

City of Hickory
FY26-27
Proposed Fee Schedule

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY FY26-27 FEE SCHEDULE		FY 26-27
I. GENERAL INSPECTION FEES		
The frequency rate of inspections are based upon the minimum inspection schedule required by the NC Fire Code. Operational permits required by the NC Fire Code will be included with the inspection report. Departure from that type of operation would require another inspection. Operations or processes listed in the Fee Schedule as a Special Operational Use Permit are not included with the general inspection fees. The various general inspection fees are as follows:		
Twelve Month Inspection		
The following occupancies are to be inspected once every year.		
Assembly (per building listed)	\$	112.00
Day Care Facility	\$	112.00
Hazardous	\$	277.00
High Rise	\$	379.00
Institutional/Other than Hospital	\$	112.00
Institutional/Hospital	\$	379.00
Educational/Public Schools	\$	112.00
Residential (per building listed)	\$	112.00
Residential Care/Assisted Living Facility (Group R-4)	\$	112.00
Apartment Complex		
Ten Buildings or Less	\$	112.00
Eleven to Twenty Buildings	\$	155.00
More Than Twenty Buildings	\$	194.00
*Apartment Complex - includes interior common areas, community rooms, offices, laundry rooms, etc.		
Twenty-four Month Inspection		
The following occupancies are to be inspected every two years.		
Factory Industrial	\$	226.00
Factory/Industrial (10 or less tenants)	\$	287.00
Factory/Industrial (more than 10 tenants)	\$	472.00
Educational/Private School	\$	112.00
Thirty-six Month Inspection		
The following occupancies are to be inspected every three years.		
Assembly (occupant load less than 100)	\$	133.00
Assembly (occupant load less than 50)	\$	133.00
Business (per building listed)	\$	133.00
Mercantile	\$	133.00
Storage Warehouse	\$	194.00
Storage Auto Repair	\$	194.00
Outside Mini Storage (without office)		No Charge
Churches/Synagogues	\$	112.00
Multi-Tenant Building		
Business (10 or less tenants)	\$	194.00
Business (more than 10 tenants)	\$	379.00
Mercantile (10 or less tenants)	\$	194.00
Mercantile (more than 10 tenants)	\$	379.00
Storage (10 or less tenants)	\$	255.00
Storage (more than 10 tenants)	\$	441.00
Other Not Listed		
Buildings not fitting into one of the other general inspection fees will be classified as Other Not Listed. Based upon the degree of hazards the inspection will be valid for either 12, 24, or 36 months.		
Twelve Month Inspection	\$	112.00
Twenty-four Month Inspection	\$	133.00
Thirty-six Month Inspection	\$	155.00
The issuance of an operational or construction permit from the Division of Fire & Life Safety does not relieve the applicant of any permits required by the Catawba County Building Services Department for installation, repair, alteration or modification to a structure, system, or equipment.		

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II. SPECIAL OPERATIONAL USE PERMITS		
Operational permits are required by the NC Fire Code to conduct the following types of operations. A permit fee will be charged for the following Special Operational Use Permits. These permits are not attached to normal procedures and are not covered under a general inspection fee or Fire Department Construction Permit. Tents and air supported structures requiring a construction permit will be included with the Special Operational Use Permit.		
Blasting Permit:		
30 day permit	\$	155.00
2 day permit (48 hours)	\$	102.00
Burning Permit		
Commercial	\$	71.00
Residential		No Charge
Exhibit and Trade Show	\$	71.00
Festivals (<i>fairs, carnivals, etc.</i>)		
Large Festival:	\$	286.00
<i>Festival with an attendance of more than 6,000 on any given day</i>		
<i>Outdoor circus or carnival</i>		
Small Festival:	\$	71.00
<i>Festival with an attendance of 6,000 or less each day</i>		
<i>Indoor circus or carnival</i>		
Firework/Pyrotechnic Display (<i>per display</i>)	\$	163.00
Fumigation or Thermal Insecticidal Fogging	\$	71.00
Special Amusement Building	\$	71.00
Tent or Air Supported Structures	\$	71.00
Tent, Structure or Stand for Fireworks Sales		
30 day permit	\$	703.00
14 day permit	\$	352.00
Other Not Listed	\$	71.00
<i>After Hours Inspection (inspections conducted outside of normal work hours)</i>	\$	100.00
*Late Application Fee	\$	100.00
*A late application fee will be added to Special Operational Use Permits if the application and required paperwork is not received 30 days prior to the inspection date of the event, except firework/pyrotechnic displays shall be received 45 days prior to the event. If inspection is scheduled and not cancelled before inspector arrives the fee will be charged.		

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III. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION PERMITS		
Construction permits are required by the NC Fire Code to install or modify the following systems or equipment. A permit fee will be charged for the following Fire Dept. Construction Permits. Any person that commences any work before obtaining the necessary permit will be charged a work without permit fee or double the permit fee, whichever is more, and subject to civil citations and being reported to the NC State Board of Examiners.		
Automatic Fire-Suppression System		
Installation	\$	94.00
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Automatic Sprinkler System		
Installation (\$150.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$	0.023
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Standpipe System (Not part of a sprinkler system)		
Installation	\$	94.000
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Fire Alarm and Detection System		
(Includes devices tied into fire alarm system)		
Installation (\$150.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$	0.023
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Radio Coverage System (BDA System)		
Installation (\$150.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$	0.023
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Door Locking Devices (Access-controlled egress, delayed egress, lockdown hardware & special locking devices) additional \$5.00 per device.		
Installation	\$	94.00
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Two-way Communication System (Area of Rescue Assistance)		
Installation	\$	94.00
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Fire Pumps and Related Equipment		
Installation	\$	94.00
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Private Fire Hydrants		
(Initial fee for one hydrant additional \$5 per hydrant)		
Installation	\$	94.00
Renovation/Modification	\$	80.00
Compressed Gas Systems (Amounts exceed those listed in Table 105.6.9)		
Install, Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service, or Close	\$	80.00
Flammable and Combustible Liquids Storage Tanks		
* Tank Installation- (per tank)	\$	94.00
Removal or Place out of Service- (per tank)	\$	94.00
Fuel dispensing equipment installation or replacement		
Hazardous Material Facility or Other Area	\$	35.00
Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service, or Close areas regulated by Chapter 27 when amounts listed in Table 105.6.21 are exceeded.		
	\$	94.00
*If electrical circuitry is involved, an electrical permit must also be obtained from the Catawba County Building Services Department.		
Work Without Permit Fee	\$	272.00
Re-inspections due to work not being finished, corrections not being completed, or failure to cancel an inspection.		
	\$	50.00

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS TESTS, INSPECTIONS, AND SERVICES		
Residential (Group R-3)	\$	62.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$	126.00
Special Inspection (Conducted during normal work hours)	\$	71.00
Special Inspection (Requested by contractor outside normal work hours) (per hour)	\$	141.00
Stand-by Firefighter (3 hour minimum) (per hour)	\$	45.00
Reimbursement cost for stand-by fire protection services due to hazardous materials incidents, pyrotechnic displays, or other emergencies.		
Apparatus: Engine, Rescue or Ladder (per hour)	\$	250.00
Incident Commander (3 hour minimum) (per hour)	\$	60.00
Incident supplies, fuel, overtime cost for staffing		Replacement Cost
Re-inspection fees will be charged to the occupant/applicant beyond the first re-inspection when conducting inspections for fire code violations that have not been corrected.		
Second non-compliance re-inspection fee	\$	50.00
Third non-compliance re-inspection will be issued a Notice of Violation plus fees	\$	100.00
Fourth and subsequent non-compliance re-inspection will be issued Civil Citations (See fees below)		
Civil Citations		
First Offense (Per offense)	\$	50.00
Second - Fourth Offense (Per offense)	\$	100.00
Fifth - Tenth Offense (Per offense)	\$	250.00
Eleventh Offense and beyond within twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the date of violation months preceding the date of violation	\$	500.00
Violations of Occupancy Limits:		
First Offense (Per violation)	\$	100.00
Second Offense (Per violation)	\$	250.00
Third and any Subsequent Offenses (Per violation)	\$	500.00
Violations consisting of exit accesses, exits or exit discharges being obstructed or impediments to their full instant use:		
First Offense (Per violation)	\$	100.00
Second Offense (Per violation)	\$	250.00
Third and any Subsequent Offenses (Per violation)	\$	500.00
All civil citation charges and other required fees shall be paid in full within 72 hours. Failure to make payment in full will result in additional fines assessed in the amount of \$50.00 per day for an additional 72 hours. Failure to pay all charges in full within this time period will result in further action determined by the authority having jurisdiction.		