Certificate of occupancy:
- (1) For new construction: \$50.
 - (2) Continued certificate of occupancy: \$30.
 - (3) Certificate of approval: \$25.
- H. Variations.
- (1) Variation/application fee.
 - (a) Class I structure: \$60.
 - (b) Class II structure: \$30.
 - (c) Class III structure: \$15.
 - (2) Variation application resubmission fee.
 - (a) Class I structure: \$30.
 - (b) Class II structure: \$15.
 - (c) Class III structure: \$8.

§ 37-5. Fees for minor work. [Added 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002; amended 7-9-2007 by Ord. No. 018-2007]

Fees for minor construction work shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be computed as a unit rate of \$35 per \$500 of estimated cost or fraction thereof.

¹ Editor's Note: Former § 37-5, Biannual fee recommendations, was repealed 11-2-1989 by Ord. No. 8-1989.

Minor construction work shall mean and include any and all definitions and descriptions as provided in the Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey (UCC), Chapter 5:23-2.17A(c); and shall include the installation of ground fault electrical receptacles and fixtures as in accordance with UCC 5:23-2.17A(c)3., the erection of a shed or like structure of less than 200 square feet, and installation of hard-wired smoke detectors. All minor construction work shall be inspected in accordance with UCC 5:23-2.17A(d).

§ 37-6. (Reserved)²

§ 37-7. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

² Editor's Note: Former § 37-6, Surcharge fee, was repealed 11-2-1989 by Ord. No. 8-1989.