

Office of the County Engineer

Permits Office

Fee Schedule

(Year 1 (2026): 25% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target)

DR. MILTON RAHMAN, P.E., PMP, CFM, ENV SP - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & COUNTY ENGINEER										Effective Date: 1/01/2026		
Residential												
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee (outside SFHA)	Inspection Fee (Inside SFHA)	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Outside SFHA)	Total Fees (Inside SFHA)	Re-inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes		
Residential Development												
Residential Single/Multi-Family Dwellings & Manufactured Homes, Tract Homes	\$165.00		\$0.00	\$73.00	1	\$165.00	\$238.00	\$73.00		If the structure is located within the 500-year floodplain, 100-year floodplain, Floodway, or Coastal High Hazard Area, an inspection will be added to the permit. If not, no inspection fee will be added to the permit.		
Accessory Structures - All Other Structures (paving, storage sheds, pools, Additions and remodels, etc.)	\$35.00		\$0.00	\$73.00	1	\$35.00	\$108.00					
Fill Material	\$20.00		\$0.00	\$64.00	1	\$20.00	\$84.00					\$64.00
Driveway												
Residential Driveway	\$63.00		\$69.00		2	\$201.00		\$69.00				
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)												
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$113.00		\$100.00		1	\$223.00		\$90.00		* \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Inspection Fee covers both inspections Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee		
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$150.00		N/A		N/A	\$150.00		N/A				
OSSF - Holding Tank/ Port-O-Can*	\$50.00		\$55.00		1	\$115.00		N/A				
Commercial												
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection**	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Fire Code Revision Fee	Special Notes		
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code	See Special Notes											
Building Development Permit-New Commercial Structures, Additions, Substantial Improvements, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K	\$85	\$0.06 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$98	Calculative Amount	\$98	\$160	**If the structure is located within the 500-year floodplain, 100-year floodplain, Floodway, or Coastal High Hazard Area, an inspection will be added to the permit. If not, no inspection fee will be added to the permit. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).			
	\$100K+1 - \$200K	\$115										
	\$200K+1 - \$400k	\$150										
	\$400K+1 - \$650k	\$175										
	\$650K+1 - \$1M	\$240										
	\$1M+1 - \$2M	\$1,150										
	\$2M+1 - \$5M	\$1,725										
	\$5M+1 - \$10M	\$2,300										
	\$10M+1 - \$20M	\$2,600										
	\$20M+1 - \$35M	\$2,880										
	\$35M+1 and up	\$4,600										
Commercial												
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes		
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code	See Special Notes											
Lease Tenant Spaces, Remodels, Renovations, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K	\$85	\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$0.00	Calculative Amount	\$0	\$160	All Fire Code Inspection and Re-Inspection fees can be located on the Harris County Fire Marhsal's Website. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).			
	\$100K+1 - \$200K	\$115										
	\$200K+1 - \$400k	\$150										
	\$400K+1 - \$650k	\$175										
	\$650K+1 - \$1M	\$240										
	\$1M+1 - \$2M	\$1,150										
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	\$20M+1 - \$35M	\$2,880										
	\$35M+1 and up	\$4,600										
Site Development												
Permit Type	Application Fee		Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes		
Site Development (Site Development, Paving, Grading, Drainage , unenclosed structures, ...etc.	\$30 per acre		\$240 + \$27 per acre		\$98	1	Calculative Amount	\$98	\$650	Revision fees are assessed for each individual revision approval.		
Development Residential Subdivision Infrastructure with dedicated ROW	\$425.00		\$15 per Lot		\$900	4		\$900	\$650			
Street Acceptance dedicated ROW	\$30 per acre		\$240 + \$27 per acre		\$500	2		\$250	\$650			
Manufactured Home Park	\$0.00		\$250 + \$10 per space		\$98	1	\$98	\$80				
Minor Site Development & Mass Grading (small site development which includes but not limited to small paving, accessory structures, driveways, portable classrooms, ...etc.)	\$0.00		\$213		\$98	1	\$311.00	\$98	\$80			
Driveway												
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes					
Commercial Driveway - Curb and Gutter	\$95		\$105	2	\$305	\$53						
Commercial Driveway - Culvert	\$148		\$105	2	\$358	\$53						
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)												
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes					
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$155		\$200	2	\$365	\$100	Inspection Fee covers both inspections * \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee					
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$155		\$0.00	0	\$155	\$0.00						
Holding Tank /Port-O-Can*	\$50		\$55	1	\$115	\$55						
Stormwater Quality Permits												
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes					
SWQ Permit Initial	\$505		\$60	1	\$565	\$60						
Master SWQ Permit Initial	\$1006		\$0.00	0	\$1006	\$0.00						
SWQ Amendment Permit	\$243		\$60	1	\$303	\$60						
SWQ Transfer Permit	\$355		\$0.00	0	\$355	\$0.00						
Stormwater Quality Renewals												
SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$190		\$0.00	0	\$190	\$0.00	Late fees will be assessed on a prorated basis for each month of non-compliance. A one-month grace period will be provided before additional fees are applied.					
Master SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$385		\$0.00	0	\$385	\$0.00						
State Stormwater Quality Inspections												
Type	Re-Inspection Fee						Special Notes					
Residential	\$94											
Commercial Site	\$338											
Signs												
Permit Type	Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections		Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes					
Toll Road Signs	\$60	\$55	1		\$115	\$30						
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Signs	\$38	\$55	1		\$93	\$30						
Right of Way Notification												
Notifications Type	Notification Fee		Number of Inspections		Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection	Special Notes					
Right of Way notification Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Left Turn Lanes, Utility crossing with pavement replacement , and extensions.)	\$1.42 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2		Calculative Amount	\$250	All fees will be rounded up to the nearest dollar					
Right of way notification Non-Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Utilizes outside pavement, network nodes, and fiber.)	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2			\$250						
Platting												
Plat Type	Details				Fees		Special Notes					
Platting Fee	Per Lot				\$13							
	Linear feet (per 100 ft.)				\$24							
	Recordation				\$750							
Financial Surety	Details				Financial Surety							
Admin - Lot	Street Acceptance				\$10 per lot							
Admin - Reserves	Street Acceptance				\$20 per 100 foot linear							
Traffic												
Traffic Type	Details					Fees		Special Notes				
Traffic Impact Analysis (Technical Memorandum, e.g. multi-way stop analysis, pedestrian crossing analysis, etc.).						\$50	Flat Fee					
Traffic Impact Analysis						\$300	Flat Fee					
Traffic Control Plan						\$50	Flat Fee					

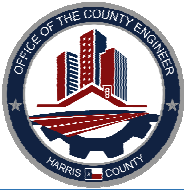
Fire Protection					
Permit Type	Fire Code Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes
Fire sprinklers	\$330	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$65	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Fire alarm	\$330				
Fixed fire suppression system	\$330				
All other fire protection systems or equipment	\$330				
Access control system	\$330				

Fire Code Permits					
Permit Type	Fire Code Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes
Compressed gases	\$240	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$100	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Cryogenix fluids	\$240				
Emergency responder communication coverage system	\$240				
Energy storage systems	\$240				
Flammable and combustible liquids	\$240				
Fuel cell power systems	\$240				
Gas detection systems	\$240				
Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads	\$240				
High-Pile Storage	\$240				
Industrial ovens	\$240				
LP-gas	\$240				
Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths	\$240				
Plant extraction systems	\$240				
Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.	\$240				
Solar photovoltaic power systems.	\$240				
Spraying or dipping.	\$240				
Explosion control systems.	\$240				
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.	\$240				

Administrative Services		
Compliance		
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Residential	\$250	Flat Fee
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Commercial	\$500	Flat Fee
Inspection Fee	\$315	Flat Fee
Other charges incurred by the	\$0.70	Per Mile
Office of County Engineer - Permits	\$80	Per Hour
Pre-Construction Meetings	\$600	Flat Fee
Administrative Fees		
Return Check Fee	\$30	Per check
Affidavit Filing Fee	\$18	Per affidavit
OSSF Maintenance Report	\$10	Per page
Variance Request Fees		
Residential Variance Request	\$200	Flat Fee
Commercial Variance Request	\$500	Flat Fee

Cost of Construction		
Occupancy Group	Construction	Cost
Assembly (A) or Institutional (I)	\$160	Per Square Foot
Business (B), Education (E), or Residential (R)	\$140	Per Square Foot
Hazardous (H), Mercantile (M)	\$100	Per Square Foot
Industrial (I), Storage (S)	\$75	Per Square Foot
Open Parking Garage, Shell, Miscellaneous, Reno Or	\$50	Per Square Foot
Remodels		
Lease Space Buildout	\$35	Per Square Foot
High-Pile Storage or Solid Pile	TBP	Applicant shall provide cost of construction
Data is based on the Building Valuation Table provided by the International Code Council (ICC).		

Notes	
1. All Permits fees shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar. 2. Charge per square foot shall also include the floors of attached and detached garages and all building floors of multiple-story buildings. 3. Permit fees are not refundable. Inspection fees are charged for each visit to the job site. 4. All permit applications submitted to abate violation(s) shall be subject to a double fee. 5. Late fees will be assessed on a prorated basis for each month of non-compliance. A one-month grace period will be provided before additional fees are applied. Fee schedule supersedes all other same fees annotated within other regulations approved prior to this schedule	



Office of the County Engineer

Permits Office

Fee Schedule

(Year 2 (2027): 67% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target)

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DR. MILTON RAHMAN, P.E., PMP, CFM, ENV SP - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & COUNTY ENGINEER											
Effective Date: 1/01/2027											
Residential											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee (outside SFHA)	Inspection Fee (Inside SFHA)	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Outside SFHA)	Total Fees (Inside SFHA)	Re-inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Residential Development											
Residential Single/Multi-Family Dwellings & Manufactured Homes, Tract Homes	\$224.00		\$0.00	\$127.00	1	\$224.00	\$351.00	\$127.00		If the structure is located within the 500-year floodplain, 100-year floodplain, Floodway, or Coastal High Hazard Area, an inspection will be added to the permit. If not, no inspection fee will be added to the permit.	
Accessory Structures - All Other Structures (paving, storage sheds, pools, Additions and remodels, etc.)	\$43.00		\$0.00	\$127.00	1	\$43.00	\$170.00				
Fill Material	\$37.00		\$0.00	\$104.00	1	\$37.00	\$141.00				
Driveway											
Residential Driveway	\$67.00		\$117.00		2	\$301.00		\$117.00			
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)											
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$134.00		\$142.00		1	\$286.00		\$142.00		* \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Inspection Fee covers both inspections Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee	
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$150.00		N/A		N/A	\$150.00		N/A			
OSSF - Holding Tank/ Port-O-Can*	\$70.00		\$55.00		1	\$135.00		N/A			
Commercial											
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection**	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Fire Code Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code See Special Notes											
Building Development Permit-New Commercial Structures, Additions, Substantial Improvements, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K		\$85		\$0.05 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$195	Calculative Amount	\$195	\$160	**If the structure is located within the 500-year floodplain, 100-year floodplain, Floodway, or Coastal High Hazard Area, an inspection will be added to the permit. If not, no inspection fee will be added to the permit. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).
	\$100K+1 - \$200K		\$115								
	\$200K+1 - \$400k		\$150								
	\$400K+1 - \$650k		\$175								
	\$650K+1 - \$1M		\$240								
	\$1M+1 - \$2M		\$1,150								
	\$2M+1 - \$5M		\$1,725								
	\$5M+1 - \$10M		\$2,300								
	\$10M+1 - \$20M		\$2,600								
	\$20M+1 - \$35M		\$2,880								
	\$35M+1 and up		\$4,600								
	Commercial										
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code See Special Notes											
Lease Tenant Spaces, Remodels, Renovations, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K		\$85		\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$0.00	Calculative Amount	\$0	\$160	All Fire Code Inspection and Re-Inspection fees can be located on the Harris County Fire Marhsal's Website. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).
	\$100K+1 - \$200K		\$115								
	\$200K+1 - \$400k		\$150								
	\$400K+1 - \$650k		\$175								
	\$650K+1 - \$1M		\$240								
	\$1M+1 - \$2M		\$1,150								
	\$2M+1 - \$5M		\$1,725								
	\$5M+1 - \$10M		\$2,300								
	\$10M+1 - \$20M		\$2,600								
	\$20M+1 - \$35M		\$2,880								
	\$35M+1 and up		\$4,600								
	Site Development										
Permit Type	Application Fee		Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Site Development (Site Development, Paving, Grading, Drainage , unenclosed structures, ...etc.	\$80 per acre		\$240 + \$70 per acre		\$195	1	Calculative Amount	\$195	\$650	Revision fees are assessed for each individual revision approval.	
Development Residential Subdivision Infrastructure with dedicated ROW	\$740.00		\$38 per Lot		\$2,075	4		\$1000	\$650		
Street Acceptance dedicated ROW	\$80 per acre		\$240 + \$70 per acre		\$1,004	2		\$280	\$650		
Manufactured Home Park	\$0.00		\$250 + \$10 per space		\$195	1		\$195	\$80		
Minor Site Development & Mass Grading (small site development which includes but not limited to small paving, accessory structures, driveways, portable classrooms, ...etc.)	\$0.00		\$318		\$195	1	\$513.00	\$195	\$80		
Driveway											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
Commercial Driveway - Curb and Gutter	\$103		\$214	2	\$531	\$107					
Commercial Driveway - Culvert	\$127		\$214	2	\$555	\$107					
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$165		\$284	2	\$459	\$142	Inspection Fee covers both inspections * \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee				
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$165		\$0.00	0	\$165	\$0.00					
Holding Tank /Port-O-Can*	\$75		\$60	1	\$145	\$60					
Stormwater Quality Permits											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
SWQ Permit Initial	\$513		\$130	1	\$643	\$130					
Master SWQ Permit Initial	\$1017		\$0.00	0	\$1017	\$0.00					
SWQ Amendment Permit	\$398		\$130	1	\$528	\$130					
SWQ Transfer Permit	\$447		\$0.00	0	\$447	\$0.00					
Stormwater Quality Renewals											
SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$190		\$0.00	0	\$190	\$0.00	Late fees will be assessed on a prorated basis for each month of non-compliance. A one-month grace period will be provided before additional fees are applied.				
Master SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$385		\$0.00	0	\$385	\$0.00					
State Stormwater Quality Inspections											
Type	Re-Inspection Fee						Special Notes				
Residential	\$125										
Commercial Site	\$400										
Signs											
Permit Type	Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes					
Toll Road Signs	\$60	\$80	1	\$140	\$30						
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Signs	\$50	\$80	1	\$130	\$30						
Right of Way Notification											
Notifications Type	Notification Fee		Number of Inspections		Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection	Special Notes				
Right of Way notification Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Left Turn Lanes, Utility crossing with pavement replacement , and extensions.)	\$2.10 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2		Calculative Amount	\$250	All fees will be rounded up to the nearest dollar				
Right of way notification Non-Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Utilizes outside pavement, network nodes, and fiber.)	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2			\$250					
Platting											
Plat Type	Details				Fees		Special Notes				
Platting Fee	Per Lot				\$17						
	Linear feet (per 100 ft.)				\$30						
	Recordation				\$1000						
Financial Surety	Details				Financial Surety						
Admin - Lot	Street Acceptance				\$10 per lot						
Admin - Reserves	Street Acceptance				\$20 per 100 foot linear						
Traffic											
Traffic Type	Details					Fees		Special Notes			
Traffic Impact Analysis (Technical Memorandum, e.g. multi-way stop analysis, pedestrian crossing analysis, etc.).						\$134	Flat Fee				
Traffic Impact Analysis						\$800	Flat Fee				
Traffic Control Plan						\$134	Flat Fee				

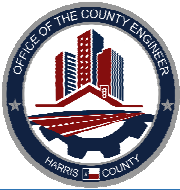
Fire Protection					
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Fire sprinklers	\$330	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$65	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Fire alarm	\$330				
Fixed fire suppression system	\$330				
All other fire protection systems or equipment	\$330				
Access control system	\$330				

Fire Code Permits					
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Compressed gases	\$240	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$100	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Cryogenix fluids	\$240				
Emergency responder communication coverage system	\$240				
Energy storage systems	\$240				
Flammable and combustible liquids	\$240				
Fuel cell power systems	\$240				
Gas detection systems	\$240				
Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads	\$240				
High-Pile Storage	\$240				
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LP-gas	\$240				
Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths	\$240				
Plant extraction systems	\$240				
Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.	\$240				
Solar photovoltaic power systems.	\$240				
Spraying or dipping.	\$240				
Explosion control systems.	\$240				
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.	\$240				

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Compliance		
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Residential	\$250	Flat Fee
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Commercial	\$500	Flat Fee
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Industrial (I), Storage (S)	\$75	Per Square Foot
Open Parking Garage, Shell, Miscellaneous, Reno Or Remodels	\$50	Per Square Foot
Lease Space Buildout	\$35	Per Square Foot
High-Pile Storage or Solid Pile	TBP	Applicant shall provide cost of construction
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Residential											
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Accessory Structures - All Other Structures (paving, storage sheds, pools, Additions and remodels, etc.)	\$50.00		\$0.00	\$170.00	1	\$50.00	\$220.00				
Fill Material	\$50.00		\$0.00	\$135.00	1	\$50.00	\$185.00				
Driveway											
Residential Driveway	\$70.00		\$155.00		2	\$380.00		\$155.00			
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)											
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$150.00		\$175.00		1	\$335.00		\$175.00		* \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Inspection Fee covers both inspections Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee	
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$150.00		N/A		N/A	\$150.00		N/A			
OSSF - Holding Tank/ Port-O-Can*	\$90.00		\$55.00		1	\$155.00		N/A			
Commercial											
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection**	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Fire Code Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code See Special Notes											
Building Development Permit-New Commercial Structures, Additions, Substantial Improvements, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K		\$85		\$0.04 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$270	Calculative Amount	\$270	\$160	**If the structure is located within the 500-year floodplain, 100-year floodplain, Floodway, or Coastal High Hazard Area, an inspection will be added to the permit. If not, no inspection fee will be added to the permit. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).
	\$100K+1 - \$200K		\$115								
	\$200K+1 - \$400k		\$150								
	\$400K+1 - \$650k		\$175								
	\$650K+1 - \$1M		\$240								
	\$1M+1 - \$2M		\$1,150								
	\$2M+1 - \$5M		\$1,725								
	\$5M+1 - \$10M		\$2,300								
	\$10M+1 - \$20M		\$2,600								
	\$20M+1 - \$35M		\$2,880								
	\$35M+1 and up		\$4,600								
	Commercial										
Permit Type	Fire Code Application Fee		Development Permit Fee		Fire Code Inspection Fee	Development Inspection	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Commercial Construction Permit/Fire Code See Special Notes											
Lease Tenant Spaces, Remodels, Renovations, ...etc.	\$0 up to \$100K		\$85		\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule	\$0.00	Calculative Amount	\$0	\$160	All Fire Code Inspection and Re-Inspection fees can be located on the Harris County Fire Marhsal's Website. Application fees will be calculated based on the Cost of Construction table provided below, using data published by the International Code Council (ICC).
	\$100K+1 - \$200K		\$115								
	\$200K+1 - \$400k		\$150								
	\$400K+1 - \$650k		\$175								
	\$650K+1 - \$1M		\$240								
	\$1M+1 - \$2M		\$1,150								
	\$2M+1 - \$5M		\$1,725								
	\$5M+1 - \$10M		\$2,300								
	\$10M+1 - \$20M		\$2,600								
	\$20M+1 - \$35M		\$2,880								
	\$35M+1 and up		\$4,600								
	Site Development										
Permit Type	Application Fee		Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes	
Site Development (Site Development, Paving, Grading, Drainage , unenclosed structures, ...etc.	\$120 per acre		\$240 + \$105 per acre		\$270	1	Calculative Amount	\$270	\$650	Revision fees are assessed for each individual revision approval.	
Development Residential Subdivision Infrastructure with dedicated ROW	\$1100.00		\$55 per Lot		\$3,000	4		\$1150	\$650		
Street Acceptance dedicated ROW	\$120 per acre		\$240 + \$105 per acre		\$1,400	2		\$280	\$650		
Manufactured Home Park	\$0.00		\$250 + \$10 per space		\$270	1		\$270	\$80		
Minor Site Development & Mass Grading (small site development which includes but not limited to small paving, accessory structures, driveways, portable classrooms, ...etc.)	\$0.00		\$400		\$270	1	\$670.00	\$270	\$80		
Driveway											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
Commercial Driveway - Curb and Gutter	\$110		\$300	2	\$710	\$150					
Commercial Driveway - Culvert	\$110		\$300	2	\$710	\$150					
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic)*	\$175		\$350	2	\$535	\$325	Inspection Fee covers both inspections * \$10 TCEQ Surcharge Does Not include \$18 affidavit filing fee				
On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic) - Amended Permit	\$175		\$0.00	0	\$175	\$0.00					
Holding Tank /Port-O-Can*	\$90		\$65	1	\$165	\$65					
Stormwater Quality Permits											
Permit Type	Permit Fee		Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections	Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
SWQ Permit Initial	\$520		\$200	1	\$720	\$215					
Master SWQ Permit Initial	\$1025		\$0.00	0	\$1025	\$0.00					
SWQ Amendment Permit	\$520		\$200	1	\$720	\$215					
SWQ Transfer Permit	\$520		\$0.00	0	\$520	\$0.00					
Stormwater Quality Renewals											
SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$190		\$0.00	0	\$190	\$0.00	Late fees will be assessed on a prorated basis for each month of non-compliance. A one-month grace period will be provided before additional fees are applied.				
Master SWQ Permit Renewal ⁽⁵⁾	\$385		\$0.00	0	\$385	\$0.00					
State Stormwater Quality Inspections											
Type	Re-Inspection Fee						Special Notes				
Residential	\$150										
Commercial Site	\$450										
Signs											
Permit Type	Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Number of Inspections		Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection Fee	Special Notes				
Toll Road Signs	\$60	\$100	1		\$160	\$30					
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Signs	\$60	\$100	1		\$160	\$30					
Right of Way Notification											
Notifications Type	Notification Fee		Number of Inspections		Total Fees (Permit + Inspection)	Re-Inspection	Special Notes				
Right of Way notification Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Left Turn Lanes, Utility crossing with pavement replacement , and extensions.)	\$2.65 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2		Calculative Amount	\$250	All fees will be rounded up to the nearest dollar				
Right of way notification Non-Pavement work (includes but not limited to: Utilizes outside pavement, network nodes, and fiber.)	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)		2			\$250					
Platting											
Plat Type	Details				Fees		Special Notes				
Platting Fee	Per Lot				\$20						
	Linear feet (per 100 ft.)				\$36						
	Recordation				\$1200						
Financial Surety	Details				Financial Surety						
Admin - Lot	Street Acceptance				\$10 per lot						
Admin - Reserves	Street Acceptance				\$20 per 100 foot linear						
Traffic											
Traffic Type	Details					Fees		Special Notes			
Traffic Impact Analysis (Technical Memorandum, e.g. multi-way stop analysis, pedestrian crossing analysis, etc.).						\$200	Flat Fee				
Traffic Impact Analysis						\$1,200	Flat Fee				
Traffic Control Plan						\$200	Flat Fee				

Fire Protection					
Permit Type	Fire Code Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes
Fire sprinklers	\$330	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$65	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Fire alarm	\$330				
Fixed fire suppression system	\$330				
All other fire protection systems or equipment	\$330				
Access control system	\$330				

Fire Code Permits					
Permit Type	Fire Code Permit Fee	Inspection Fee	Re-Inspection Fee	Revision Fee	Special Notes
Compressed gases	\$240	Refer to HCFMO Fee Schedule		\$100	All Fire Code inspection and re-inspection fees can be found on the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Fee Schedule
Cryogenix fluids	\$240				
Emergency responder communication coverage system	\$240				
Energy storage systems	\$240				
Flammable and combustible liquids	\$240				
Fuel cell power systems	\$240				
Gas detection systems	\$240				
Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads	\$240				
High-Pile Storage	\$240				
Industrial ovens	\$240				
LP-gas	\$240				
Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths	\$240				
Plant extraction systems	\$240				
Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.	\$240				
Solar photovoltaic power systems.	\$240				
Spraying or dipping.	\$240				
Explosion control systems.	\$240				
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.	\$240				

Administrative Services		
Compliance		
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Residential	\$250	Flat Fee
Certificate of Non/Compliance - Commercial	\$500	Flat Fee
Inspection Fee	\$315	Flat Fee
Other charges incurred by the Office of County Engineer - Permits	\$0.70	Per Mile
	\$80	Per Hour
Pre-Construction Meetings	\$600	Flat Fee
Administrative Fees		
Return Check Fee	\$30	Per check
Affidavit Filing Fee	\$18	Per affidavit
OSSF Maintenance Report	\$10	Per page
Variance Request Fees		
Residential Variance Request	\$200	Flat Fee
Commercial Variance Request	\$500	Flat Fee

Cost of Construction		
Occupancy Group	Construction	Cost
Assembly (A) or Institutional (I)	\$160	Per Square Foot
Business (B), Education (E), or Residential (R)	\$140	Per Square Foot
Hazardous (H), Mercantile (M)	\$100	Per Square Foot
Industrial (I), Storage (S)	\$75	Per Square Foot
Open Parking Garage, Shell, Miscellaneous, Reno Or Remodels	\$50	Per Square Foot
Lease Space Buildout	\$35	Per Square Foot
High-Pile Storage or Solid Pile	TBP	Applicant shall provide cost of construction
Data is based on the Building Valuation Table provided by the International Code Council (ICC).		

Notes
1. All Permits fees shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar. 2. Charge per square foot shall also include the floors of attached and detached garages and all building floors of multiple-story buildings. 3. Permit fees are not refundable. Inspection fees are charged for each visit to the job site. 4. All permit applications submitted to abate violation(s) shall be subject to a double fee. 5. Late fees will be assessed on a prorated basis for each month of non-compliance. A one-month grace period will be provided before additional fees are applied. Fee schedule supersedes all other same fees annotated within other regulations approved prior to this schedule

Office of County Engineer - Proposed Fee Schedule Comparison				
	Fee Schedule			
Permit & Inspection Type	Current Fee Schedule	Year 1 (2026): 25% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target	Year 2 (2027): 67% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target	Year 3 (2028): Full implementation achieving 95% cost recovery
RESIDENTIAL				
Residential development				
Residential single/multi-family dwellings & manufactured homes, tract homes permit	\$130	\$165	\$224	\$270
Residential single/multi-family dwellings & manufactured homes, tract homes inspection	\$40	\$73	\$127	\$170
Accessory structures - all other structures (paving, storage sheds, pools, additions and remodels, etc.) permit	\$30	\$35	\$43	\$50
Accessory structures - all other structures (paving, storage sheds, pools, additions and remodels, etc.) inspection	\$40	\$73	\$127	\$170
Fill material and paving permit	\$10	\$20	\$37	\$50
Fill material and paving inspection	\$40	\$64	\$104	\$135
On-site sewage facility (residential)				
On-site sewage facility permit	\$100	\$113	\$134	\$150
On-site sewage facility inspection	\$75	\$100	\$142	\$175
On-site sewage facility reinspection	\$75	\$90	\$142	\$175
Holding tank permit	\$125	\$50	\$70	\$90
Holding tank inspection	\$75	\$55	\$55	\$55
On-site sewage facility amended permit	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Driveway (residential)				
Residential driveway and sidewalk permit	\$60	\$63	\$67	\$70
Residential driveway and sidewalk inspection	\$40	\$69	\$117	\$155
COMMERCIAL				
Site development				
Site Development (Site Development, Paving, Grading, Drainage , unenclosed structures, ...etc.)	\$214 per acre	\$240 + \$27 per acre	\$240 + \$70 per acre	\$240 + \$105 per acre
Commercial final site inspection	\$40	\$98	\$195	\$270
Development Residential Subdivision Infrastructure with dedicated ROW	\$214 per acre	\$15 per Lot	\$38 per Lot	\$55 per Lot
Street acceptance	\$200	\$900	\$2,075	\$3,000
Street Acceptance dedicated ROW	\$200	\$500	\$1,004	\$1,400
Minor Site Development & Mass Grading (small site development which includes but not limited to small paving, accessory structures, driveways, portable classrooms, ...etc.)	\$150	\$213	\$318	\$400
Minor site development inspection	\$40	\$98	\$195	\$270
Manufactured home park permit	\$7 per space	\$250 + \$10 per space	\$250 + \$10 per space	\$250 + \$10 per space
Manufactured home park inspection	\$40	\$98	\$195	\$270
Commercial building & lease tenant				
Commercial development plan review	\$0.07 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 min.)	\$0.06 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	\$0.05 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	\$0.04 per Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)
Commercial building site inspection	\$40	\$98	\$195	\$270
Commercial lease space plan review	\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 min.)	\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)	\$16 per 1,000 Sq. Ft. (\$50 minimum)
Stormwater quality				
Stormwater quality permit (initial)	\$500	\$505	\$513	\$520
Stormwater quality inspection - water quality	\$300	\$60	\$130	\$200
Stormwater quality permit amendment	\$150	\$243	\$398	\$520
Stormwater quality inspection amendment	\$300	\$60	\$130	\$200
Master SWQ permit initial	\$1,000	\$1,006	\$1,017	\$1,025
SWQ transfer permit	\$300	\$355	\$447	\$520
State Stormwater quality				
Residential reinspection	\$75	\$94	\$125	\$150
Commercial reinspection	\$300	\$338	\$400	\$450
Stormwater quality renewal				
SWQ permit renewal - on time	\$250	\$190	\$190	\$190
SWQ permit renewal - expired	\$500	\$190	\$190	\$190
Master SWQ permit renewal - on time	\$500	\$385	\$385	\$385
Master SWQ permit renewal - expired	\$1,000	\$385	\$385	\$385
Right of way notification				
Right of way notification pavement (NEW)	\$1 per Linear Feet & \$150 per Crossing	\$1.42 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)	\$2.10 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)	\$2.65 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)
Right of way inspection pavement (NEW)				
Right of way notification non-pavement (NEW)	\$1 per Linear Feet & \$150 per Crossing	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)	\$0.80 per linear foot (\$150 minimum)
Right of way inspection non-pavement (NEW)				
On-site sewage facility (commercial)				
On-site sewage facility permit	\$250	\$155	\$165	\$175
On-site sewage facility inspection	\$150	\$200	\$284	\$350
Holding tank permit	\$125	\$50	\$75	\$90
Holding tank inspection	\$75	\$55	\$60	\$65
On-site sewage facility amended permit	\$300	\$155	\$165	\$175
Driveway (commercial)				
Commercial driveway - curb and gutter permit	\$90	\$95	\$103	\$110
Commercial driveway - curb and gutter inspection	\$40	\$105	\$214	\$300
Commercial driveway - new culvert permit	\$160	\$148	\$127	\$110
Commercial driveway - new culvert inspection	\$40	\$105	\$214	\$300
Signs				
Toll road signs permit	\$120	\$60	\$60	\$60
Toll road signs inspection	\$40	\$55	\$80	\$100
Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) signs permit	\$30	\$38	\$50	\$60
Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) signs inspection	\$40	\$55	\$80	\$100
Platting				
Plat recordation	\$600	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,200
Per lot -Admin	\$10	\$13	\$17	\$20
linear ft (100)- Admin	\$20	\$24	\$30	\$36
Traffic				
Traffic Impact Analysis (Technical Memorandum, e.g. multi-way stop analysis, pedestrian crossing analysis, etc.).	\$0	\$50	\$134	\$200
Traffic Impact Analysis	\$0	\$300	\$800	\$1,200
Traffic Control Plan	\$0	\$50	\$134	\$200

Permit & Inspection Type	Current Fee Schedule	Year 1 (2026): 25% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target	Year 2 (2027): 67% of fee increases toward 95% cost recovery target	Year 3 (2028): Full implementation achieving 95% cost recovery
Fire Code (Application Fee)				
<i>\$0 up to \$100K</i>	\$75	\$85	\$85	\$85
<i>\$100K+1 - \$200K</i>	\$100	\$115	\$115	\$115
<i>\$200K+1 - \$400k</i>	\$125	\$150	\$150	\$150
<i>\$400K+1 - \$650k</i>	\$150	\$175	\$175	\$175
<i>\$650K+1 - \$1M</i>	\$200	\$240	\$240	\$240
<i>\$1M+1 - \$2M</i>	\$1,000	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150
<i>\$2M+1 - \$5M</i>	\$1,500	\$1,725	\$1,725	\$1,725
<i>\$5M+1 - \$10M</i>	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300
<i>\$10M+1 - \$20M</i>	\$2,250	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600
<i>\$20M+1 - \$35M</i>	\$2,500	\$2,880	\$2,880	\$2,880
<i>\$35M+1 and up</i>	\$4,000	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600
Fire Protection (Permit Fee)				
<i>Fire sprinklers</i>	\$108	\$330	\$330	\$330
<i>Fire alarm</i>	\$100	\$330	\$330	\$330
<i>Fixed fire suppression system</i>	\$120	\$330	\$330	\$330
<i>All other fire protection systems or equipment</i>	\$120	\$330	\$330	\$330
<i>Access control system</i>	\$180	\$330	\$330	\$330

Model Parameters & General Assumptions

Fully-loaded cost of permit office as presented in HC 5-year plan	\$18,200,000
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Total cost	\$18,671,493
Direct costs	\$5,320,978
<i>labor</i>	\$4,593,739
<i>other</i>	\$727,240
Indirect cost	\$7,866,148
<i>labor</i>	\$7,298,809
<i>other</i>	\$567,339
Overhead cost	\$5,484,366
<i>labor</i>	\$3,786,036
<i>other</i>	\$1,698,330

	<i>Current fees</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 1)</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 2)</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 3)</i>
Total revenue	\$13,929,855	\$15,100,116	\$17,066,155	\$18,610,899
Revenue from OCE permits and inspections	\$9,298,560	\$11,075,767	\$14,061,475	\$16,407,388
<i>Commercial</i>	\$5,524,060	\$6,256,604	\$7,487,277	\$8,454,235
<i>Residential</i>	\$3,774,499	\$4,819,163	\$6,574,197	\$7,953,153
Revenue from Fire Code *	\$4,631,295	\$2,203,511	\$2,203,511	\$2,203,511
<i>Revenue from OCE fire code reviews</i>	\$762,071	\$2,203,511	\$2,203,511	\$2,203,511
<i>Other revenue from fire code</i>	\$3,869,224	\$0	\$0	\$0

	<i>Current fees</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 1)</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 2)</i>	<i>Proposed fees (Year 3)</i>
Current / Proposed Revenue	\$13,929,855	\$15,100,116	\$17,066,155	\$18,610,899
Surplus / Deficit	(\$4,741,638)	(\$3,571,377)	(\$1,605,338)	(\$60,594)
Year-over-Year Revenue Increase		\$1,170,261	\$1,966,039	\$1,544,745

* OCE Fire Code reviews only