

Building Permit Fee Schedule — Quick Reference

EXHIBIT "A"

White, GA — Building & Development Services | Effective November 2026

SECTION 1 — HOW TO FIGURE YOUR FEE

- Step 1** Find the project in the "Common Project Fees" table (Section 3). If it has a FLAT FEE, that is the permit fee — stop here.
- Step 2** If the project is NOT listed as a flat fee, measure (or estimate) the total square footage of the work area. Use that number in the Permit Fee Table in Section 2.
- Step 3** Look up the permit fee in the 'Permit Fee Table' (Section 2) using the project's square footage and development type.
- Step 4** Add the Plan Review Fee from Section 4.
- Step 5** Add any Trade Permit fees (Section 5) for electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or gas work.

Not sure about the square footage? Measure length x width of the area being built or renovated. For new construction, use the total conditioned floor area.

SECTION 2 — PERMIT FEE TABLE

Find the project's square footage and development type. The fee shown is your permit fee.

Occupancy Group	1	2	3	4
Assembly (A)	\$0.55/sq ft	\$0.45/sq ft	\$0.50 sq ft	\$0.50 sq ft
Business (B)	\$0.45 sq ft	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational (E)	\$0.50 sq ft	N/A	N/A	N/A
Factory and Industrial (F)	\$0.30 sq ft	\$0.30 sq ft	N/A	N/A
High Hazard (H)	\$0.30 sq ft	N/A	N/A	N/A
Institutional (I)	\$0.45 sq ft	\$0.55 sq ft	\$0.50 sq ft	\$0.45 sq ft
Mercantile/Retail (M)	\$0.35 sq ft	N/A	N/A	N/A
Residential (R)	\$0.45 sq ft	\$0.45 sq ft	\$0.35 sq ft	\$0.45 sq ft
Storage (S)	\$0.25 sq ft	\$0.25 sq ft	N/A	N/A

Minimum fees: Residential \$175 | Commercial \$225 | Industrial \$300 | Institutional \$500*

OCCUPANCY GROUPS QUICK REFERENCE

Residential	R-1 (Hotels/Motels)	R-2 (Multifamily/Apartments)	R-3 (Single/Two-Family)	R-4 (Assisted Living)
Commercial	A-1 (Theaters)	A-2 (Nightclubs/Restaurants)	A-3 (Churches/Community Halls/Libraries/Museums)	A-4 (Arenas)
Industrial	F-1 (Factory Moderate Hazard)	F-2 (Factory Low Hazard)	S-1 (Storage Moderate)	S-2 (Storage Low)
Institutional	I-1 (Supervised Care)	I-2 (Hospitals/Nursing Homes)	I-3 (Detention)	I-4 (Day Care)

SECTION 3 — COMMON PROJECT FEES

If the project is listed below, use the flat fee shown — no calculation needed.

RESIDENTIAL — Project | Fee

New Home	Use Section 2 table (R-3)
Addition to Existing Home	\$150 minimum or \$0.30 sq ft if over 500 sq ft
Detached Garage/Accessory Building	\$125 minimum or \$0.20 sq ft if over 625 sq ft
Pre-fabricated Building (i.e., storage building, shed, etc.)	\$75
Deck, Porch, or Patio Cover	\$75
Swimming Pool — In-Ground	\$200
Swimming Pool — Above-Ground	\$100
Solar Panels (up to 10 kW)	\$150
Solar Panels (over 10 kW)	\$250
Demolition w/Utilities and/or greater than 200 sq. ft.	\$150
Manufactured / Mobile Home	\$200

COMMERCIAL — Project | Fee

New Commercial Building	Use Section 2 table
Interior Renovation / Tenant Build-Out	\$200 minimum (or Section 2)
Change of Occupancy (new use type)	\$200
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$500 (Valid for 30 days)
Demolition	\$200
Cell Tower — New	\$1,000
Cell Tower — Modification	\$200
Commercial Racking - up to 5,000 sq ft	\$200
Commercial Racking - 5,001 to 15,000 sq ft	\$400
Commercial Racking - over 15,000 sq ft	\$800
Sign — Permanent (up to 32 sq ft)	\$150
Sign — Permanent (over 32 sq ft)	\$150 + \$5 per sq ft over 32
Awning / Canopy	\$100
Solar Panels (commercial)	\$250 (up to 50 kW) / \$500 (over 50 kW)
Temporary Structure (tent, trailer)	\$200

INDUSTRIAL — Project | Fee

New Industrial Building	Use Section 2 table
Warehouse / Storage Facility	Use Section 2 table
Interior Renovation	\$200 minimum (or Section 2)
Above-Ground Storage Tank	\$200
Underground Storage Tank (UST)	\$350
Hazardous Materials Storage Area	\$300 surcharge
Demolition (standard)	\$250

Demolition (with asbestos survey required) **\$350**

INSTITUTIONAL — Project | Fee

New School, Hospital, or Govt Building **Use Section 2 table**
 Interior Renovation (occupied building) **\$300 minimum (or Section 2)**
 ADA / Accessibility Upgrade Only **\$150**
 Demolition **\$300**

* Projects marked "Use Section 2 table" require a square footage calculation. See Section 1, Steps 2 and 3.

SECTION 4 — PLAN REVIEW FEES

Project Type	Min. Hours	Min. Fee	Notes
Standard New Home or Residential Addition	2 hrs	\$250.00	Single-family, duplex, townhouse
Large or Complex Residential (apartment building)	3 hrs	\$375.00	Multifamily, large additions
Minor Commercial Work (signs, awnings, small TI)	1.5 hrs	\$187.50	Tenant improvements under \$50,000
Standard Commercial (new building, larger TI)	4 hrs	\$500.00	Most commercial permits
Large Commercial (over 20,000 sq ft)	6 hrs	\$750.00	Big-box, large office, assembly
Minor Industrial or Warehouse	2 hrs	\$250.00	Interior work, equipment, small warehouse
Standard Industrial	5 hrs	\$625.00	New building under 50,000 sq ft
Complex Industrial (H-occupancy, UST, large plant)	8 hrs	\$1,000.00	High-hazard or large-scale projects
Standard Institutional (school, civic, day care)	6 hrs	\$750.00	Standard life-safety review
Complex Institutional (hospital, detention facility)	12 hrs	\$1,500.00	Life-safety critical; I-2 and I-3 only
Expedited Review (any type)	1.5× standard	1.5× standard fee	Add 50% to the standard minimum above
If the consulting firm's actual time exceeds the minimum, you will be billed for the additional hours before your permit is issued. Plan review fees are non-refundable once review has begun.			

SECTION 5 — TRADE PERMIT FEES

These are separate permits for electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and gas work. Add these to the permit fee.

Trade	Work Description	Residential Fee	Commercial / Industrial Fee
ELECTRICAL	Panel upgrade up to 200A	\$100	N/A
	Panel upgrade 201A–400A	\$150	N/A
	Panel upgrade over 400A	\$200	N/A
	Commercial electrical service	N/A	\$200 base + \$5/panel
	Temporary power (construction)	\$75	\$75
	Standby generator	\$100	\$200–\$350
	Solar PV (electrical permit only)	\$100	\$200–\$350
	EV charging station	\$75/station	\$150/station

PLUMBING

	New plumbing — up to 10	N/A	\$150
	Each additional fixture beyond the base	N/A	\$10/fixture
	Sewer line	\$100	\$150
	Water service connection	\$100	\$100
	Backflow preventer	\$75	\$75
	Grease trap	N/A	\$150
MECHANICAL			
	HVAC system	\$75/unit	\$150/unit
	Commercial kitchen hood	N/A	\$200
	Boiler	N/A	\$200
	Exhaust fan	N/A	\$50
GAS			
	Gas line / piping	\$75	\$150
	Gas line repair, Pressure test, Reconnect	\$50	\$100

SECTION 6 — OTHER FEES & POLICIES

REINSPECTION FEES (if your work fails inspection or isn't ready)

1st reinspection	\$50
2nd reinspection	\$100
3rd reinspection	\$150
4th and beyond	\$200 each

OTHER PERMIT FEES

Permit renewal	50% of original permit fee
Permit extension (one-time, 180 days)	\$100
After-hours inspection	\$150 per hour, 2-hour minimum

PENALTIES & REFUNDS

Working without a permit	Double (2x) the standard permit fee — plus you must still obtain the permit
Cancel before work starts (within 30 days)	80% refund of permit fee
Refund after plan review, before any inspections	50% refund of permit fee
After first inspection	No refund