

**LMCO CHAPTER 150.096  
PROMULGATED FEES & REGULATIONS  
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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/Develop Louisville (formerly Codes and Regulations.)

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## *Building & Tent.*

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	\$.15
Business	\$.14
Educational	\$.14
Factory	\$.13
High hazard	\$.13
Institutional	\$.15
Mercantile	\$.14
Residential – 1 & 2 Family	\$.075
Residential - other	\$.13
Storage	\$.12
Utility; miscellaneous	\$.12
Tents	Per schedule set by KBC, Section 430

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 \$25 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 \$50 for single family dwellings & their accessory structures and \$100 for all other uses.
8. Permit fees for metro owned property projects may be waived by agreement of the Director of Public Works and Assets and the Director of Office of Construction Review/ Develop Louisville (formerly Codes & Regulations).
9. The administrative fee for a Certificate of Use and Occupancy without issuance of an associated building permit shall be \$50.
10. No building permit fee calculated under this section shall be less than \$50.
11. The fee for any additional inspections not covered by the initial permit fee shall be \$35. 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.
12. 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 Code violations. If the applicant has no such unresolved or uncured and outstanding Code violations, then the Department may issue the building permit, if otherwise appropriate. If the applicant has unresolved or uncured and outstanding 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 and all fines and/or fees paid in full.

## *Electrical.*

1. The fees for initial installation of electrical wiring in one or two family residences shall be \$160. 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 \$100 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 \$50, 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 \$50 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, new service or repairs in other than one or two family, condominium or patio home residences shall be \$50 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. Additionally for new service, 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 one inspection.
6. The fee for the installation of a temporary pole shall be \$50. This permit fee shall include one inspection.
7. The fee for any additional inspections not covered by the initial permit fee shall be \$35. 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 \$50 and shall include 1 inspection. Burnout/ damaged equipment shall be left on site until after the inspection is performed.

*HVAC (Heating, ventilation and air conditioning) - Mechanical.*

1. 1 & 2 Family Dwellings initial system shall be \$75 for the first system, \$50 for each additional system. A system may be either a heating or cooling system, or a combination system.
2. Multi-Family Dwellings initial system, shall be \$75 for the first system, \$25 for each additional system. A system may be either a heating or cooling system, or a combination system.
3. The minimum permit fee for other residential HVAC permits, such as replacements, shall be \$75. This does not include manufactured fireplaces.
4. Commercial/ Non-residential – each permit fee shall be calculated per the following table based on cost 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 below.

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	1,025
300,001 to 400,000	1,150
400,001 to 500,000	1,500
500,001 to 600,000	1,725
600,001 to 700,000	1,900
700,001 to 800,000	2,125
800,001 to 900,000	2,355
900,001 to 1,000,000	2,590
1,000,001 to 1,100,000	2,820
1,100,001 to 1,200,000	3,050
1,200,001 to 1,300,000	3,280
1,300,001 to 1,400,000	3,510
1,400,001 to 1,500,000	3,735
1,500,001 and above	3,965

Commercial/Non residential installations requiring permits include: heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems; range hoods; chiller/cooling towers; commercial dryers; roof top

units; and spray booths ventilation/exhaust systems. This does not include mechanical refrigeration work.

5. Each permit shall include 3 inspections at 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.
6. The permit fee charged for the installation, replacement or addition of each manufactured fire place (solid fuel, gas or electric) shall be \$35.
7. Permit fees for mechanical refrigeration shall be \$40 per compressor.
8. The fee charged for a gas restoration as required by the utility company, shall be \$35 per inspection for residential and \$40 per inspection for commercial.
9. The fee for the installation, replacement or addition of a range hood shall be \$75.

*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

## *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 \$50 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 \$75 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 \$50 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 \$50 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 \$50 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.

### *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, but not less than \$ 500, 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 administration fee in the amount of \$30 shall be charged to an applicant for obtaining other permits prior to issuance of the building permit as required by this chapter.
2. An administrative fee in the amount of \$30 shall be charged to an applicant for failure to note on a permit application the previously issued building permit number, if any, for the building or structure noted on said permit application.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Same day inspection fee. A permit holder at their option can elect to obtain a same day inspection by making their request to the Department along with the payment of the additional fee for this service. All such requests and payment must be received by 10:00 AM. Monday through Friday (holidays not included) for same day service to be provided. The same day inspection fee is \$100 per permit inspection