

Columbus County Fire Protection And Prevention Fee Schedule



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SCHEDULED INSPECTION FEE

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| Under 1,500 square feet | \$ 50.00 |
| 1500 to 5,000 square feet | \$ 75.00 |
| 5,001 to 10,001 square feet | \$ 100.00 |
| 10,001 to 15,000 square feet | \$ 125.00 |
| 15,001 to 20,000 square feet | \$ 150.00 |
| 20,001 to 25,000 square feet | \$ 175.00 |
| 25,001 to 50,000 square feet | \$200.00 |
| 50,001 square feet or Greater than | \$ 250.00 |
| Special Situations(i.e. Outside storage, LP Bulk Storage, No Building) | \$ 50.00 |
| Residential Occupancies (Multi-Family) | |
| Footprint up to 10,000 square feet | \$50.00 |
| Footprint over 10,001 square feet | \$75.00 |
| Foster Homes & Therapeutic Homes | \$ 75.00 |
| Group Homes & Assisted Living in a Single Family Dwelling | \$ 75.00 |
| ABC Permit Inspections | \$75.00 |
| Wasted Trip Fee (3) | \$ 25.00 |
| Second Compliance Inspection | \$50.00 |
| Third Compliance Inspection | \$100.00 |
| Fourth Compliance Inspection | \$150.00 |
| Fifth and subsequent Inspection | \$200.00 |

*County Public Schools, Churches, Fire Stations, Rescue/ Ems Stations, and County Owned Buildings would be exempt from the inspection fee schedule and Operational Permit Fees. Construction Permit Fees will be assessed.

1. Inspection fee will encompass a regular scheduled inspection and one compliance inspection.
2. Any industry, complex or facility comprised of multiple buildings; each building issued an address will be considered a separate inspection.
3. Wasted Trip Fee is based on scheduled appointments when client fails to be present at pre-designated site at pre-designated time set by the Fire Marshal's Office, wasted trip fee will be exempt in the event of an emergency.
4. Inspection fees for the following must be pre paid or paid at time of inspection for the following: Foster Care, Therapeutic Homes, Group Homes, In Home Day Cares and ABC license inspections.

Building Plan Review Fee

Plan review for buildings that do not require a construction permit by the North Carolina State Fire Code (New Construction, Change of use, Alterations, or Repairs)

0 to 5,000 sq. feet \$50.00

5,001 to 10,000 sq. feet \$75.00

10,001 sq. feet and greater \$100.00

| Civil Penalty Schedule | |
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| First Offense | 100.00 |
| Second Offense | 300.00 |
| Third and Subsequent Offense | 500.00 |
| Locked or Blocked Exits | 500.00 |
| Exceeding Posted Occupant Load | 500.00 |

| 3.2.1 – Operational Permits | | |
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| Code Section | Description | Permitting Fee |
| 105.6.1 | Aerosol Products | 50.00 |
| 105.6.2 | Amusement Buildings | 100.00 |
| 105.6.3 | Aviation Facilities | 50.00 |
| 105.6.4 | Carbon dioxide use in beverage dispensing applications | 100.00 |
| 105.6.5 | Carnivals and Fairs | 100.00 |
| 105.6.6 | Cellulose Nitrate Film | 50.00 |
| 105.6.7 | Combustible Dust-Producing Operations | 50.00 |
| 105.6.8 | Combustible Fibers (Except Agriculture) | 50.00 |
| 105.6.9 | Compressed Gases | 50.00 |
| 105.6.10 | Covered Mall Buildings | 100.00 |
| 105.6.11 | Cryogenic Fluids | 50.00 |
| 105.6.12 | Cutting and Welding | 50.00 |
| 105.6.13 | Dry Cleaning Plants | 50.00 |
| 105.6.14 | Exhibits and Trade Shows | 100.00 |
| 105.6.15 | Explosives | 100.00 |
| 105.6.16 | Fire Hydrants and Valves | 25.00 per unit |
| 105.6.17.1 | Flammable and Combustible Liquids Pipeline | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.2 | Flammable and Combustible Liquids Class I Storage | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.3 | Flammable and Combustible Liquids Class II Storage | 150.00 |

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| 105.6.17.4 | To store, handle or use class III B liquids in tanks or portable tanks for fueling motor vehicles at motor fuel dispensing facilities or where connected to fuel burning equipment | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.5 | Flammable and Combustible Liquids Removal | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.6 | Flammable and Combustible Liquids production, processing, transportation, storage, dispensed, used | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.7 | Install, alter, remove, or abandon flammable or combustible liquid tanks (temporary abandon for more than 10 days) | 250.00 |
| 105.6.17.8 | Change the contents of a flammable or combustible liquid tank | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.9 | Manufacture, process, blend, or refine flammable or combustible liquids | 150.00 |
| 105.6.17.10 | To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental, or manufacturing establishments | 75.00 |
| 105.6.17.11 | To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental, or manufacturing establishments | 75.00 |
| 105.6.18 | Floor Finishing using Class I or II Liquids | 75.00 |
| 105.6.19 | Fruit and Crop Ripening | 50.00 |
| 105.6.20 | Fumigation and Thermal insecticidal fogging | 50.00 |
| 105.6.21 | Hazardous Materials Storage, Transport, Dispense, Use, and Handling | 100.00 |
| 105.6.22 | HPM facilities | 100.00 |
| 105.6.23 | High-Piled Storage | 100.00 |
| 105.6.24 | Hot Work | 50.00 |
| 105.6.25 | Industrial Ovens | 50.00 |

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| 105.6.26 | Lumber Yards and Woodworking Plants | 50.00 |
| 105.6.27 | Liquid or Gas fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings | 50.00 |
| 105.6.28 | L.P. Gas Bulk Storage | 100.00 |
| 105.6.29 | Magnesium | 50.00 |
| 105.6.30 | Miscellaneous Combustible Storage | 50.00 |
| 105.6.31 | Motor Fuel- Dispensing Facilities | 100.00 |
| 105.6.32 | Open Burning | 100.00 |
| 105.6.33 | Open flames and torches | 100.00 |
| 105.6.34 | Open Flames and Candles | 100.00 |
| 105.6.35 | Organic Coatings | 50.00 |
| 105.6.36 | Operation of Places of Assembly | 100.00 |
| 105.6.37 | Private Fire Hydrants (Removal) | 50.00 |
| 105.6.38 | Pyrotechnic special effects materials | 150.00 |
| 105.6.39 | Pyroxylin Plastics | 50.00 |
| 105.6.40 | Regulated Refrigeration Equipment | 50.00 |
| 105.6.41 | Repair Garages and Service Stations | 50.00 |
| 105.6.42 | Rooftop Heliports | 50.00 |
| 105.6.43 | Spraying or dipping operations | 75.00 |
| 105.6.44 | Storage of Scrap Tires and Tire Byproducts | 75.00 |
| 105.6.45 | Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies | 50.00 |
| 105.6.46 | Tire-Rebuilding Plants | 75.00 |
| 105.6.47 | Waste Handling | 100.00 |
| 105.6.48 | Wood Products | 50.00 |

These permits will be issued during a new construction or change of use of a structure. The permit will be valid for the same period as the inspection schedule outlined in section 106 of the North Carolina State Building Code Fire Section and the renewable of the permit would consist of payment amount of inspection fee for existing buildings.

An existing building will be issued an operational permit for the above situations; the permit will be included in the fee for the inspection of an existing building in accordance with section 106 of the North Carolina State Building Code: Fire Code.

A Construction Permit must be obtained from the Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office in the following situations:

Penalty for Failure to obtain the proper permit(s) before construction begins will result in issuance of civil citation in the amount of \$100.00 to the violator. This fee must be paid along with regular permit fee(s) before construction can resume.

| 3.2.2 – Construction Permits (Applies to installation of new systems and renovations to existing systems) | | |
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| Code Section | Description | Permitting Fee |
| 105.7.1 | Automatic fire-extinguishing systems (Hood Systems) (Sprinkler Systems) | 50.00 – Base Fee 2.00 – Per Nozzle 50.00 – Per Riser 2.00 – Per Head |
| 105.7.2 | Battery Systems | 50.00 |
| 105.7.3 | Compressed Gases | 75.00 |
| 105.7.4 | Cryogenic Fluids | 50.00 |
| 105.7.5 | Emergency Responder Radio Converge System | 100.00 |
| 105.7.6 | Fire Alarm and Detection systems and Related equipment | 50.00 – Base fee for panel 2.00 – Per Initiating Device |
| 105.7.7 | Fire Pumps and Related Equipment | 100.00 |
| 105.7.8 | Flammable and Combustible liquids | 50.00 (per tank) |
| 105.7.9 | Gates and Barricades across fire apparatus roads | 50.00 |
| 105.7.10 | Hazardous Materials | 100.00 |
| 105.7.11 | Industrial Ovens | 50.00 |
| 105.7.12 | L.P. Gas Installation and Modification (Applies only to occupancies covered by the N.C. Fire Prevention Code) | 100.00 |
| 105.7.13 | Private Fire Hydrants | 50.00 per Hydrant |
| 105.7.14 | Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems | 100.00 |
| 105.7.15 | Solar photovoltaic power system | 100.00 |

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| 105.7.16 | Spraying and Dipping | 50.00 |
| 105.7.17 | Standpipe Systems | 75.00 with Sprinkler System 50.00 W/O Sprinkler System |
| 105.7.18 | Temporary Membrane structures, tents and canopies | 50.00 |