

LMCO CHAPTER 150.096 PROMULGATED FEES & REGULATIONS

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES.

The following fees shall be charged and collected for Construction permits and inspections issued or made by or under the authority of the Office of Construction Review, a Division of Codes and Regulations.

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Building & Tent Permits

1. The permit fees for new construction, additions, complete alterations of an entire building, tents and other temporary structures and change of Kentucky Building Code Use Group Classification permits shall be calculated according to the following table.

Kentucky Building Code Occupancy type	Fee per square foot
Assembly	\$.16
Business	\$.15
Educational	\$.14
Factory	\$.15
High hazard	\$.16
Institutional	\$.15
Mercantile	\$.15
Residential – 1 & 2 Family	\$.105
Residential - other	\$.15
Storage	\$.14
Utility; miscellaneous	\$.13
Tents	Per 2018 KBC, Section 432.5.1 fees

2. Square footage shall be based on the number of square feet on every floor, including all finished portions of basements, calculated to the outside of the exterior walls.
3. The fee for partial alterations, structures other than buildings, or any type of work that the square feet cannot be calculated; the fee shall be calculated by a reasonable estimated cost to be submitted by the applicant and verified by the Department. The fee shall be \$50 plus \$2.50 per \$1,000 of estimated cost. The Department may ask for factual verification of presented estimated costs, when appropriate.
4. Any permit issued by the Department for which the Commonwealth of Kentucky is responsible for conducting the required building inspections, shall be ½ the normal amount.
5. A plan review fee shall be charged for all applications that are reviewed without issuance of a building permit or requested refunds for issued permits. The plan review fee shall be a minimum \$30 or one third (1/3) the normal permit fee, whichever is higher.
6. Fast-track elective. For permit applicants seeking early site/ foundation, shell and/or phased approval prior to full review of complete set on construction documents, the fee for foundations as listed in item (7) listed below shall apply; however, shell permits and phased work will be charged the full fee using the table listed in item (1). The following interior finish work or phased work will be charged the full fee using the table listed in subsection (1).
7. The fee for a “foundation only” permit shall be \$75 for single family dwellings & their accessory structures and \$125 for all other uses.
8. Permit fees for metro owned property projects may be waived by the Director of Codes & Regulations.
9. The administrative fee for a Certificate of Use and Occupancy without issuance of an associated building permit shall be \$75.
10. No building permit fee calculated under this section shall be less than \$75.

11. Before a building permit is issued by the Department for a one or two family residential construction project or a multi-family residential construction project, the Department shall conduct a search of its records to determine if the applicant has any unresolved or uncured and outstanding Building Code violations. If the applicant has no such unresolved or uncured and outstanding Building Code violations, then the Department may issue the building permit, if otherwise appropriate. If the applicant has unresolved or uncured and outstanding Building Code violations prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the Department shall not issue a building permit until such time as all the outstanding Code violations are removed, cured or corrected by the applicant. (revised 6/8/2023)

Electrical

1. The fees for initial installation of electrical wiring in one- or two-family residences shall be \$200. This permit fee shall include three inspections.
2. The fee charged for the initial installation of electrical wiring in a condominium or patio home residence/unit shall be \$150 for the base permit. Additionally, the fee shall be \$.25 for each ampere at the service entrance up to and including 600 amperes, and \$.50 for each ampere over 600 amperes. This permit fee shall include three inspections.
3. The fee charged for service upgrade, new service, repairs or additional wiring in a one or two-family, condominium or patio home residence shall be \$75, for work costing \$750 or less and \$100 for work costing over \$750. which shall include one inspection.
4. The fee for installation of new electrical wiring other than in a one or two family, condominium or patio home residence shall be \$100 for the base permit, \$25 for each subpanel, \$25 for each dwelling unit in a residential structure other than one- or two-family residences. Additionally, the fee shall be \$.25 for each ampere at the service entrance up to and including 600 amperes, and \$.50 for each ampere over 600 amperes. This permit fee shall include two inspections.
5. The fee for rewiring, or repairs in other than one or two family, condominium or patio home residences shall be \$75 for work costing \$750 or less and \$100 for work costing over \$750, plus an additional \$25 per each dwelling unit specifically involved in the work for residential property, or \$25 per each subpanel specifically involved in the work for commercial property.
6. The fee for the installation of a temporary pole shall be \$85. This permit fee shall include one inspection.
7. The fee for any additional inspections not covered by the initial permit fee shall be \$50. The Department shall have the right not to issue any additional permits to the applicant until the additional inspection fees have been paid in full.
8. The fee for a Burnout repair on a service shall be \$75 for work costing \$750 or less and \$100 for work costing over \$750 and shall include 1 inspection. Burnout/ damaged equipment shall be left on site until after the inspection is performed.

HVAC & Mechanical Permit Fees

1. 1 & 2 Family Dwellings: new and replacement systems \$105 for the first system, \$50 for each additional system. A system may be either a heating or cooling system, or combination.
2. Multi-Family Dwellings: new and replacement systems \$105 for the first system, \$50 for each additional system. A system may be either a heating or cooling system, or combination.

3. Commercial/Non-Residential (New and Replacement Systems)
Each permit fee shall be calculated per the following table based on the total dollar value of each HVAC installation, either actual or estimated. It shall be the obligation of the installing contractor to supply the complete value, including labor and material costs regardless of the purchaser. An exact figure does not need to be provided to the Department, but the application shall include an affirmed, signed statement that the value lies within certain limits as listed in the left-hand column of the table.

Installation Cost in \$	Permit Fee in \$
\$2,000 or less	\$125
\$2,001 to \$10,000	\$180
\$10,001 to \$25,000	\$270
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$330
\$50,001 to \$75,000	\$390
\$75,001 to \$100,000	\$500
\$100,001 to \$150,000	\$630
\$150,001 to \$200,000	\$760
\$200,001 to \$250,000	\$885
\$250,001 to \$300,000	\$1025
\$300,001 to \$400,000	\$1150
\$400,001 to \$500,000	\$1500
\$500,001 to \$600,000	\$1725
\$600,001 to \$700,000	\$1900
\$700,001 to \$800,000.	\$2125
\$800,001 to \$900,000	\$2355
\$900,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2590
\$1,000,001 to \$1,100,000	\$2820
\$1,100,001 to \$1,200,000	\$3050
\$1,200,001 to \$1,300,000	\$3280
\$1,300,001 to \$1,400,000	\$3510
\$1,400,001 to \$1,500,000	\$3735
\$1,500,001 to \$1,600,000	\$3965

4. Inspections-Each permit shall include 3 inspections and-no additional cost. The fee for any additional inspections shall be \$50. The department retains the right not to issue any additional permits to the applicant until the additional inspection fees are paid in full.
5. Other HVAC permit types: Mechanical Refrigeration (\$40 per compressor); manufactured fireplaces (\$50 per unit); and Range Hoods (\$75 per unit). These permits include 2 inspections.
6. Permit holder is responsible for requesting required inspections.

Fire detection and suppression.

1. The fee for new installation and or replacement of a sprinkler system shall be as follows:

Number of Sprinkler Heads	Permit Fee, in \$
4-200	150
201-300	175
301-400	210
401-750	250
751 and above	250 plus 20 cents for each sprinkler head over 750

2. The fee for reworking up to 50 sprinkler heads on an existing sprinkler system shall be \$50. The fee for reworking over 50 heads shall be calculated using fee table listed above.
 3. The fee for automatic and/or manual fire detection systems shall be as follows: 0 to 20,000 square feet shall be \$150; over 20,000 square feet shall be \$150 plus \$20 for each additional 10,000 square feet in excess of 20,000 square feet.
 4. The fee for a standpipe system shall be \$150. On combination standpipe and sprinkler systems the sprinkler permit fee includes the standpipe fee.
 5. The fee for a carbon dioxide fire suppression system shall be \$150 for the first 200 pounds of agent plus \$.02 for every pound in excess of 200 pounds.
 6. The fee for a clean agent suppression system shall be \$150 for the first 35 pounds of agent plus \$.06 for each pound of agent in excess of 35 pounds.
 7. The fee for a foam suppression system shall be \$.50 per gallon of foam concentrate where the system is not part of an automatic sprinkler system. Foam suppression systems that are submitted as part of an automatic sprinkler system shall be reviewed under the sprinkler fee schedule. The minimum fee shall be \$150; the maximum fee shall be \$ 1,500.
 8. The fee for a range hood suppression system shall be \$150.
 9. The fee for a dry chemical suppression system shall be \$150 for the first 30 pounds of agent plus \$.25 for each pound in excess of 30 pounds.
 10. The fee for a sprinkler underground piping shall be \$50
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Moving

Moving permit requirements and fees are established in Chapter 152 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances.

Wrecking or Demolition

The building official shall issue three types of wrecking permits which shall be classified as Type “A”, Type “B” and Type “C”.

1. Type “A” permits shall be for any structure of not more than two stories or 35 feet in height and contains less than 3,000 square feet of floor space (total square feet of all floors). The fee for Type “A” wrecking permits shall be \$75 for the first 1,000 square feet plus \$10 for each additional 1,000 square feet or fraction thereof.
2. Type “B” permits shall be for any structure that does not meet the criteria of Type “A” permits. The fee for Type “B” wrecking permits shall be \$100 for the first 1,000 square feet plus \$10 for each additional 1,000 square feet or fraction thereof.
3. Type “C” permits shall be for any structure of not more than one story or 25 feet in height or more than 1,500 square feet of floor space. Type “C” permits shall be property owner permit only. Any permit that meets the requirement of a Type “C” permit and is applied for by a licensed wrecking contractor shall be considered a Type “A” permit. The fee for Type “C” wrecking permits shall be the same as Type “A” wrecking permits. All applicants obtaining a Type “C” wrecking permit shall post a \$500 cash or certified check bond as security conditional upon proper completion of the work. The cash bond shall be returned to the applicant upon proper completion of the work. However, should the applicant not properly complete the demolition of the building, including the required cleaning, grade restoration and seeding within 60 days from the date of the issuance of the permit, the applicant shall forfeit the bond unless an extension of time is granted in writing by the Director for good cause. Any such extension must be requested in writing at least three working days before the expiration of the 60 days period. The Director is empowered to waive the required cash bond for structures without a basement.
4. The fee for each 30 days of extension time shall be \$30.

Sign

The fee for a sign permit shall be \$75 for up to 50 square feet of sign face as defined in the Louisville/Jefferson County Land Development Code. The fee for signs over 50 square feet shall be \$75 plus \$1 per square feet over fifty square feet.

Parking lot

The fee for the original construction of a parking lot or expansion of an existing parking lot shall be \$75 for the first ten spaces plus an additional charge of \$.25 for each additional space over ten spaces.

Tax moratorium

The administrative fee for a tax moratorium application shall be \$40 for each property. This fee shall be charged regardless of approval of the application. The \$40 fee may be waived for low-income homeowners in accordance with LMC0154.04 (B).

Penalty

A penalty fee may be assessed for starting work without a permit. The penalty fee shall be the same amount as the standard fee except for electrical work which shall have a minimum penalty fee of \$1,000. The penalty fee shall be paid in addition to the standard fee.

In cases where a permit fee was legally waived, the penalty fee shall be assessed upon the above criteria as if the standard fee had been assessed.

Administration

1. An administrative fee of \$30 shall be charged on all requested permit refunds for issued Electrical, HVAC, Refrigeration, Range Hood and Manufactured Fireplace Appliance permits.
2. There shall be a permit extension fee charge of \$35 for every approved request to reactivate an expired permit within 180 days of the expiration date. Requests after this period will be subject to full permit fee.