As approved and voted by the Hardwick Board of Selectmen on April 10, 2023 as allowed by Annual Town Meeting of June 17, 2000, article 30 – MGL C.40 § 22F

# FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 TOWN OF HARDWICK BUILDING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES.

Building permit fees are determined by **COST OF CONSTRUCTION METHOD.** Cost of Construction is multiplied by the **PERMIT FEE MULTIPLIER**, (presently \$7.50 per \$1,000.00). The **COST OF CONSTRUCTION** is determined using the formula developed by the International Code Council (ICC) and updated twice yearly, available at ICCSAFE.com. The use of this formula will ensure uniform estimated construction costs for all types of construction.

# **BUILDING PERMIT FEE = GROSS AREA x COST OF CONSTRUCTION x PERMIT FEE MULTIPLIER.**

# (See Example Below)

EXAMPLE (not current ICC estimates): A single-family dwelling consisting of a two story colonial with attached garage, farmers porch and rear deck.

Use Group: R-3 (ICC), Type of Construction: 5B, Height: 2 stories, Area: 1<sup>st</sup> story: 1000 sq ft, Area: 2<sup>nd</sup> story: 1000 sq ftBasement: 1000 sq ft non-insulatedGarage: 550 sq ftPorch: 240 sq ftDeck: 144 sq ft

Gross Area:	Residential 2 stories x 1000 sq ft	Residential =	2000 x	\$ 120.75 x .0075	= \$1,811.25
	Non-Insulated Basement 1000 sq ft	Basement =	1000 x	22.45 x .0075	= 168.38
	Garage 550 sq ft	Garage =	550 x	47.80 x .0075	= 197.18
	Porch 240 sq ft	Porch =	240 x	25.00 x .0075	= 45.00
	Deck 144 sq ft	Deck =	144 x	25.00 x .0075	= 27.00
	·				\$ 2,202,62

BUILDING PERMIT		PERMIT FEE				
New Construction/Additions/Alterations		\$7.50 per \$1000.00 construction cost				
Accessory Buildings/S	heds	\$7.50 per \$1000.00 construction cost				
Building Envelope (siding, roofing, windows, insulation, etc.)		\$7.50 per \$1000.00 construction cost*				
Solid Fuel Appliances	(wood, coal, pellet)	\$ 50.00				
Chimney/Fireplace		\$ 50.00				
Swimming Pools	In ground	\$100.00				
	Above ground	\$ 50.00				
Demolition	Commercial	\$100.00				
	Residential	\$ 50.00				
Signs		\$ 50.00				
Solar Facilities		\$ .04 per watt up to 100 kW				
		\$ .02 per watt over 100 kW				
Sheet Metal	Commercial	\$100.00				
	Residential	\$ 50.00				
Temporary Structures (tents)		\$ 50.00 plus \$10.00 each additional				
Moving Dwelling/Structure or Temporary Housing		\$300.00 per unit				
CMR 780 Table 110 Required Inspections		\$100.00				

# WORK STARTED BEFORE OBTAINING\*\* A BUILDING PERMIT FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WILL RESULT IN THE PERMIT FEE BEING DOUBLED

Lost card fee = \$50.00 Re-inspection fee = \$100.00 Minimum fee = \$50.00

\*Contract amount.

**\*\*** Obtaining includes picking up and displaying signature card if required.

--- No refunds on a permit application will be given ---



# **Building Valuation Data – FEBRUARY 2024**

The International Code Council is pleased to provide the following Building Valuation Data (BVD) for its members. The BVD will be updated at six-month intervals, with the next update in August 2024. ICC strongly recommends that all jurisdictions and other interested parties actively evaluate and assess the impact of this BVD table before utilizing it in their current code enforcement related activities.

The BVD table provides the "average" construction costs per square foot, which can be used in determining permit fees for a jurisdiction. Permit fee schedules are addressed in Section 109.2 of the 2024 *International Building Code* (IBC) whereas Section 109.3 addresses building permit valuations. The permit fees can be established by using the BVD table and a Permit Fee Multiplier, which is based on the total construction value within the jurisdiction for the past year. The Square Foot Construction Cost table presents factors that reflect relative value of one construction classification/occupancy group to another so that more expensive construction.

ICC has developed this data to aid jurisdictions in determining permit fees. It is important to note that while this BVD table does determine an estimated value of a building (i.e., Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost), this data is only intended to assist jurisdictions in determining their permit fees. This data table is not intended to be used as an estimating guide because the data only reflects average costs and is not representative of specific construction.

This degree of precision is sufficient for the intended purpose, which is to help establish permit fees so as to fund code compliance activities. This BVD table provides jurisdictions with a simplified way to determine the estimated value of a building that does not rely on the permit applicant to determine the cost of construction. Therefore, the bidding process for a particular job and other associated factors do not affect the value of a building for determining the permit fee. Whether a specific project is bid at a cost above or below the computed value of construction does not affect the permit fee because the cost of related code enforcement activities is not directly affected by the bid process and results.

### **Building Valuation**

The following building valuation data represents average valuations for most buildings. In conjunction with IBC Section 109.3, this data is offered as an aid for the building official to determine if the permit valuation is underestimated. Again it should be noted that, when using this data, these are "average" costs based on typical construction methods for each occupancy group and type of construction. The average costs

include foundation work, structural and nonstructural building components, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and interior finish material. The data is a national average and does not take into account any regional cost differences. As such, the use of Regional Cost Modifiers is subject to the authority having jurisdiction.

# **Permit Fee Multiplier**

Permit Fee Multiplier =

Determine the Permit Fee Multiplier:

- 1. Based on historical records, determine the total annual construction value which has occurred within the jurisdiction for the past year.
- 2. Determine the percentage (%) of the building department budget expected to be provided by building permit revenue.

3.

Bldg. Dept. Budget x (%)

Total Annual Construction Value

### Example

The building department operates on a \$300,000 budget, and it expects to cover 75 percent of that from building permit fees. The total annual construction value which occurred within the jurisdiction in the previous year is \$30,000,000.

Permit Fee Multiplier = 
$$\frac{3300,000 \times 75\%}{330,000,000} = 0.0075$$

### Permit Fee

The permit fee is determined using the building gross area, the Square Foot Construction Cost and the Permit Fee Multiplier.

Permit Fee = Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost X Permit Fee Multiplier

### Example

Type of Construction: IIB Area: 1st story = 8,000 sq. ft. 2nd story = 8,000 sq. ft. Height: 2 stories Permit Fee Multiplier = 0.0075 Use Group: B 1. Gross area: Business = 2 stories x 8,000 sq. ft. = 16,000 sq. ft. 2. Square Foot Construction Cost: B/IIB = \$257.82/sq. ft.

3. Permit Fee: Business = 16,000 sq. ft. x \$257.82/sq. ft x 0.0075 = \$30,938

### **Important Points**

- The BVD is not intended to apply to alterations or repairs to existing buildings. Because the scope of alterations or repairs to an existing building varies so greatly, the Square Foot Construction Costs table does not reflect accurate values for that purpose. However, the Square Foot Construction Costs table can be used to determine the cost of an addition that is basically a stand-alone building which happens to be attached to an existing building. In the case of such additions, the only alterations to the existing building would involve the attachment of the addition to the existing building and the openings between the addition and the existing building.
- For purposes of establishing the Permit Fee Multiplier, the estimated total annual construction value for a given time period (1 year) is the sum of each building's value (Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost) for that time period (e.g., 1 year).
- The Square Foot Construction Cost does not include the price of the land on which the building is built. The Square Foot Construction Cost takes into account everything from foundation work to the roof structure and coverings but does not include the price of the land. The cost of the land does not affect the cost of related code enforcement activities and is not included in the Square Foot Construction Cost.

Group (2024 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	330.56	318.80	309.39	297.20	277.71	269.67	287.04	258.79	248.89
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	303.49	291.73	282.32	270.13	250.88	242.84	259.97	231.96	222.06
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	272.51	264.43	256.91	248.19	232.76	226.12	239.28	211.57	204.72
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	271.51	263.43	254.91	247.19	230.76	225.12	238.28	209.57	203.72
A-3 Assembly, churches	308.01	296.25	286.84	274.65	255.52	247.48	264.49	236.60	226.71
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	258.66	246.90	236.50	225.30	205.06	198.01	215.15	186.13	177.24
A-4 Assembly, arenas	302.49	290.73	280.32	269.13	248.88	241.84	258.97	229.96	221.06
B Business	289.51	279.23	269.21	257.82	235.42	227.07	247.91	210.39	200.78
E Educational	276.33	266.73	258.30	247.60	231.08	219.28	239.09	202.46	195.97
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	160.20	152.78	143.34	138.64	123.55	117.41	132.48	102.44	95.93
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	159.20	151.78	143.34	137.64	123.55	116.41	131.48	102.44	94.93
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	149.46	142.04	133.60	127.90	114.12	106.97	121.74	93.00	N.P.
H234 High Hazard	149.46	142.04	133.60	127.90	114.12	106.97	121.74	93.00	85.50
H-5 HPM	289.51	279.23	269.21	257.82	235.42	227.07	247.91	210.39	200.78
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	262.22	252.95	244.31	235.67	215.42	209.47	235.71	193.82	187.73
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	455.16	444.88	434.86	423.47	399.17	N.P.	413.57	374.14	N.P.
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	315.97	303.75	293.73	282.34	261.43	N.P.	272.44	236.40	N.P.
I-3 Institutional, restrained	338.01	327.73	317.71	306.32	285.40	276.05	296.41	260.38	248.77
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	262.22	252.95	244.31	235.67	215.42	209.47	235.71	193.82	187.73
M Mercantile	203.29	195.21	186.69	178.98	163.28	157.64	170.06	142.09	136.24
R-1 Residential, hotels	264.67	255.41	246.77	238.13	218.35	212.40	238.17	196.75	190.67
R-2 Residential, multiple family	221.32	212.06	203.42	194.78	175.96	170.01	194.82	154.36	148.28
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family <sup>d</sup>	209.61	203.74	198.94	195.12	188.41	181.45	191.77	175.86	165.67
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	262.22	252.95	244.31	235.67	215.42	209.47	235.71	193.82	187.73
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	148.46	141.04	131.60	126.90	112.12	105.97	120.74	91.00	84.50
S-2 Storage, low hazard	147.46	140.04	131.60	125.90	112.12	104.97	119.74	91.00	83.50
U Utility, miscellaneous	114.09	107.37	99.89	95.60	85.13	79.54	90.99	67.39	64.19

# Square Foot Construction Costs a, b, c

a. Private Garages use Utility, miscellaneous

b. For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent

c. N.P. = not permitted

d. Unfinished basements (Group R-3) = \$31.50 per sq. ft.