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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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I am hereby recommending that the City Council accept the following amendments to the Municipal Code relating to the fee schedule for services provided by the City Clerk's Office, the Animal Commission, the Public Works Department, Weights & Measures and the Inspectional Services Commission.

These fee increases have been proposed by each department and are comparable to fees charged by surrounding communities. Generally, these fees have not changed for several years. City Ordinance sets these fees and therefore they may only be changed by a vote of the City Council.

Proposed fee increases are summarized in the tables below.

City Clerk's Office

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Marriage Intention	\$25	\$35
Birth Amendment/Corrections	\$25	\$50
Delayed Birth Record	\$25	\$50
Correct Death Errors	\$25	\$50
Correct Marriage Certificate	\$25	\$50
Business Certificate (including certified copy)	\$35	\$50
Register Podiatrist	\$35	\$50
Registered Electrolysis	\$35	\$50
Optometry Certificate	\$35	\$50
Physician/Osteopath Certificate	\$35	\$50

Animal Commission

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
License (Spayed/Neutered Dog)	\$5	\$8
License (Dog NOT Spayed/Neutered)	\$15	\$25

Public Works Department

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Advertising Signs and Displays	\$25	\$75

Weights & Measures

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
SCALES:		
• 0-100lbs	\$20	\$30
• 100-1,000lbs	\$40	\$65
• 1,000-5,000lbs	\$60	\$85
• 5,000-10,000lbs	\$80	\$100
• Over 10,000lbs	\$100	\$150
WEIGHTS:		
• Avoirdupois	\$2	\$5
• Metric	\$2	\$5
• Apothecary	\$2	\$5
• Troy	\$2	\$5
METERS:		
• Gasoline dispensers	\$20	\$40
• Vehicle tank meters	\$50	\$75
• Taxi meters	\$20	\$30

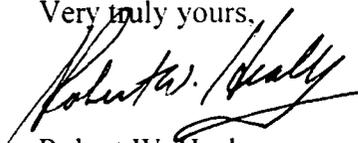
Inspectional Services

Building Permit Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
All new construction, repairs or alterations	\$10.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$15.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.
Amendments to plans	\$10.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$15.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.
Demolition of buildings and structures	\$10.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$15.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.
Preliminary permits for foundations	\$10.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$15.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.
All new signs	\$7.00 per \$100.00 or fraction thereof of the sign cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$10.00 per \$100.00 or fraction thereof of the sign cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.
Certificate of occupancy: a. Place of assembly b. Residential c. Other d. Request for inspection of dwelling unit as per section 119.3 of the State Building Code	a. \$50.00 b. \$50.00 and \$2.00 each unit over five c. \$50.00 d. \$50.00	a. \$100.00 b. \$100.00 and \$5.00 each unit over five c. \$100.00 d. \$100.00
Periodic inspections and certifications: a. Places of assembly per table 108 of the State Building Code - use groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, E and I-2 b. Places of assembly - use group R-1 (Residential) table 108 c. Places of assembly - use groups R-3, R-4 and R-5 d. Fire escapes testing and other certification as per section 805.3 of the State Blding Code	a. Minimum fee of \$40.00 for less than 50 seats, \$1.00 additional for each seat over 50. b. \$40.00, \$2.00 per room additional over 10 rooms c. \$40.00 d. \$40.00	a. Minimum fee of \$50.00 for less than 50 seats, \$2.00 additional for each seat over 50. b. \$50.00, \$5.00 per room additional over 10 rooms c. \$50.00 d. \$100.00
Re-inspection of code violations	\$15.00	\$25.00
Moving buildings	\$10.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$20.00 minimum fee.	\$15.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction cost, \$50.00 minimum fee.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Ovens, kitchen range, space heaters, dryers	\$ 6.00 each plus gas permit	\$10.00
Heating units, each	\$20.00 each plus gas permit	\$25.00
High pressure units -		
b. Each additional 5 PSI	b. \$10.00	b. \$12.00
New plumbing up to		
a. 5 fixtures	a. \$30.00	a. \$50.00
b. Above 5 fixtures	b. \$ 4.00	b. \$ 5.00
Alterations in plumbing		
a. Up to five fixtures	a. \$20.00	a. \$50.00
Gas fitting, new and alterations:		
a. Up to \$300.00	a. \$15.00	a. \$50.00
Sprinklers, up to 5	\$40.00	\$50.00
Over 5 heads	\$40.00 plus \$2.00 for additional head	\$50.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional head
Fire lanes or standpipe installation	\$30.00 plus \$5.00 for each hose outlet or cabinet whether there is one or more sprinkler heads connected to the system.	\$50.00 plus \$20.00 for each hose outlet or cabinet whether there is one or more sprinkler heads connected to the system.
Air conditioners (no permit required for portable room units) up to 25 ton units	\$40.00	\$50.00
Over 25 ton unit	\$6.00 per ton	\$10.00 per ton
Roof type-combination air conditioner and heat up to 25 tons	\$40.00	\$50.00
Temporary heat and LP installation	\$40.00	\$50.00
Failure to call for final inspections within 10 working days after completion	\$25.00	\$50.00
Re-inspection of code violations	\$15.00	\$50.00
Annual testing sprinkler	\$30.00 plus \$2.00 for each sprinkler head	\$50.00 plus \$2.00 for each sprinkler head

Electrical Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Minimum permit charge	\$10.00	\$25.00
Switches, alarms, detectors, pullstations, etc.	\$.50	\$ 1.00
Receptacles		
a. 15 ampere, each	a. \$.75	a. \$ 1.00
b. 20 ampere, each	b. \$ 4.00	b. \$ 4.00
c. 30 ampere, each	c. \$ 5.00	c. \$ 5.00
d. 50 ampere, each	d. \$ 6.00	d. \$ 6.00
Motors		
a. Less than 1 horsepower	a. \$ 3.00	a. \$ 5.00
b. each additional horsepower	b. \$.75	b. \$ 1.00
Signs	\$20.00	\$40.00
Meters, each	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Heat		
a. Less than 1 KW	a. \$ 4.00	a. \$ 5.00
b. each additional KW	b. \$.75	b. \$ 1.00
c. gas or oil burner	c. \$20.00	c. \$35.00
Source of supply (Transformer, generator or rectifier)		
a. Less than 100 W	a. \$ 2.00	a. \$ 3.00
Quarterly permits	\$50.00	\$100.00
Telephone wiring	\$25.00	\$100.00 per floor
Alarm Systems	\$25.00	\$75.00
Computer Systems	\$25.00	\$75.00
Siding	\$12.00	\$25.00

Very truly yours,



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