

VENTURA COUNTY BUILDING AND SAFETY FEE SCHEDULE

Effective: August 16, 2010

Fees for permits and services rendered pursuant to the Ventura County Building Code (VCBC) shall be paid to the Division of Building and Safety as set forth in the following schedule.

Permit applications for construction projects which have been accepted by Building and Safety for processing and/or plan review, and for which required processing and plan review fees, if any, have been paid prior to the effective date of this schedule, shall be entitled to permit issuance under the fee schedule prevailing prior to the effective date, provided, however, that such permits are obtained prior to expiration of the application therefore.

A. PERMIT ISSUANCE FEE

1. Single Permit. For the issuance of each building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or special permit* \$35.30
2. Combination Permit. For the issuance of a combination permit wherein building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work or any combination thereof is included on a single permit application, the fee shall be \$35.30 for the first permit type and \$17.70 for each additional permit type.
3. Minimum Permit Fee. For any permit, the total of the issuance fee plus itemized charges shall be not less than \$53.00

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B. BUILDING PERMIT FEES

1. Issuance Fee (when applicable)
See Item "A" above.
2. Building plus Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Fees. Refer to the Ventura County Building Code, Article 2, Chapter 1, Section 108.3 for general information pertaining to Table 1-A below. Valuations for computing Permit Fees shall be taken from the Standard Valuation Tables, which may be adjusted annually by the Building Official.*

TABLE 1-A BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Total Valuation	Fee
\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$38.10
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$38.10 for the first \$500.00 plus \$5.10 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.
\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$114.60 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$22.10 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00.
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$622.90 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$15.80 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$1,017.90 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$11.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$1,567.90 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$8.80 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$5,087.90 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$7.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00.
\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$8,837.90 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$5.20 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

3. Structural Plan Review. When a plan or other data is required to be submitted for checking, the plan review fee for each building or structure shall be 85% of the building permit fee as shown in Table I-A except as otherwise specified by Article 2, Chapter 1, Section 108.2.1 in the VCBC.
4. Energy Conservation. For the review of C.C.R. Title 24 requirements for energy conservation, the fee shall be equal to 8% of the plan review fee and 8% of the building permit fee.

D. FEES FOR SERVICES

No permit issuance fee is applicable to the charges for services listed within this Section D.

1. Appeals Hearing. For each application for a hearing before an appeals board established pursuant to provisions of the Ventura County Building Code.
Owner-occupied Single Family Dwelling \$485.00
All other appeals \$1367.00
2. Cancellation. For processing a refund of fees pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 1, Section 108.7 of the VCBC \$44.10
3. Structural or Fire and Life Safety Review, Change of Occupancy or Change of Tenant. For the inspection of existing buildings or portions thereof and the preparation of necessary reports for the issuing of a Certificate of Occupancy \$176.00
4. Copy Service. For providing copies of documents, diagrams, tables, and other data, the fee shall be as prescribed by County Ordinance No. 4339.
5. Moved Building. Investigation. For preliminary investigation and processing of applications for moving permits pursuant to provisions of the VCBC within Ventura County \$176.00
For buildings located outside Ventura County \$446.00
6. Records Update. For reissuing a Certificate of Occupancy; or for revising permits and related documents when a change in the owner or contractor of record is requested \$61.90
7. Reinspections. For excess inspections of building, plumbing, mechanical, or electrical\$91.40
8. Special Inspector Certificate of Registration. Application review and approval; Certificates of Registration. A separate application for each certificate of registration is required. Certificate of Registration shall expire annually on June 30, and may be renewed by request upon payment of an annual renewal fee.

Original application and certificate \$267.00
Annual renewal and recertification \$88.20
9. Release of Noncompliance Notice. For processing a Release of Noncompliance Notice pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 1,

	Section 115.2 of the VCBC	\$200.00
10.	Surety/Bond Release	\$254.00
11.	Temporary or Partial Certificate of Occupancy	\$242.00
12.	Service Rates. For the performance of services for which no fee is herein prescribed:	
	Inspection, per hour	\$78.00
	Minimum inspection charge, ½ hour	\$39.00
	Plan review, per hour	\$140.00
	Minimum plan review charge, ½ hour	\$70.00
	Records/clerical service, per hour.....	\$40.00
	Minimum charge, ½ hour	\$20.00
	Inspection outside of working hours, per hour.....	\$126.75
	(min. 4 hours)	
	For use of outside consultants for plan review	Actual Costs¹
13.	Investigation Fee for work completed without a permit shall be equal to the permit fee.	
14.	Engineering and field technical support for Code Compliance Enforcement Cases shall be charged at the current County Contract hourly rates of the personnel consulting on the case.	
15.	Address assignments, per address.....	\$93.10
16.	Owner requested address change.....	\$93.10
17.	Addressing for tracts.....	\$176.00
18.	Records Research. Research of records for other than the property owner - per address (copying costs shall be in addition to the research charge) \$40.00 per hour (with a minimum charge of one-half hour)	
19.	Review of Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction. For investigation of alternate materials and methods of construction related to building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical materials, components or equipment, fees shall be charged at the current County Contract hourly rates for the personnel involved in the investigation.	

¹ Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.

20. Pre-Plan Check Inspection of an existing building or site in advance of plan check and permit issuance in accordance with VCBC 109.2.....\$176.00

21. Test Reports.

For investigation and review of test reports submitted from approved testing agencies for building materials, components or equipment to show conformance with the provisions of the Ventura County Building Code and other recognized and accepted standards, the fee shall be charged at the current County Contract hourly rates for the personnel involved in the review.

22. Witness Fees:

For Depositions, court appearances, analysis of records where the County is not a party to the action (Gov't Code Sec. 68096.1)

(a) Witness fee deposit for first scheduled day of testimony plus applicable expenses per state law.....\$150.00

(b) For each subsequent scheduled day of testimony, plus applicable expenses per State law, witness fees shall be charged at the current County Contract hourly rates of the personnel testifying in the case.

E. ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

1. Issuance Fee (when applicable) \$35.30
See Item "A" above.

2. Temporary Electrical Service.

(a) Temporary power pole or pedestal and related equipment.\$53.60

(b) Temporary power distribution system for a construction site.
Up to and including 200 amperes \$53.60
Over 200 amperes: \$53.60 plus \$3.40 for each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof in excess of 200 amperes.

(c) For inspection prior to energizing an electrical service to test equipment pending completion of a structure\$176.00

3. Electrical Service, 0-600 volts.

Up to and including 400 amperes \$53.60
Over 400 amperes: \$53.60 plus \$8.40 for each additional 100 amperes or fraction thereof in excess of 400 amperes.

4. Electrical Service or Substation over 600 volts.

- Up to and including 1000 amperes \$176.00
 Over 1000 amp: \$169.40 plus \$51.60 per 1000
 amperes or fraction thereof in excess of 1000.
- 5. Residential Photovoltaic or Wind-Generated Electrical Service* \$93.10
- 6. Electrical Service Restoration.
 For inspection prior to reactivation of an electrical service..... \$73.60
- 7. System Fee Schedule. The following rates shall apply to new construction and additions. Fees include wiring, fixtures, and equipment associated with a single phase system of general lighting, receptacles, and power apparatus rated less than one horsepower, when installed in or upon the occupancies listed herein.

Building Use Rate/Sq. Ft

- Manufacturing or assembly plants, factories;
 Hospitals and convalescent hospitals \$0.81
- Drinking and dining establishments;
 Wholesale and retail stores;
 Vehicle service stations and canopies;
 Repair garages \$0.17
- Hotels, motels;
 Office buildings;
 Churches, theaters, assembly buildings;
 Nursing homes and sanitariums;
 Schools \$0.81
- Dwellings, single and Multi-family;
 apartments, condominiums, townhouses \$0.81
- Residential garages, carports, accessory buildings;
 Commercial parking garages \$0.34
- Warehouses; aircraft hangars where no repair work is
 done, up to and including 5,000 sq. ft \$0.34
 Over 5,000 sq. ft.: \$166.00
 plus \$.017 per sq. ft. in excess of 5,000.
- Agricultural greenhouses \$0.18
- Any occupancy not listed \$0.99
- 8. Unit Fee Schedule. Unit fees are applicable to electrical work not covered by the System Fee Schedule in Item E-7 above.

Subpanel.....	\$45.20
Receptacle, switch, or lighting outlet, first 20, each	\$1.66
Receptacle, switch, or lighting outlet, additional, each.....	\$1.09
Multi-outlet receptacle or lighting assembly, per lineal foot.....	\$0.80
Pole or platform-mounted light fixture	\$11.70
Theatrical-type lighting fixture, each	\$1.66
Fixed appliance, not over 1 kw rating.....	\$8.40
Power apparatus. For each motor, generator, transformer, rectifier, commercial/industrial heating device, blower, and similar item of equipment:	
Equipment rating in Hp, Kw, Kva, or Fraction thereof	
0-10, each	\$23.50
Over 10 and not over 50, each	\$47.30
Over 50 and not over 100, each	\$72.80
Over 100, each.....	\$109.00
NOTE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For equipment or appliances having more than one motor, transformer, heater, etc., the sum of such power ratings shall determine the total fee for the unit. • The fee for power apparatus shall include switches, circuit breakers, contactors, thermostats, relays and directly related control devices. 	
Air conditioning unit, per ton	\$11.70
Illuminated signs, outline lighting and marquees	\$60.40
Swimming pool or spa wiring.	
Private pool, spa, or pool/spa combined	\$72.10
Public pool, spa, or pool/spa combined.....	\$121.00
Overhead power line.	
Wiring, support, and anchorage; per pole	\$26.30
Underground conduit installation.	
Rough-in for future subfeed; per conduit run.....	\$16.30
Busways, per 100 feet or fraction thereof	\$23.50

- 9. Electrical Maintenance Permit \$176.00
- 10. Hourly Electrical Inspection Fee. For the inspection of electrical work for which a permit is required but no fee is herein prescribed:
 - Inspection, per hour \$91.00
 - Minimum charge, ½ hour \$45.50
 - Plan Review per hour..... \$91.00
 - Minimum charge, ½ hour \$45.50
 - Inspection outside of working hours, per hour..... \$126.75**
(min. 4 hours)
- 11. Electrical Plan Review Fee. A plan review fee equal to 85% of the electrical permit fee shall be applicable to all occupancies as defined in the VCBC.

EXCEPTIONS: (a) Group R and Group U occupancies with an electrical service not over 400 amperes in size; (b) work in any occupancy when electrical plans are not required to be submitted.
- 12. Miscellaneous apparatus, conduits and conductors for electrical apparatus, conduits and conductors for which a permit is required but for which no fee is herein set forth \$26.70

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F. PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

- 1. Issuance Fee (when applicable) \$35.30
See Item "A" above.
- 2. System Fee Schedule.
Use the Unit Fee Schedule in Item 3 below to determine additional charges for plumbing work not specified in this System Fee Schedule.

Swimming pool and spa plumbing.

 - Residential gas, water, drainage heater and vent piping \$109.00
 - Commercial pool and spa equipment..... \$134.00

Solar water heating system, including collectors, piping, tanks, and valves.

 - Domestic (potable) water heating..... \$63.20
 - Swimming pool/spa heating \$63.20

3. Unit Fee Schedule. Unit fees are applicable to all plumbing work not covered by the System Fee Schedule in Item 2 above.

Plumbing fixture, trap or set of fixtures on one trap (including water, drainage piping, and backflow protection).....	\$14.40
Combination waste/vent systems	\$171.00
Installation of building supply piping and/or a water piping system within a building	\$18.30
Medium or high pressure gas piping system of one (1) to five (5) outlets	\$66.60
Six (6) outlets or more, per outlet	\$3.60
Low pressure gas piping system of one (1) to five (5) outlets	\$18.30
Six (6) outlets or more, per outlet	\$3.60
Earthquake shut-off valve	\$14.40
Fuel oil piping serving domestic, commercial or industrial appliances regulated by the Uniform Mechanical Code	\$18.30
Medical gas system 1-5 inlets and outlets	\$73.60
Each additional.....	\$7.50
Chemical waste systems	\$42.60
Miscellaneous	
For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Plumbing Code by not classed in other appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed.....	\$14.40
Medical vacuum system, per station.....	\$7.50
Water heater and/or vent	\$18.30
Circulating pumps for hot water	\$14.40
Installation of water treating equipment (Water softener)	\$14.40
Building sewer or mobilehome sewer	
Not over 200 feet in length	\$47.30
Over 200 feet in length.....	\$95.60
Private sewage disposal system	
(Contact the Environmental Health Division for Sewage Disposal System Fees)	
Abandoning septic system	\$95.60
Repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping	
For each fixture, building drain, or branch line	\$7.00
Repair or alteration of water piping, each fixture.....	\$7.00

Lawn sprinkler system on one meter, including backflow prevention devices.

Residential system	\$21.70
Non-residential system.....	\$60.40

Vacuum breaker or backflow prevention device.

One (1) to four (4)	\$18.30
Five (5) or more, each.....	\$3.10

Grease traps, each

Industrial/Commercial waste interceptor,
including trap and vent.....

Industrial waste sample well, each

Rainwater piping system per drain (inside building).....

Radiant heat piping system.....

Backwater valve, each

Graywater systems

Residential

4. Plumbing Maintenance Permit.....

Reconnection of gas service.....

5. Hourly Plumbing Inspection Fee. For the inspection of plumbing work for which a permit is required but no fee is herein prescribed:

Inspection, per hour

Minimum charge, ½ hour

Plan review, per hour.....

Minimum charge, ½ hour

Inspection outside of working hours, per hour.....
(min. 4 hours)

6. Plumbing Plan Review Fee. A plan review fee equal to 85% of the plumbing permit fee shall be applicable to all occupancies as defined in the VCBC.

EXCEPTION: Work in any occupancy when plumbing plans are not required to be submitted.

G. MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

1. Issuance Fee (when applicable)

See Item "A" above.

2. Unit Fee Schedule.

Unit fees are applicable to individual items of mechanical equipment.

Replacement swimming pool heaters	\$24.90
Heating appliance	\$24.90
Fireplace flue	\$18.30
Flue or vent serving a heating appliance	\$18.30
Dryer vent	\$18.30

Duct System:

Supply and return air ducts attached to a comfort heating or cooling appliance. Per square foot of conditioned area (min. \$13.70)	\$0.18
Air conditioning system	\$24.90
Combination heating/cooling unit (Central System) (Heat Pump)....	\$43.40
Air inlet and outlet registry, each.....	\$4.40
Comfort cooling unit, absorption unit, or module thereof	\$28.70
Alteration of an existing duct system	\$18.30
Cooling tower and related piping	\$18.30
Evaporative cooling unit, including attached ducts and outlets	\$18.30
Incidental gas piping or electrical wiring to connect any heating, comfort cooling, or evaporative cooling unit to an existing gas piping, or electrical wiring system (each).....	\$18.30
Air handling or ventilation unit, including attached ducts and outlets.	
Unit and one outlet	\$15.70
Additional outlets, each	\$4.20
Repair alteration or addition to heating appliances	\$20.30
Ventilation system not a part of heating or cooling system.....	\$15.80
Garage ventilation systems.....	\$64.60
Variable air volume (VAV) boxes, each	\$18.30
Residential-type vent fan and duct.....	\$10.70
Commercial hood and related ducts, fan or blower, each	\$64.60

Boilers, Compressors and Absorption Systems

For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor to and including 3 horsepower (10.6 kW), or each absorption system to and including 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW)	\$21.60
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For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 3 horsepower (10.6 kW), to and including 15 horsepower (52.7 kW), or each

absorption system over 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW) to and including 500,000 Btu/h (146.6 kW) \$39.90

For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 15 horsepower (52.7 kW), to and including 30 horsepower (105.5 kW), or each absorption system over 500,000 Btu/h (146.6 kW) to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h (293.1 kW) \$54.90

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/h (512.9 kW) \$81.60

For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 50 horsepower (176 kW), or each absorption system over 1,750,000 Btu/h (512.9 kW) \$136.00

Wood burning stoves \$24.90

Metal chimney or flue serving a boiler..... \$ 13.20

Appliance vents \$10.70

Commercial or industrial incinerator..... \$132.00

Metal chimney serving a commercial or industrial incinerator \$13.20

Kilns \$39.90

Fire damper
 1-4 dampers: each 26.30
 Over 4: each \$7.50

Process Piping

When Chapter 14 of the California Mechanical Code is applicable, permit fees for process piping shall be as follows:

For each hazardous process piping system (HPP) of one to four outlets \$7.50

For each piping system of five or more outlets, per outlet \$1.60

For each non-hazardous process piping system (NPP) of one to four outlets \$2.90

For each piping system of five or more outlets, per outlet \$0.79

Miscellaneous

For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the Mechanical Code but not covered in other appliance categories. or for which no fee is listed herein \$15.70

3. Mechanical Maintenance Permit..... \$176.00

4. Hourly Mechanical Inspection Fee.

For the inspection of mechanical work for which a permit is required but no fee is herein prescribed:

Inspection, per hour \$91.00

Minimum charge, ½ hour \$45.50

Plan Review, per hour..... \$91.00

Minimum charge, ½ hour \$45.50

**Inspection outside working hours, per hour \$126.75
(min. 4 hours)**

5. Mechanical Plan Review Fee.

A plan review fee equal to 85% of the mechanical permit fee shall be applicable to all occupancies as defined in the VCBC.

EXCEPTION: Work in any occupancy when mechanical plans are not required to be submitted.