

## FIRE and LIFE SAFETY

### I. GENERAL INSPECTION USE PERMITS

All buildings required by the NC Fire Code to be inspected shall obtain a General Inspection Use Permit. The frequency rate of the inspections are based upon the minimum inspection schedule required by the NC Fire Code. Operational permits required by the NC Fire Code will be included in the General Inspection Use Permit and will be listed on their permit as provision. Departure from that type of operation would require another permit to be obtained. Operations or processes listed in the Fee Schedule as a Special Operational Use Permit are not included in the General Inspection Use Permit. The various General Inspection Use Permits and fees are as follows:

#### Twelve Month Inspection

The following occupancies are to be inspected once every year and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance:

Assembly (per building listed on Use Permit)	\$ 103.50
Day Care Facility	\$ 103.50
Hazardous	\$ 254.75
High Rise	\$ 349.00
Institutional/Other than Hospital	\$ 103.50
Institutional/Hospital	\$ 349.00
Educational/Public Schools	\$ 103.50
Residential (per building listed on Use Permit)	\$ 103.50
Residential Care/Assisted Living Facility (Group R-4)	\$ 103.50
Apartment Complex	
Ten Buildings or Less	\$ 103.50
Eleven to Twenty Buildings	\$ 142.25
More Than Twenty Buildings	\$ 178.75
*Apartment Complex - includes interior common areas, community rooms, offices, laundry rooms, etc.	

#### Twenty-four Month Inspection

The following occupancies are to be inspected every two years and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance:

Factory Industrial	\$ 207.75
Educational/Private School	\$ 103.50

#### Thirty-six Month Inspection

The following occupancies are to be inspected every three years and the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for a period of 36 months from the date of issuance:

Assembly (occupant load less than 100)	\$ 122.50
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Business (per building listed on Use Permit)	\$ 122.50
Mercantile	\$ 122.50
Storage Warehouse	\$ 178.75
Storage Auto Repair	\$ 178.75
Outside Mini Storage (without office)	No Charge
Churches/Synagogues	\$ 103.50
Multi-Tenant Building	

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Business (10 or less tenants)	\$ 178.75
Business (more than 10 tenants)	\$ 349.00
Mercantile (10 or less tenants)	\$ 178.75
Mercantile (more than 10 tenants)	\$ 349.00
Storage (10 or less tenants)	\$ 234.50
Storage (more than 10 tenants)	\$ 405.25
Factory/Industrial (10 or less tenants)	\$ 263.75
Factory/Industrial (more than 10 tenants)	\$ 434.25
<b>Other Not Listed</b>	
Buildings not fitting into one of the other General Inspection Use Permits will be classified as Other Not Listed. Based upon the degree of hazards the General Inspection Use Permit will be valid for either 12, 24, or 36 months from the date of issuance.	
Twelve Month Inspection	\$ 103.50
Twenty-four Month Inspection	\$ 122.50
Thirty-six Month Inspection	\$ 142.25
The issuance of an operational of construction permit from the Division of Fire & Life Safety does not relieve the applicant of any permits required by the Catawba County Building Services Department for installation, repair, alteration or modification to a structure, system, or equipment.	
<b>II. SPECIAL OPERATIONAL USE PERMITS</b>	
Operational permits are required by the NC Fire Code to conduct the following types of operations. A permit fee will be charged for the following Special Operational Use Permits. These permits are not attached to normal procedures and are not covered under a General Inspection Use Permit or Fire Department Construction Permit. Tents and air supported structures requiring a construction permit will be included with the Special Operational Use Permit.	
Blasting Permit:	
30 day permit	\$ 142.25
2 day permit (48 hours)	\$ 94.00
Burning Permit	
Commercial	\$ 65.50
Residential	No Charge
Exhibit and Trade Show	\$ 65.50
Festivals (fairs, carnivals, etc.)	
Large Festival:	
Festival with an attendance of more than 6,000 on any given day	\$ 262.75
Outdoor circus or carnival	
Small Festival:	
Festival with an attendance of 6,000 or less each day	\$ 65.50
Indoor circus or carnival	
Firework/Pyrotechnic Display (per display)	\$ 150.00
Fumigation or Thermal Insecticidal Fogging	\$ 65.50
Special Amusement Building	\$ 65.50
Tent or Air Supported Structures	\$ 65.50
Tent, Structure or Stand for Fireworks Sales	
30 day permit	\$ 646.50

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14 day permit	\$ 323.75
Other Not Listed	\$ 65.50
After Hours Inspection (inspections conducted outside of normal work hours)	\$ 50.00
*Late Application Fee	\$ 50.00
*A late application fee will be added to Special Operational Use Permits if the application and required paperwork is not received 14 days prior to the inspection date of the event, except firework/pyrotechnic displays shall be received 45 days prior to the event.	
<b>III. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION PERMITS</b>	
Construction permits are required by the NC Fire Code to install or modify the following systems or equipment. A permit fee will be charged for the following Fire Dept. Construction Permit. Any person that commences any work before obtaining the necessary permit will be charged a work without permit fee or double the permit fee, whichever is more, and subject to civil citations and being reported to the NC State Board of Examiners.	
<b>Automatic Fire-Suppression System</b>	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Automatic Sprinkler System</b>	
Installation (\$100.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$ 0.02
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Standpipe System (Not part of a sprinkler system)</b>	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Fire Alarm and Detection System</b>	
(Includes devices tied into fire alarm system)	
Installation (\$100.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$ 0.02
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Radio Coverage System</b>	
Installation (\$100.00 minimum) (per sq. ft.)	\$ 0.02
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Door Locking Devices (Access-controlled egress, delayed egress, lockdown hardware &amp; special locking devices) additional \$5.00 per device.</b>	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Two-way Communication System (Area of Rescue Assistance)</b>	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Fire Pumps and Related Equipment</b>	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Private Fire Hydrants</b>	
(Initial fee for one hydrant additional \$5 per hydrant)	
Installation	\$ 86.75
Renovation/Modification	\$ 73.75
<b>Compressed Gas Systems (Amounts exceed those listed in Table 105.6.9)</b>	

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Install, Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service, or Close	\$ 73.75
Flammable and Combustible Liquids Storage Tanks	
* Tank Installation- (per tank)	\$ 86.75
Removal or Place out of Service- (per tank)	\$ 86.75
Fuel dispensing equipment installation or replacement	\$ 32.25
Hazardous Material Facility or Other Area	
Abandon, Remove, Place Temporarily out of Service, or Close areas regulated by Chapter 27 when amounts listed in Table 105.6.21 are exceeded.	\$ 86.75
*If electrical circuitry is involved, an electrical permit must be also obtained from the Catawba County Building Services Department.	
Work Without Permit Fee	\$ 250.00
<b>IV. MISCELLANEOUS TESTS, INSPECTIONS, AND SERVICES</b>	
Residential (Group R-3)	\$ 57.00
Fire Flow Test	\$ 115.75
Special Inspection (Conducted during normal work hours)	\$ 65.50
Special Inspection (Requested by contractor outside normal work hours) (per hour)	\$ 129.50
Stand-by Firefighter (3 hour minimum) (per hour)	\$ 30.00
Re-inspection fees will be charged to the permit applicant or holder of a General Inspection Use Permit beyond the first re-inspection when conducting inspections for fire code violations that have not been corrected.	
First non-compliance re-inspection	\$ 35.00
Second and all subsequent non-compliance re-inspections (per re-inspection)	\$ 50.00
Re-inspection fees will be charged to the permit holder of a Fire Department Construction Permit for the following:	
Re-inspections due to work not being finished, corrections not being completed, or failure to cancel an inspection.	\$ 50.00
Reimbursement cost for stand-by fire protection services due to hazardous materials incidents, pyrotechnic displays, or other emergencies.	
Apparatus: Engine, Rescue or Ladder (per hour)	\$ 154.50
Incident Commander (per hour)	\$ 37.00
Incident supplies, fuel, overtime cost for staffing	Replacement Cost
Violations of Occupancy Limits:	
First Offense (Per violation)	\$ 100.00
Second Offense (Per violation)	\$ 250.00
Third and any Subsequent Offenses (Per violation)	\$ 500.00
Violations consisting of exit accesses, exits or exit discharges being obstructed or impediments to their full instant use:	
First Offense (Per violation)	\$ 100.00
Second Offense (Per violation)	\$ 250.00
Third and any Subsequent Offenses (Per violation)	\$ 500.00