

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey
#O-23 -2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN FEES FOR UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODE UNDER §37-4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER
CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Gloucester City ("City") is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the City by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-28, municipalities under the general law of the State of New Jersey may employ services and facilities for more effective, efficient, and adequate provision of services if and when municipalities may deem it desirable to do so and municipalities are and shall remain the broad repository of local police power in terms of the right and power to legislate for the general health, safety and welfare of their residents.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-130, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and establish certain Construction Code Fees in accordance with the standards published by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gloucester City desire to amended certain Construction Code Fees as authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 37, specifically, §37-4, entitled Fees, is hereby amended as follows:

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. There shall be no fees for municipal construction projects concerning building, plumbing, fire or electrical permits.

- A. Plan Review Fee. The fee for plan review shall be 25% of the amount that would be charged for the construction permit. Plan review fees are nonrefundable.
[Amended 5-18-2017 by Ord. No. O13-2017]

- 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 \$70.
[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002; 4-25-2019 by Ord. No. O05-2019]

C. Building Subcode Fees:

[Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]

- (1) Minimum fee: \$70.
[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]
- (2) New construction and addition fees: \$0.05 times cubic feet of volume.
- (3) The fees for renovations, alterations and repairs shall be based upon the total cost of the work. The fee shall be computed as a unit rate of \$45 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
[Amended 11-25-2014 by Ord. No. O24-2014; 4-23-2015 by Ord. No. O05-2015]
 - (a) The minimum fee for solar panels shall be \$275 per building.
[Added 5-18-2017 by Ord. No. O13-2017]
- (4) Demolition:
[Amended 4-25-2013 by Ord. No. O05-2013]
 - (a) Residential \$275.
 - (b) All other use groups: Computed as alteration \$45 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
- (5) Signs: square foot surface area times \$6. (A double-sided sign shall be calculated based on one side.)
- (6) Pools: in-ground \$175; above-ground \$85.
- (7) All other types of construction will be computed as alterations.
- (8) There shall be no fees for residential ramps in R3 and R5 uses.
[Added 3-16-2011 by Ord. No. O04-2011]
- (9) Asbestos abatement:
[Added 4-25-2013 by Ord. No. O05-2013]
 - (a) Residential \$300.
 - (b) All other use groups: Computed as alteration \$45 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
- (10) Fences:
[Added 5-22-2014 by Ord. No. O08-2014]
 - (a) Commercial building fences shall be calculated by linear foot times \$1.75 with a minimum fee of \$70.
 - (b) Residential pool barrier with a four-foot minimum height and residential fences over six feet shall be the minimum permit fee of \$70.
- (11) The fee for a permit for lead hazard abatement work shall be \$200.
[Added 11-25-2014 by Ord. No. O24-2014]

D. Plumbing Subcode Fees:

[Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]

- (1) Minimum fee: \$70.
[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: \$25 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: \$100 per special device.
- (4) For cross connections and backflow preventers that are subject to annual retesting, the fee shall be \$70 for each device.
[Added 11-25-2014 by Ord. No. O24-2014]

E. Electrical Subcode Fees:

[Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]

- (1) Minimum fee: \$70.
[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]
- (2) Switching, lighting and receptacle outlets:
 - (a) 1 to 50: \$75.
 - (b) Each additional 25: \$15.
- (3) Electrical devices/generators/transformers:
 - (a) Over 1 kilowatt to 10 kilowatts: \$25 each.
 - (b) Over 10 kilowatts to 45 kilowatts: \$75 each.
 - (c) Over 45 kilowatts to 112.5 kilowatts: \$145 each.
 - (d) Over 112 kilowatts: \$650 each.
- (4) Motors:^[1]
 - (a) Over 1 horsepower to 10 horsepower: \$25 each.
 - (b) Over 10 horsepower to 50 horsepower: \$75 each.
 - (c) Over 50 horsepower to 100 horsepower: \$145 each.
 - (d) Over 100 horsepower: \$650 each.

[1]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.

- (5) Service panels/service entrance/sub panels^[2]
 - (a) 0 to 200 amperes: \$75 each.
 - (b) 201 to 1,000 amperes: \$145 each.
 - (c) Over 1,000 amperes: \$650 each.

[2]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.

- (6) For photovoltaic systems, the fee shall be based on the designated kilowatt rating of the solar photovoltaic system as follows:
[Added 3-16-2011 by Ord. No. O04-2011]
 - (a) One to 50 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$275;
 - (b) Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$350; and
 - (c) Greater than 100 kilowatts shall be \$1,000.

F. Fire Subcode Fees.

[Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]

- (1) Minimum fee: \$70.
[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]
- (2) Alarms/supervisory/signaling:

- (a) First 20: \$100.
 - (b) Each additional 80: \$100.
 - (3) Wet and dry sprinkler heads:
 - (a) 1 to 20: \$100.
 - (b) 21 to 100: \$200.
 - (c) 101 to 200: \$300.
 - (d) 201 to 400: \$800.
 - (e) 401 to 1,000: \$1,200.
 - (f) Over 1,000: \$1500.
 - (4) Standpipes: \$300.
 - (5) Pre-engineered systems:
 - (a) Wet chemical: \$145.
 - (b) Dry chemical: \$145.
 - (c) CO₂ suppression: \$145.
 - (d) Foam suppression: \$145.
 - (e) Halon suppression: \$145.
 - (6) Kitchen hood exhaust system: \$75.
 - (7) Smoke control system: \$75.
 - (8) Gas-or oil-fired appliance: \$75.
 - (9) Incinerator or crematorium: \$600.
 - (10) Solar System \$70.
- G. Mechanical Subcode Fees.
 [Added 4-25-2019 by Ord. No. O05-2019^[3]; amended 6-18-2020 by Ord. No. O05-2020]
 - (1) Minimum fee: \$70.
 - (2) \$25 per fixture for gas piping connections and fuel oil piping connections.
 - (3) Special devices as listed: steam boilers, hot water boilers, hot air furnace, oil tank, LPG tank, fireplace, generator, gas piping, fuel oil piping, central air conditioning, chimney liner, \$100 per special device.

[3] *Editor's Note: This ordinance also provided for the renumbering of the remaining subsections in this section.*


- H. Certificate of occupancy:
 [Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010; 3-16-2011 by Ord. No. O04-2011]
 - (1) For new construction: \$150 R3, R5 — all others 10% of cost of permit with a \$150 minimum.
 - (2) Continued certificate of occupancy: \$190.
- I. Variations.
 [Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]
 - (1) Variation/application fee.
 - (a) Class I structure: \$85.
 - (b) Class II structure: \$45.
 - (c) Class III structure: \$25.
 - (2) Variation application resubmission fee.
 - (a) Class I structure: \$45.
 - (b) Class II structure: \$25.
 - (c) Class III structure: \$20

Section 2: All prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of

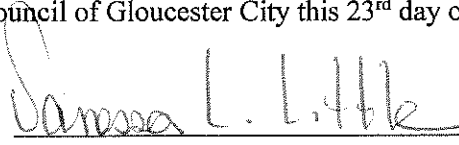
this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.


Dayl Baile, Mayor

Passed on First Reading: September 25, 2023.

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 23rd day of October, 2023.


Vanessa L. Little, RMC, City Clerk