

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. There shall be no fees for municipal construction projects concerning building, plumbing, fire or electrical permits. [Amended 3-16-2011 by Ord. No. 004-2011]

- A. Plan review fee. The fee for plan review shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount that would be charged for the construction permit. Plan review fees are non-refundable. [Amended 5-18-2017 by Ord. No. 013-2017]

- 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 \$55. **[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]**
- C. Building subcode fees: **[Amended 5-27-2010 by Ord. No. O10-2010]**
- (1) Minimum fee: \$65. **[Amended 9-5-2002 by Ord. No. 19-2002]**
 - (2) New construction and addition fees: \$0.04 times cubic feet of volume.
 - (3) The fees for renovations, alterations, solar installations, and repairs shall be based upon the total cost of the work. The fee shall be computed as a unit rate of \$38. 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 \$250. per building. **[Added 5-18-2017 by Ord. No. O13-2017]**
 - (4) Demolition: **[Amended 4-25-2013 by Ord. No. O05-2013]**
 - (a) Residential \$250.
 - (b) All other use groups: Computed as alteration \$38. per \$1,000. of estimated cost.
 - (5) Signs: square foot surface area times \$5. (A double-sided sign shall be calculated based on one side.)
 - (6) Pools—inground \$150.; above ground \$75.
 - (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 \$250.
 - (b) All other use groups: Computed as alteration \$38. 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 \$1.50 with a minimum fee of \$65.
 - (b) Residential pool barrier with a 4 foot minimum height and residential fences over 6 feet shall be the minimum permit fee of \$65.
 - (11) The fee for a permit for lead hazard abatement work shall be \$176. [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: \$65. [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: \$19. 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: \$94. per special device.