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**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 25, FEES, IN THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 25, Fees for Public Records, in the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, is hereby amended as follows:

Article II.
Uniform Construction Code; Fees

ARTICLE I.	ARTICLE II.	SECTION 25-10	Fees.
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A. The basic construction permit fee shall be the sum of the parts computed on the 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, and shall be paid before the permit is issued.

- (1) Building subcode fees.
 - (a) The minimum fee shall be \$75.
 - (b) New construction fees.

[1] Fees for Subcodes B, H, I-1, I-3, M, E, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, U, I shall be \$0.034 times cubic feet of volume.

[a] Garden-type sheds.

[i] One hundred to 200 square feet: \$75 minimum fee.

[ii] Over 201 square feet: \$200 minimum fee.

[b] Exceptions: open structures (roofs without walls)

accessory to one-and two-family dwelling: \$100 minimum fee.

[2] Fees for Subcodes A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, F-1, F-2, S-1, S-2 shall be \$0.034 times cubic feet of volume.

[3] Farm use buildings, exclusively used for storage of food or grain or the sheltering of livestock: \$0.0008 times cubic feet of volume. The maximum fee is \$1,145.

(c) Renovations, alterations and repairs.

[1] Open deck structures.

[a] Under 100 square feet: \$75 minimum fee.

[b] One hundred square feet to 200 square feet: \$100 minimum fee.

[c] Two hundred one square feet to 400 square feet: \$150 minimum fee.

[d] Four hundred one square feet and over: \$200 minimum fee.

[2] Estimated cost, up to and including \$50,000: \$30 per \$1,000.

[3] Estimated cost of \$50,001: \$23 per \$1,000 (additional fee).

[4] Deleted.

[5] Handicapped fees. Pursuant to the authority under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126e, no construction permit fee shall be required for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement or repair of a structure and related devices installed or erected for the sole purpose to promote accessibility by the handicapped; handicapped being defined under N.J.S.A. 52:27d-126e; and conforming to the current N.J.A.C. 5:23.7 Barrier Free Code, and any subsequent amendments or additions thereto. By waiving of the fees, in no way waives the right of enforcing agency to request plans for the purpose of reviewing plans for code compliance.

(d) Demolition.

[1] Structures of less than 5,000 square feet and less than 30 feet in height, one- and two-family residences (R-3) and structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings used exclusively for storage of food or grain or sheltering of livestock: \$82.

[2] All other groups: \$120.

(e) Signs: square foot surface area of sign times \$2.50. The minimum fee is \$75.

(f) Fees for new construction shall be based upon the volume of the structure. Volume shall be computed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28. The new construction fee shall be in the amount of \$0.34 per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures of all use groups and types of construction as classified in

Articles 3 and 4 of the building subcode.

(g) Fees for renovations and alterations and repairs or site construction, including sidewalks and aprons, shall be based on the estimate cost of the work. The fee shall be in the amount of \$30 per \$1,000. Above \$50,000, the additional fee shall be in the amount of \$23 per \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$50,000. The applicant shall submit to the Construction Official such data as may be available produced by the architect or engineer of record, or by a recognized estimating firm, or by the contractor. A bona fide contractor's bid, if available, shall be submitted. The Construction Official shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.

(h) Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis as for new construction for the added portion.

(i) Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be computed separately in accordance with Subsection A(1)(f) and (g) above.

(j) The fee for tents, in excess of 900 square feet or 30 feet in any dimension, shall be \$116.

(k) The fee for roofing work on Use Groups R-3 and R-4 structures shall be \$75.

(l) The fee for siding work on Use Groups R-3 and R-4 structures shall be \$65.

(2) Plumbing subcode fees.

(a) Minimum fee shall be \$75.

(b) The fee shall be in the amount of \$15 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the gas or oil piping system except as indicated in Subsection A(2)(c) below.

(c) Additional fees shall apply to the following devices. The fee shall be \$92 per special device for the following: grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventors equipped with test ports, (double check valve assembly, reduced pressure zone and pressure vacuum breaker backflow preventors), steam boilers, hot water boilers (excluding those for domestic heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.

(3) Electrical subcode fees.

(a) Minimum fee: \$75. For from one to 50 receptacles or fixtures, the fee shall be \$65; for each 25 receptacles or fixtures in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$15; for the purpose of computing this fee, receptacles or fixtures shall include lighting outlets, convenience receptacle, smoke and motors or devices of less than or equal to one horsepower or one kilowatt.

(b) For each motor or electrical device greater than one horsepower and less than or equal to 10 horsepower, and for transformers and generators greater than one kilowatt and less than or equal to 10 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$15.

(c) For each motor or electrical device greater than 10 horsepower and less than or equal to 50 horsepower, for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel less than or equal to 200 amperes, for each transformer and generator greater than 10 kilowatts and less than or equal to 45 kilowatts and for each utility load management device, the fee shall be \$75.

d) For each motor or electrical device greater than 50 horsepower and less than or equal to 100 horsepower, for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 200 amperes and less than or equal to 1,000 amperes and for transformers and generators greater than 45 kilowatts and less than or equal to 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$120.

(e) For each motor or electrical device greater than 100 horsepower, for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 1,000 amperes and for each transformer or generator greater than 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$575.

(f) 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 electrical current.

g) The fee for above-ground swimming pools shall be \$75.

h) The fee for in-ground swimming pools shall be \$125.

(4) Fire subcode fees.

(a) Minimum fee: \$75.

(b) Fire protection and other hazardous equipment: sprinklers,

standpipes, detectors (smoke and heat), pre-engineered suppression systems, gas and oil-fired appliances not connected to the plumbing system, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators and crematoriums.

[1] The fee for 20 or fewer heads shall be \$82; for 21 to and including 100 heads the fee shall be \$151; for 101 to and including 200 heads the fee shall be \$289; for 1 to and including 400 heads the fee shall be \$748; and for 401 to and including 1,000 heads the fee shall be \$1,036; the fee for over 1,000 heads shall be \$1,323.

[2] The fee for one to 12 detectors shall be \$75; for each 25 detectors in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$25.

[3] The fee for each standpipe shall be \$289.

[4] The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be \$116.

[5] The fee for each gas-fired or oil-fired appliance that is not connected to the plumbing system shall be \$75.

[6] The fee for each kitchen exhaust system shall be \$75.

[7] The fee for each incinerator shall be \$460.

[8] The fee for each crematorium shall be \$460.

(5) Fees for certificates and other permits.

(a) The fee for demolition or removal permit shall be \$82 for Use

Groups R-3 and R-4; the fee for all other use groups shall be \$151.

(b) The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be in the amount of \$2.50 per square foot of surface area of the sign, computed on one side only for double-faced signs. The minimum fee shall be \$75.

(c) The fee for a certificate of occupancy for Use Groups R-3 and R-5 structures shall be \$75.

(d) The fee for a certificate of occupancy for all other use groups shall be 10% of the total permit fee, with a minimum charge of \$65. The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy issued under N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(c) shall be \$120.

(e) The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to a change of use group shall be \$120. The fee for plan review of a building for compliance under the alternate systems and nondepletable energy source provisions of the energy subcode shall be \$274 for one- and two-family homes (Use Group R-3 of the building subcode) and for light commercial structures having the temperature controlled from a single point and \$1,369 for all other structures.

(f) The fee for an application for a variation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-10 shall be \$594 for Class I structures and \$120 for Class II and Class III structures. The fee for resubmission of an application for a variation shall be \$229 for Class I structures and \$65 for Class II and Class III.

(g) The fee for lead hazard abatement work shall be \$140.

(h) For cross-connections and backflow preventors that are subject to testing, requiring reinspection annually, the fee shall be \$75.

(i) Mechanical systems. The fee for a mechanical inspection in a Use Group R-3 or R-4 structure by a mechanical inspector shall be \$75 for the first device and \$15 for each additional device. No separate fee shall be charged for gas, fuel oil or water piping connections associated with the mechanical equipment inspected.

(j) Tanks, in-ground or aboveground: on-site inspection fee shall be \$82.

(k) The building subcode permit fee for construction and installation for an aboveground swimming pool shall be \$75.

(l) The fee for a bonding/grounding inspection and certificate as required for public swimming pools, spas and hot tubs by P.L. 1998, c.137, Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-133.2 shall be \$75.

(6) Minimum fee. In any case, the minimum fee for a construction permit, in part or total, shall be \$75, with the following exceptions as determined by the Construction Office:

(a) Sheds and other small renovations or accessory structures on Use Groups R-3 and R-4 property: the charge for each such structure or renovation shall be \$75.

(b) Deleted.

(c) Water heater: the fee for inspecting a replacement water heater in a

Use Group R-3 or R-4 structure shall be \$45.

(d) Flatwork: concrete patios, slabs, driveways, walkways (does not include sidewalk and aprons) shall be \$35.

B. Third-party agencies. In the event that a third-party agency is used for any one of the subcodes, an administrative surcharge of 15% shall be added per subcode.

C. Discontinuance of building project. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.27, in case of a discontinuance of a building project, plan review fees are not refundable.

D. Exemptions. The only exemptions to fees are for municipal buildings or use of buildings for municipal business and buildings of Use Group A-4.

**Article III.
Miscellaneous Fees**

ARTICLE II.	ARTICLE III.	SECTION 25-14	Municipal Fees.
Alcoholic beverage licenses			
		Annual license: plenary retail consumption	\$1,375.00
		Annual license: plenary retail distribution	\$1,375.00
		Annual license: club	\$100.00
Amusements and amusement devices			
		Bingo (each)	\$ 20.00
		Raffle-50/50 (each)	\$ 20.00

Fire Prevention Inspection Fees

Multi-Family units

R1=UP to 3 units	\$ 55.00
R2=4 to seven units	\$ 90.00
R3=8 to 35 units	\$125.00
R4=6 to 65 units	\$225.00
R5=66 to 100 units	\$325.00
R6=over 100 units	\$425.00

Single business buildings

SB1=one floor business	\$ 35.00
SB2=two floor business	\$ 65.00
SB3=three floor business	\$ 85.00
SB4=four floor business	\$150.00
SB5=building over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$175.00

Multiple business buildings

MB1=individual business	\$ 35.00
MB2=common area	\$ 65.00
MB=each floor	\$ 65.00

Historic Preservation Commission Review

Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction of
A Principal or Accessory Structure

Application Fee:	\$100.00
Escrow:	\$300.00

Certificate of Appropriateness for Removal, Demolition,
Alterations, Relocation or Additions to any Building or
Structure

Application Fee:	\$100.00
Escrow:	\$300.00

Certificate of Appropriateness for any replacement,
alteration in, or addition of signs, shutters, outdoor displays,
fences, hedges, awnings, off-street driveways and parking
materials or exterior lighting

Application Fee:	\$100.00
Escrow:	\$150.00

Other Reviews, including Requests for Advice or Letters
Of Interpretation

Application Fee:	\$ 50.00
Escrow:	\$300.00

License for temporary locale

Dumpster/Container Permit (10 Day)	\$ 25.00
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5 day Renewal (up to three times)	\$ 15.00
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Peddling and soliciting

License issued for a three-month period	\$ 50.00
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Property Resale Inspection Certificates

Residential Resale Inspection Fee	\$50.00 per unit (\$300.00 max.)
Commercial Resale Inspection Fee	\$50.00 per unit (\$300.00 max.)
Re-inspection fee	
First re-inspection	no charge
Second and subsequent re-inspections	\$25.00

Zoning Permits Issued by Zoning Officer.

Zoning Permit for Uses, Structures, Improvements	\$50.00
Residential wheelchair ramp	no charge
Certificate of Legal Non-Conforming Use	\$25.00

Joint Land Use Board Fees

Appeal of the Decision of Zoning Officer	
Application Fee	\$150.00
Escrow	\$500.00
Interpretation of Zoning Map or Ordinance	
Application Fee	\$150.00
Escrow	\$500.00
Certificate of Legal Non-Conforming Use	
Application Fee	\$150.00
Escrow	\$500.00

'C' Variance

Application Fee	\$150.00
Escrow for Fences	\$300.00
Escrow for all other 'c' variances	\$750.00

"D" Variances (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(d))

Application Fee	\$300.00
Escrow	\$600.00

Minor Site Plan Triggered by 'Change of Use' or
'Conditional Use' With No Exterior Changes or
Site Alterations

Application Fee	\$ 50.00
Escrow	\$300.00

Minor Site Plan (all other Minor Site Plans)

Application Fee	\$150.00
Escrow	\$1,000.00

Major Site Plan

Application Fee for Preliminary Review	\$300.00
Escrow for Preliminary Review	\$1,500.00 plus \$500.00 per acre (\$2,000.00 min.)
Application Fee for Final Review	\$300.00
Escrow for Final Review	\$1,000.00

Minor Subdivision

Application Fee	\$300.00
Escrow	\$750.00 plus \$250.00 per lot (\$1,250.00 min.)

Major Subdivision	
Application Fee for Preliminary Review	\$500.00
Escrow for Preliminary Review	\$1,500.00 plus \$250.00 per lot (\$2,500.00 min.)
Application Fee for Final Review	\$300.00
Escrow for Final Review	\$2,000.00
200' List of Property Owners for Public Notice	\$10.00
Recycling container	
First container	no charge
Additional container(s)	\$10.00 each
Returned checks	\$25.00
Sewers	
Permit to make connection with sewer system	\$1,207.00
Sign permit application fee	
Business	\$ 50.00
Dangerous sign administration fee	\$100.00
Smoke and CO detectors and fire extinguisher inspections:	
More than ten business days the fee is	\$ 35.00
Fewer than ten but more than four business days	\$ 70.00
Four business days or fewer	\$125.00
If re-inspection required /per re-inspection	\$ 10.00

The Borough of Merchantville hereby adopts the fee structure of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the State Uniform Construction Code, as authorized by New Jersey regulations.

The above hereby incorporates N.J.A.C. 5:23-4:20 as currently in place and any future amendments and/or appropriate regulatory provision pertinent to the fee structure.

On file

Street openings

Permit fee \$ 20.00-100.00

Bond for street opening

Deposit in lieu of bond for street opening

Summer Parks and Playgrounds Program - Registration

Borough residents \$135.00 per child

Non-residents \$160.00 per child

Swimming pools

Basic permit fee for wading pool \$ 5.00

Permit fee \$ 20.00

Tax Collector's Office

Certificate of Redemption First Request no charge

Additional requests \$ 25.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate		\$100.00
Tax Search Fee	First Request	no charge
	Second Request	no charge
	Third Request	\$ 50.00
Copy of Master Plan on CD		Borough's cost

ARTICLE III.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE IV.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILE

BY: 

EDWARD F. BRENNAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2018. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on September 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Merchantville Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to revise the fee schedules for the Uniform Construction Act and various Borough charges. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Merchantville Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.