

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES  
FOR PERMITS FROM THE  
BUILDING OFFICIAL AND FIRE MARSHAL**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Article is to establish a schedule of fees for permits issued by the Building Official and Fire Marshal as permitted by the Connecticut General Statutes.

**2. Establishment of Fees**

- a. Each applicant for a building, construction, demolition, alteration or other permit issued by the Office of the Building Official shall pay a fee as set forth in the attached Schedule of Fees.
- b. Each applicant for any permit issued or, required to be issued, by the Office of the Local Fire Marshal shall pay a fee as set forth in the attached Schedule of Fees.
- c. All fees shall be paid in full prior to the issuance of any permit.
- d. The Town of Somers, or events sponsored by the Town, the Somers Board of Education, the Somers Public Library, or the Somers Fire Department or Ambulance Corp. shall be exempt from the payment of fees set forth in the attached Schedule of Fees, with the exception of state required education fees.
- e. The attached fee schedule may be amended from time to time upon vote of the Board of Selectman and shall be based upon recommendations by the Building Official or Fire Marshal. Notice of a proposal to amend existing fees will be published at least five days prior to the date of the meeting at which the Selectmen will consider the proposal. An amended fee schedule shall become effective thirty days following the date of adoption by the Board of Selectmen.

**3. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days following the date of publication of a notice of adoption. The initial fee schedule included within the ordinance shall be in effect at the time the ordinance becomes effective.

SCHEDULE OF FEES  
(Effective, 8/10/2009)

BUILDING OFFICIAL

- (a) *Generally.* The building permit and trade permit fees shall be \$12.00 per thousand, or fraction thereof, of the cost of the construction.
- (b) *Certificate of occupancy.* The certificate of occupancy fee shall be \$10.00.
- (c) *Cost of project.* Building and trade permit fees shall be based upon the cost of construction and the materials to be supplied in conjunction with the project described in the permit. The owner or contractor shall supply the Building Official with an estimate of the total job covered under the permit. All trade permits shall have individual costs and fees.
- (d) *Accepted value.* The cost of materials and labor of a project accepted by the building official shall, in no case, be less than the guidelines offered for Connecticut in the latest building valuation data report published by ICC [International Code Council].
- (e) *Affidavit.* An affidavit under oath under penalties of false statement of actual final cost for all new structures and major additions may be required at the discretion of the Building Official. This affidavit shall be signed by the owner, agent or contractor for the project prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and the fee shall then be appropriately adjusted. Affidavits for other construction permit costs may be required by the Building Official.
- (f) *Moving of buildings.* The permit fee for moving a building shall be \$12.00 per thousand, or fraction thereof, of the estimated cost of the move. Any additional costs, such as traffic control or newspaper advertising, shall be paid by the applicant in addition to the permit fee.
- (g) *Demolition.* The permit fee for the demolition of buildings shall be \$12.00 per thousand, or fraction thereof, of the estimated cost of the demolition. Letters of disconnect from any applicable utility shall be submitted to the building official prior to the issuance of the demolition permit.
- (h) *Signs.* The permit fee for signs shall be \$12.00 per thousand, or fraction thereof, of the estimated cost of the sign and its installation.
- (i) *State Education Fee.* The construction and alteration fees include the state education fee established by C.G.S. 29-252a(b)(2) as amended.

## SOMERS FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULE

Licenses and Permits: BLASTING and FIREWORKS DISPLAYS	\$30.00
INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND FUEL or PROPANE TANKS (each)	\$50.00
FUEL OIL, PROPANE, HAZ-MAT WASTE, TANK TRUCKS (F M permit)	\$50.00
Parade Float, Food Concession Booth, Tents over 10ft. by 10ft in size.	\$10.00
Tar Kettle use, Chimney Cleaning, Open burning (permits)	\$25.00
Auctions, Trade Fairs, Auto wrecking yards, add Bleachers and Grand Stands.	\$50.00
Dispensing Fuel, Fill or Sell Propane tanks; Operate a Repair Garage or Service Station	\$50.00
Haz-Mat Storage, Torch work, Open flame, candles, cooking, catering, heating.	\$25.00
LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT: NEW APPLICATION/INSPECTION	\$125.00
LIQUOR LICENSE ANNUAL RENEWAL INSPECTION	\$75.00
DAY CARE LICENSE PERMITS (NEW APPLICATION)	\$125.00
ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR RENEWAL	\$50.00
HEALTHCARE FACILITY, CLINIC'S, OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (new)	\$300.00
ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR RENEWAL	\$100.00
RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES (LARGE/NEW) over 16	\$300.00
ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR RENEWAL	\$100.00
RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE SMALL FACILITY (NEW) under 16	\$100.00
ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR RENEWAL	\$75.00

### PLAN REVIEW FEES

BUILDING PLANS	< 2500 SQFT	\$100.00
	2501-5000 SQFT	\$150.00
	5001-10000 SQFT	\$200.00
	10001-49,999 SQFT	\$250.00
	OVER 50,000 SQFT	\$400.00
FIRE ALARM	AREA <5000 SQFT	\$100.00
	AREA 5001-10,000 SQFT	\$200.00
	AREA OVER > 10,000 SQFT	\$350.00
SPRINKLER PLAN FEE IS THE SAME AS FIRE ALARM (above)		
Annual inspection and testing of existing FIRE ALARM or SPRINKLER		\$50.00
Test documentation by alarm or sprinkler Co. is required annually.		
Fire suppression systems in commercial kitchens, hood and ducts. (NEW)		\$100.00
ANNUAL RENEWAL INSPECTION		\$50.00

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS... FAIR GROUNDS, RV CAMPING SITES	\$100.00
Circus Tents, Amusement Rides, Exhibitions, Auto Shows, Competitions	\$50.00
Flea Markets, Haunted Houses, Corn Maize's, Horse Show	\$35.00
Large TENTS for Assembly (over 100 people) for Antiques, Wedding	\$100.00
Receptions, Graduation parties, Craft Fairs, Gospel Meetings etc.	
A Large Tent is (45ft.x 45ft.) or 1600 square feet.	

A COMPLETE LIST OF Permit Requirements is in NFPA-1, 2003 (Table 1.12.19(a))  
A Copy is available at the Land Use Office at the counter.

BUILDING PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL BOTH THE BUILDING FEE AND THE  
FIRE MARSHAL FEES ARE PAID. Building and fire marshal Fees are payable at the LAND USE  
OFFICE at Somers Town Hall.