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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Five  
**AN ORDINANCE**

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows: Chapter 5 of the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled: "Buildings" is hereby amended by striking out the present Section 5-1 and substituting in place thereof the following sections which reads as follows:-

**Section 5-1. Adoption of Building Code by Reference.**

The ordinance passed to ordained December 27, 1943, entitled: "Construction, Use, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings and Structures," which may be cited as the Building Code, and amendments thereto are hereby adopted and by this reference made a part of this Code with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein. At least three (3) copies of the said ordinance and amendments thereto are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

The enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter and the collection of any fees provided therein shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Inspector of Buildings known as the Building Commissioner, and such inspectors of sub-ordinants as may from time to time be designated by him.

Wherever the word "cost" appears it shall mean; "the fair and reasonable market cost of the work, including materials, for which the permit is sought."

Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining said permit, the fee previously specified shall be tripled but the payment of such triple fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

**Section 5-2**

Description	Fee
(1) All buildings and structures	Min. Fee \$10.00 over \$5,000.00 cost \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost
(2) Alterations and Additions to cost	Max. Fee \$10,000.00
Less than \$100.00	\$2.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$5.00
From \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$8.00
Over \$300.00 and less than \$5,000.00	\$10.00
\$5,000.00 and over	\$10.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof Max. Fee \$5,000.00
(3) Amendments to plans	\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost of work in excess of \$1,000.00. No fee if cost if \$1,000.00 or less
(4) Demolition of buildings or structures to cost less than \$100.00	\$2.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$5.00
From \$201.00 to less than \$1,000.00	\$10.00
Over \$1,000.00	\$10.00 plus \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof Max. Fee \$5,000.00
(5) Preliminary permits for foundations	Same as alterations and additions (Item 2, above)
(6) All signs costing	\$5.00
Less than \$100.00	\$10.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$15.00
From \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$15.00 plus \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof
Over \$300.00	\$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost
(7) Initial installation of elevators, dumbwaiters and moving stairways	\$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost
(8) Alterations, replacements or renewal of parts of an elevator, dumbwaiter or moving stairway	\$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost
(9) Annual safety test of elevators and moving stairway	\$25.00 per car-stairway
(10) Annual inspection of dumbwaiters	\$5.00 per car
(11) Inspection and testing of builder's hoist	\$25.00 per car
(12) Petition to Board of Appeal (Building Code)	\$50.00
(13) Certificate of Occupancy	\$2.00
(14) Copy of Permit Application	\$1.00
Copy of Board of Appeal Decision	\$1.00
Copy of other records on file (one page)	\$1.00
Additional pages in same file per page	\$.50
(15) Places of Assembly	
Inspection Certificate	\$25.00
Notice (Yellow Cards) 20 to less than 50 capacity	\$5.00
Notice (Yellow Cards) less than 100 capacity	\$10.00
Notice (White Card) over 100 capacity	\$25.00
(16) Moving building	Same as Item 2 (Alterations and Additions)

(17) Builder's License	\$10.00
One year renewal	\$5.00
Beyond one year plus 30 days	\$10.00
(18) Request inspection of dwelling unit as per section 120.3 of the State Building Code.	\$50.00

**ELECTRICAL FEES**

**Section 5-3**

Electrical Fees. Initial charge made on all permits issued \$1.50.

(1) Receptacles	
15 ampere, each	\$ .25
20 ampere, each	\$1.00
30 ampere, each	\$2.00
50 ampere, each	\$3.00
(2) Fixtures, Lighting, Signs	\$ .25
Projectors, every 100 watts (min. 50 watts per fixture)	
(3) Motors	
Less than 1 H.P.	\$1.00
Each additional H.P.	\$ .25
(4) Heating devices	
Less than 1 KW	\$1.00
Each additional KW	\$ .25
Domestic gas or oil burner	\$1.00
(5) Source of Supply	
Service, each 100 amperes	\$1.00
Each meter connection	\$1.00
Transformer, generator or Rectifier less than 100 watts	\$ .50
Less than 10 KVA	\$2.00
Each additional 10 KVA	\$1.00

(6) The fee for alterations and relocations will be the same as that charged for new work.

(7) A charge of \$5.00 will be made for inspection of corrected defective work. (When defects reported by the Department have been corrected, a permit must be obtained before reinspection may be made.)

(8) Work done by others than Electrical Contractors, etc:

Any person, firm or corporation other than electrical contractor and public service corporation who employs one or more electricians permanently to do electrical work, may obtain a permit covering the work done by such permanent electrician for a period of time, to be determined in each case. The fee for electrical work done under such a permit will be the same according to this schedule that would be charged had a separate permit been given for each job. A preliminary fee of \$1.50 will be charged for each permit issued.

**PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING FEES**

**Section 5-4**

Description	Fee
(1) Heating units, each	\$5.00
(2) High pressure units 15 P.S.I. or over each additional 5 P.S.I.	\$10.00
(3) New plumbing up to 10 fixtures above 10 fixtures	\$1.00 each
(4) +Alterations in plumbing	
Up to 10 fixtures	\$7.00
Above 10 fixtures	\$1.00 each
(5) Gas-fitting, new and alterations, to cost less than \$100.00	\$2.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$4.00
From \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$6.00
From \$301.00 to \$2,000.00	\$10.00
Over \$2,000.00	\$10.00 plus \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost.
(6) Sprinklers, up to 10	\$10.00
Sprinkler heads	\$.50 each, per additional head
Additional heads	\$10.00 plus \$2.00 for each hose out-let and cabinet whether there is one or more sprinkler head-s connected to the system
(7) Fire lines and/or standpipe installations	
(8) Air conditioners (No permit shall be required for portable room units)	
Up to 25-ton unit	\$10.00
Over 25-ton unit	\$2.00 per ton

+Alterations will be considered as replacement of existing fixtures only.

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**INTER-COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

In all multi-family dwellings, existing and new there shall be a fully operative inter-communication system capable of transmitting and receiving the sound of a human voice in normal conversational tone from a point outside the main entrance or vestibule of the building to each apartment or dwelling unit.

There shall also be a means of electrically releasing the door strike on the main entrance door of the building from each apartment.

The inter-communication system herein referred to shall be subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner.

In City Council September 29, 1975

Passed to be ordained by a ye and nay vote:- Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1

James L. Sullivan, City Manager.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

ATTTEST:  
(C) Oct. 2

