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Section 7.100 General

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Building department.

There shall be in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, a department, to be called the Building Department, which shall be under the charge and supervision of a Superintendent of Public Buildings, hereinafter known as the Building Commissioner, who shall also be the inspector of buildings.

SECTION 7.101. ENFORCEMENT. The enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter, the State Building Code, and the collection of any fees provided herein shall be the duty of the Building Commissioner, and such inspectors or subordinates as may from time to time be designated by him. (Ord. No. 854, Sept. 29, 1975)

SECTION 7.102. DEFINITION OF "COST". 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". (Ord. No. 854, Sept. 29, 1975)

SECTION 7.103. FAILURE TO OBTAIN PERMIT; EFFECT. 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. (Ord. No. 854, Sept. 29, 1975)

¹Chapter 802 of the Acts of 1972 require that the building code of Cambridge shall be the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code.

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Section 7.200 Fees

Section 7.201

118.0 Third Edition

Building Department schedule of fees promulgated under the authority of the State Building Code Section 119.0 entitled: "Fee Computation".

Building Permit Fees.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
1. All buildings structures and additions	Min. Fee \$15.00 plus \$3.00 per \$1000.00 or fraction thereof in cost in excess of \$5,000.00.
2. Alterations	
Less than \$100.00	\$3.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$6.00
From \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$9.00
Over \$300.00 and less than \$5,000.00	\$15.00
\$5,000.00 and over	\$15.00 plus \$1.00 per \$500.00 or fraction thereof.
3. Amendments to plans	\$2.00 per \$500.00 or fraction thereof of cost of work in excess of \$500.00. No fee if cost is \$500.00 or less.
4. Demolition of buildings or structures	
to cost less than \$100.00	\$4.00
from \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$8.00
from \$201.00 to less than \$1,000.00	\$15.00
Over \$1,000.00	\$15.00 plus \$3.00 per \$500.00 or fraction thereof.
5. Preliminary permits for foundations	Same as alterations (Item No. 2 - above)
6. All signs costing	
Less than \$100.00	\$5.00
From \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$10.00
From \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$15.00
Over \$300.00	\$15.00 plus \$2.00 per \$500.00 or fraction thereof.
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 or parts of an elevator, dumbwaiter or moving stairways.	\$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost.
9. Annual safety test of elevators and moving safety.	\$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 Building Code Appeal.	\$75.00
13. Certificate of Occupancy	\$3.00
14. Copy of Board of Appeal Decision	\$1.50
Copy of Permit Application	\$1.50
Copy of other records on file (1 page)	\$1.50
Additional pages in same file per page	\$.50
15. Places of Assembly	
Inspection Certificates	\$25.00
Notice (Yellow Cards) 20 to less than 50 capacity	\$10.00
Notice (Yellow Cards) less than 100 capacity	\$20.00
Notice (White Cards) 100 capacity and over	\$40.00
16. Moving building	Same as alterations (Item No. 2)
17. Builder's License	\$20.00
One year renewal	\$10.00
Beyond one year plus 30 days	\$15.00
18. Request inspection of dwelling unit	

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Section 7.202

Section 7.202 Electrical Fees.

A two (\$2.00) dollar initial charge will be made on all permits issued.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
1. Switches	\$.25
2. Lights per 100 watts	\$.25
3. Receptacles	\$.25
15 ampere, each	
20 ampere, each	\$.25
30 ampere, each	\$2.00
50 ampere, each	\$3.00
4. Motors	\$4.00
Less than 1 H.P.	
Each additional H.P.	\$1.00
5. Signs	\$.25
6. Service per 100 ampere	\$5.00
7. Meters, each	\$1.00
8. Heat	\$1.00
Less than 1 KW	
Each additional KW	\$2.00
Domestic gas or oil burner	\$.25
	\$2.00

9. Source of Supply	
Transformer, generator, or rectifier	
less than 100 W	\$.50
less than 10 KVA	\$2.00
Each additional 10 KVA	\$1.00
10. Quarterly Permits	\$5.00
11. Re-inspection of code violations	\$5.00
12. Siding	\$5.00

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 each job. A preliminary fee of \$1.50 will be charged for each permit issued.

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Section 7.203 Plumbing and Gas-Fitting Fees.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
1. Ovens, kitchen ranges, space heater, etc.	\$3.00
2. Heating Units, each	\$6.00
3. High Pressure units 15 P.S.I. or over	\$25.00
each additional 5 P.S.I.	\$5.00
4. New plumbing up to 5 fixtures	\$15.00
above 5 fixtures	\$2.00 each
5. * * Alterations in plumbing	
Up to 5 fixtures	\$7.00
Above 5 fixtures	\$2.00 each
6. Gas-fitting, new and alterations, to	
cost less than \$100.00	\$3.00
from \$101.00 to \$200.00	\$5.00
from \$201.00 to \$300.00	\$7.00
from \$301.00 to \$2,000.00	\$15.00
Over \$2,000.00	\$15.00 plus \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of cost.
7. Sprinklers, up to 5	\$15.00
Sprinkler heads	\$1.00 each per additional head
8. Fire lines and or standpipe installations	\$15.00 plus \$3.00 for each hose outlet and cabinet whether there is one or more sprinkler heads connected to the system.
9. Air conditioners (No permit shall be required for a portable room units)	
Up to 25 ton unit	\$15.00
Over 25 ton unit	\$3.00 per ton.
10. Roof type combination Air conditioners and heat	
Up to 25 ton unit	15.00
Over 25 ton unit	\$3.00 per ton

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

Section 7.300 Security

Section 7.301 Definition of "Multi-Family"

MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT HOUSE: Any building or portion thereof used as a multiple dwelling for the purpose of providing three or more separate dwelling units with shared means of egress.

Section 7.302 Multi-Family Locks

Locks in multi-family dwellings: Requirements for locks in multi-family dwellings are subject to the provisions of Section 3R of Chapter 143 of the Massachusetts General Laws Annotated, as amended.

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Section 5-5. 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 of the main entrance door of the building from each apartment.

The intercommunication system herein referred to shall be subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner.

Chapter 143, Section 3R, Act No. 1170, June 11, 1970

Sec. 8. Guides.

No person, unless licensed as hereinafter provided, shall act as a guide for hire in or upon any street, public ground, or common. The city manager shall grant licenses to one or more reputable and qualified persons to act as guides in and upon any street, public ground or common, who shall pay therefor the sum of one dollar. Such duly licensed person, when engaged as guide for hire, shall wear, conspicuously placed on the front of his coat or hat, a badge containing the words "licensed guide" and shall produce for inspection the license issued as aforesaid, when requested by any public officer.

Sec. 9. Moving buildings.

No person shall move, or assist in moving, any building through or upon any street, unless a written license therefor has been first obtained from the superintendent of streets upon the authority of the city council, specifying the terms and conditions on which such removal may be made. No such license shall be authorized without public notice and opportunity for hearing. No person thus licensed shall act under his license until he has filed with the superintendent of streets a bond, with sufficient surety, satisfactory in amount to the superintendent of streets, to indemnify the city from all loss and damage by reason of such removal. ~~No building shall be removed through any street until the chimneys of the building have been taken down even with the roof.~~

No license for the removal of any building through any public street, square or place shall be authorized until certificates have been presented to the city council from the superintendent of streets certifying the general conditions with regard to the streets, squares or places through which it is proposed to remove the building, from the Building Commissioner, as to the safety of the structure to be moved, from the superintendent of parks of general conditions with reference to trees and the possibility of injury thereto, from the city electrician as to the conditions respecting electric wires on said route, and, whenever it is proposed to move any building over and across any bridge which may be under the care of the commissioners of bridges, from the commissioner on the part of Cambridge, certifying the general condition of the said bridge, and when the granting of such license is authorized it shall be upon the following conditions, viz.:

c. Moved Buildings. 1. When a building now existing is moved to another location, the owner must first consult the Building Commissioner and be assured that the new location and the building to be located thereon will conform with the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.

2. A building moved to a new location shall be made to conform to all the provisions of this Code and Zoning Ordinance for new buildings.

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