

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES
(Effective May 05, 2009)

- **Plan review fee:** The fee for plan review shall be twenty percent (20%) of the amount to be charged for a new construction permit, except that elevator device plan review shall be as in (c iii) 6 and 7 below.
- **The basic construction 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. The minimum fee for a basic construction permit covering any or all of the building, plumbing, electrical, or fire protection work shall be forty-six dollars (\$46.00).
- **Fee to review revisions** to an approved plan, \$50.00 per hour, maximum fee \$150.00.

DETAILS FOR FEE COMPUTATION

BUILDING VOLUME OR COST

1. 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 \$0.030 per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures of all use groups and types of construction as classified and defined in articles 3 and 4 or the building subcode. The fee shall be \$0.010 per cubic foot for structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings under N.J.A.C. 5:23-3(d).
2. Fees for renovations, alterations, repairs, * and new or existing HVAC and mechanical systems * shall be based upon the estimated cost of work. The fee shall be in the amount of \$28.00 per \$1,000.00. From \$50,001.00 to and including \$100,000.00, the additional fee shall be in the amount of \$22.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated cost above \$50,000.00. Above \$100,000.00, the additional fee shall be in the amount of \$18.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated cost above \$100,000.00. for the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to Lawrence Township such cost 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. Lawrence Township shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.
3. Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis as for new construction for the added portion.
4. Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be computed as the sum of the fees computed separately in accordance with items (2) and (3) above.

PLUMBING FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

1. The fee shall be in the amount of per \$15.00 fixture connected to the plumbing system for all fixtures and applications except as listed in (c) 2ii(2) below.
2. The fee shall be \$85.00 per special device for the following: grease traps, oil separators, water-cooled air conditioning units, refrigeration units, utility service connections, back flow preventers, steam boilers, hot water boilers (excluding those for domestic water

heating), gas piping, active solar systems, sewer pumps, interceptors and fuel oil piping. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.

ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND DEVICES

1. For from one to fifty receptacles or fixtures, the fee shall be in the amount of \$46.00 for each twenty-five receptacles or fixtures in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$10.00. For the purpose of computing this fee, receptacles or fixtures shall include lighting outlets, wall switches, fluorescent fixtures, convenience receptacle or similar fixtures, and motors or devices of less than one horsepower or one kilowatt or less.
2. 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 \$15.00.
3. For each motor or electrical device greater than 1- horsepower and less than or equal to 50 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance, or sub-panel 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 \$55.00.
4. 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 sub-panel greater than 200 amperes and less than or equal 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 \$110.00.
5. For each motor or electrical device greater than 100 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or sub-panel greater than 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator greater than 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$548.00.
6. 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 or generating electrical current.
7. Annual electrical certificate of compliance verifying all wiring in or around the pool pump and associated electrical equipment is safe and meets the requirements of the applicable electrical subcode shall be issued annually and the amount of the fee shall be \$46.00.

FIRE PROTECTION AND OTHER HAZARDOUS EQUIPMENT: i.e., sprinklers, standpipes, detectors (smoke and heat), pre-engineered suppression systems, gas and oil fired appliance not connected to the plumbing system, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators and crematoriums: The fees are as follows:

1. The fee for 20 or fewer heads or detectors shall be \$80.00; for 21 to and including 100 heads or detectors, the fee shall be \$150.00; for 101 to and including 200 heads or detectors, the fee shall be \$275.00; for 201 to and including 400 heads or detectors, the fee shall be \$710.00; for 401 to and including 1,000 heads or detectors, the fee shall be \$985.00; for over 1,000 heads or detectors, the fee shall be \$1,260.00. In computing fees for heads and detectors, the number of each shall be counted separately and two fees, one for heads, and one for detectors shall be charged.
2. The fee for each standpipe shall be \$275.00.
3. The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be \$110.00.

4. The fee for each gas or oil fired appliance that is not connected to the plumbing system shall be \$56.00.
5. The fee for each kitchen exhaust system shall be \$56.00.
6. The fee for each incinerator shall be \$440.00.
7. The fee for each crematorium shall be \$440.00.

CERTIFICATES AND OTHER PERMITS

1. The fee for a demolitions or removal permit shall be \$80.00 for a structure of less than 5,000 square feet in area and less than 30 feet in height, for one- or two-family residences (use group R-3 of the building code), and structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings under N.J.A.C. 5:23-3. (d), and \$150.00 for all other use groups.
2. The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be in the amount of \$1.50 per square foot surface area of the sign, computed on one side only for double-faced signs. The minimum fee shall be \$50.00.
3. The fee for a certificate of occupancy shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the new construction permit fee that would be charged by Lawrence Township pursuant to these regulations. The minimum fee shall be \$150.00, except for one- or two-family residences (use group R-3 to R-5 of the building code) of less than 5,000 square feet in area and less than 30 feet in height, and structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings subject to N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d), for which the minimum fee shall be \$80.00.
4. The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to a change of use group shall be \$180.00.
5. The fee for certificate or continued occupancy shall be \$150.00, and a flat fee of \$46.00 as noted in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(g)4 for cross connections and backflow preventers that are subject to testing and require reinspections, and for other final approvals not listed in (c)3. i,ii,iii,iv,vi,viii.
6. There shall be no fee for a continued temporary certificate of occupancy.
7. The fee for a certificate of approval or certificate of compliance certifying the work done under a construction permit has been satisfactorily completed shall be no charge.
8. The fee for plan review of a building for compliance under the alternate systems and non-depletable energy source provisions of the energy subcode shall be \$240.00 for one- and two-family residences (use Group R-3 to R-5 of the building subcode), and for all other structures as per Ordinance No. 1893-06 For GeoThermal Heating/Cooling Systems.
9. The fee for an application for a variation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2:10 shall be \$600.00 for Class I structures and \$150.00 for Class II and Class III structures. The fee for resubmission of an application for a variation shall be \$275.00 for Class I structures and \$85.00 for Class II and Class III structures.
10. A flat fee of fifty-six dollars (\$56.00 per subcode) shall be charged on changes of contractors after the permit has already been issued.
11. The State Department of Community Affairs is The Elevator Subcode for Lawrence Township and State fees will comply.