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ARTICLE I. Zoning and Subdivision

§ 19-1. Collection of fees for the review of plats and plans, inspection of facilities and other expenses.

The fees and charges imposed by this article are to cover the cost of making inspections, issuing permits, advertising of notices, conducting public hearings, reviewing plats and plans and other expenses incident to the administration of the county zoning and subdivision ordinances, amendments thereto and appeals therefrom. (Ord. 5/25/94)

§ 19-2. Subdivision plats, agreements and inspections.

The fees and charges related to the subdivision of land pursuant to chapter 21 of the Code are as follows:

Review of Minor Subdivision Plats	\$100.00
Review of Preliminary Plats (50 lots or less).....	\$150.00
Review of Preliminary Plats (more than 50 lots).....	\$300.00
Review of Final Major Subdivision Plats	\$100.00 plus \$10.00 per lot

(Ord. 5/25/94; 6/22/94; 5/1/96; 7/22/98; 6/14/00; 3/14/01; 6/27/01; 6/22/05; 11/21/06; 10/22/14)

§ 19-3. Matters before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The fees charged upon submission of applications to the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be:

Special Use Permits for Small Solar Energy Systems	\$ 250.00
Special Use Permits for Wireless communication facilities	\$3,500.00
Special Use Permits co-location on wireless communication facility	\$1,000.00
All other applications	\$250.00
Variances	\$250.00
Appeals from decisions of Zoning Administrator	\$100.00

Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 6/28/00; 3/14/01; 2/12/03; Ord. 6/22/05, eff. 7/1/05; Ord. 8/22/18)

§ 19-3.1 Matters before the Board of Supervisors.

The fees charged upon submission of applications to the Board of Supervisors shall be:

Special Use Permits for Large Solar Facilities	\$3,500.00
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(Ord. 8/22/18)

§ 19-4. Rezoning.

The fees charged upon application for rezoning shall be:

Mixed Use Districts under Div. G of Chap. 25\$2,500.00
General Agriculture and Exclusive Agriculture Districts
under Div. B of Chap. 25 \$150.00.

Amendments to Mixed Use District map or ordinance.....\$2,500.00
Review of Plans of Development..... \$300.00 + \$10.00 per unit

All other rezoning application\$350.00 plus \$10.00/acre of area to be rezoned

(Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 5/1/96; Ord. 7/22/98; Ord. 6/22/05, eff. 7/1/05; Ord. 11/21/06, eff. 1/1/07;
Ord. 2/28/18; Ord. 8/22/18)

§ 19-5. Agricultural and forestal districts.

The fees charged in connection with applications for and amendments of Agricultural and Forestal Districts shall be:

Creation of a district.....0.00
Additions to a district.....0.00
Review of a district0.00
Withdrawals of land generally\$500.00
Withdrawals of land upon review of a district.....0.00
Withdrawals of land upon death of property owner0.00

(Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 6/22/05, eff. 7/1/05; Ord. 1/24/07, eff. 2/1/07)

§ 19-6. Amendments to comprehensive plan.

The fee charged upon application for an amendment to the comprehensive plan not connected with an annual review of the plan shall be \$100.00. (Ord. 5/25/94)

§ 19-7. Site plan and zoning review.

The fees charged upon submission of a site plan, building permit or agricultural structure permit to be reviewed by the Department of Community Development shall be:

A. Site plan review:

New construction in residential and agriculture\$100.00
New construction in business and industrial\$300.00
Multi-family development\$75.00 plus \$10.00 per lot
R-MH development\$75.00 plus \$10.00 per lot

Additions (2,500 square feet or more)	\$50.00
Additions less than 2,500 square feet)	\$15.00
Changing use of existing structures	\$50.00
Resubmittal of rejected site plan	\$100.00
Wireless communication facilities	\$100.00

(Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 6/22/94; Ord. 5/1/96; Ord.7/22/98; Ord. 6/14/00; Ord.3/14/01; Ord. 6/27/01 eff. 7/1/01; Ord. 6/22/05, eff. 7/1/05)

- B. Building permit or agricultural structure permit review:
Zoning review fee\$10.00

- C. Administrative permits:
Administrative permit review fee\$10.00

(Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 5/1/96; Ord. 12/8/04, eff. 01/01/05)

§ 19-8. Copies of maps.

The fees charged for copies of maps shall be:

Real estate and zoning maps	\$5.00
Address maps	\$5.00
USGS Maps (1:500 scale)	\$5.00
Land use maps	\$5.00
Contour maps	\$5.00
Vicinity maps	\$5.00
Plats	\$5.00
2000 rubber sheeted maps	\$5.00
Aerial photos	\$5.00
Services (copy maps)	\$5.00
Street maps	\$5.00
Computer runs (street names)	\$100.00

(Ord. 5/25/94)

§ 19-9. Copies of ordinances and comprehensive plan.

The fees charged for copies of ordinances and the comprehensive plan shall be:

Zoning ordinance	\$25.00
Subdivision ordinance	\$5.00
Comprehensive plan	\$15.00

(Ord. 5/25/94)

§ 19-10. Fees for street signs.

The subdivider shall pay the county to erect the street signs in accordance with the county’s design standards. The cost shall be as follows:

For each post, sleeve, wedge	\$50.00
For each 6" sign (secondary roads).....	\$30.00
For each 9" sign (primary roads and thoroughfares	\$50.00
For cap for 6" sign	\$10.00
For cap for 9" sign	\$20.00
For cross for 6" sign	\$10.00
For cross for 9" sign	\$20.00
For installation labor per post	\$60.00

(Ord. 6/22/05, eff. 7/1/05)

State law reference -- Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2204; 15.2-2241 and 15.2-2204.

ARTICLE II. Buildings.

§ 19-11. Issuance of permit; payment of fee prerequisite.

All permits issued under the provisions of the Building Code for which the payment of a fee is required by this chapter shall be issued by the Building Official on proper forms showing the date, purpose, description, measurements and time limits, if any, and shall not be signed or approved by him until the permit fee has been received.

State law reference -- Virginia Code § 36-105.

§ 19-12. Constructions, additions and remodeling.

The fee for a building permit shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

- A. Residential new construction and additions: 15¢ per square foot of heated, finished living space.
- B. Residential accessory structures: 15¢ per square foot with a \$25 minimum charge.
- C. Residential swimming pools, hot tubs and spas: \$50 each.
- D. New commercial construction, including additions, but not including stadiums and other uses in Use Group A-5, by square feet in gross floor area, based on an election made by the applicant at the time of application for a building permit of one of the following permits:

- (1) a permit for each unit of the structure at the rate of 15¢ per square foot of the unit for the first 5,000 square feet, and 10¢ per square foot for each additional square foot of the unit, with a \$100 minimum charge;
- (2) a permit for the entire structure at the rate of 15¢ per square foot for the first 5,000 square feet of the structure, and 10¢ per square foot for each additional square foot of the structure, with a \$100 minimum charge; or
- (3) a permit for the building shell at the rate of 8¢ per square foot for the building shell and, after completion of construction of the building shell, a permit for interior build-out within the shell at the rate of 7¢ per square foot (for a total fee of fifteen cents (15¢)), with a \$75 minimum charge.

E. New commercial construction, including stadiums and other uses in Use Group A-5, and including additions thereto, by square feet in gross floor area (\$100 minimum charge):

first 20,000 square feet:	2¢ per sq. ft.
additional square feet:	1¢ per sq. ft.

F. Commercial swimming pools: \$75.00

G. Elevators, escalators, lifts: \$50 each.

H. Alterations and repairs:

Residential: 15¢ per square foot with a \$50 minimum charge.

Commercial: 15¢ per square foot for the first 5,000 square feet, and 10¢ per square foot for each additional square foot, with a \$50 minimum charge.

I. Antennae and towers: \$100.

J. Temporary certificates of occupancy and extensions will be issued for forty-five (45) days upon payment of the following fees:

- (1) Residential per dwelling unit \$50 for the initial 45-day period, increasing by \$50 for each subsequent 45-day period, but in no event to exceed \$200 for a 45-day period; and
- (2) Nonresidential \$100 for the initial 45-day period, increasing by \$100 for each subsequent 45-day period, but in no event to exceed \$400 for a 45-day period.

(Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 5/1/96; Ord. 5/11/99; Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 12/8/04, eff. 01/01/05; Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 07/01/07)

- K. The fee for an amendment of a building permit to add the name of or amend the name of a mechanic's lien agent shall be \$50. (Ord. 01/12/11)

§ 19-13. Relocating structures.

A building permit shall not be required for the moving of any building twelve (12) feet wide or less and which is not connected to public utilities or will not be connected to public utilities at its new location. In all other cases, a building permit shall be required and the fee shall be \$0.15 per square foot of heated space. (Ord. 9/23/15)

§ 19-14. Demolition.

No fee shall be required for buildings which do not require a permit to construct per the Uniform Statewide Building Code. In all other cases, a building permit shall be required and the fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each building to be demolished. (Ord. 9/23/15)

§ 19-15. Signs.

A building permit shall not be required for the erection of any sign that is exempt from the Uniform Statewide Building Code. In all other cases, a building permit shall be required and the fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Multiple signs on the same property can be covered on the same permit. (Ord. 9/23/15)

§ 19-16. Manufactured home permits.

Permits shall be required for the placement of structures defined as manufactured homes by the Code of Virginia. The fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Similar structures not meeting said definition shall be subject to the fees applicable to other structures. Electric and plumbing permits will also be required for connection of the home to required utilities. (Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 7/1/07)

§ 19-17. Amusement device permits.

Permits shall be required for each set-up in the county as follows:

- A. Rides. The following charges are imposed to permit the set-up of the following amusement rides:

Small Mechanical Ride or Inflatable	\$25 each
Circular or Flat Ride	\$35 each
Spectacular rides	\$55 each
Other amusement devices	\$25 each

- B. Outside qualified inspections. The fee for amusement devices when inspections are performed by an outside qualified inspector shall be 25% of the fees listed in Paragraph A above.

(Ord. 5/1/96; Ord. 5/11/99; Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 6/13/07; Ord. 10/22/14)

§ 19-18. Plumbing permits.

Fees for plumbing installations, additions and alterations shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

New residential, including additions	
One or two family dwellings	\$75 each
Other dwellings \$5 per fixture	\$75 min
Manufactured homes/prefabricated homes	\$25 each
New commercial, including additions	\$5 per fixture/\$75 min
Water lines	\$25 each
Sewer laterals	\$25 each
Fire suppression systems	50¢ per head/\$25 min
Residential alterations and repairs	\$25 each
Commercial alterations and repairs	\$5 per fixture/\$75 min

(Ord. 5/1/96; Ord.5/11/99; Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 7/1/07)

§ 19-19. Mechanical permits.

Fees for mechanical installations, additions and alterations shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

New residential, including additions	
One or two family dwellings	\$75 each
Other dwellings	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min
Manufactured homes/prefabricated homes	\$25 each
plus an additional \$25 if duct work is added or changed outside of the factory installation	
New commercial, including additions	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min
Tanks, including piping	\$50 each
Gas/oil lines by separate contractor	\$25 each
Furnaces and wood stoves	\$25 each
plus an additional \$25 if duct work is added or changed	
Range hoods	\$50 each
Hood suppression systems	\$50 each
Residential alterations and repairs	\$25 each
Commercial alterations and repairs	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min

(Ord. 5/11/99; Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 7/01/07)

§ 19-20. Electrical permits.

Fees for electrical installations, additions and alterations shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

New residential, including additions

One or two family dwellings	\$75 each
Other dwellings	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min
Accessory residential structures.....	\$25 each
Manufactured/prefabricated homes	\$25 each
New commercial, including additions	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min
Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas	
Bonding fee.....	\$25 each
Equipment wiring fee.....	\$25 each
Signs.....	\$25 each
Temporary service	\$35 each
Early service.....	\$25 each
Fuel dispensing pumps.....	\$5 each/\$25 min
Alarm systems.....	\$35 each
Residential alterations and repairs	\$25 each
Commercial alterations and repairs	2¢ per sq. ft. / \$75 min
Permanent Service (includes remeter, early service, regular service, service upgrades and service relocations).....	\$35 each

(Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 7/01/07)

§ 19-21. Levies by the Board of Housing and Community Development.

In addition to other fees as may be imposed by law, the county building department shall collect such levies as may be imposed by the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development and transmit such levies to the Department of Housing and Community Development as required by law.

§ 19-22. Refunds.

Upon withdrawal or cancellation of an application for a permit for which a fee has been paid pursuant to this article, the Building Official may, within his sole discretion, reimburse up to 75% of the fee paid. (Ord. 5/25/94)

§ 19-23. Miscellaneous inspection fees.

The following miscellaneous fees may be charged by the County Building Official:

Other inspections for which no fee is listed	\$35 per inspection
Reinspections	\$30 per visit
Plan reviews	\$25 each
Extra sets of plans reviewed	\$25 each
Plan amendments (new plans submitted that require a complete review)	\$50 each

(Ord. 4/24/02; Ord. 6/13/07, eff. 7/01/07)

§ 19-24 through § 19-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. Regional Landfill.

§ 19-31. Fees for use of landfill.

A. There are hereby imposed charges for disposal of solid waste at a landfill owned or operated by or for the county in accordance with the following schedule:

Passenger tires	\$2.00 per tire
Passenger tires, on a rim	\$4.00 per tire
Truck tires	\$8.00 per tire
Heavy equipment-tractor tires:	
agriculture use	\$8.00 per tire
by the ton	\$168.00 per ton
Yard waste	\$20.00 per ton
Commercial or industrial waste	\$45.00 per ton
Construction Demolition Debris	\$45.00 per ton
Residential waste, commercially hauled	\$15.00 per ton
Residential waste, privately hauled by passenger car or pickup truck	No charge
Mulch and wood chips	\$10.00 per ton
Clean fill dirt	No charge

(Ord. 4/22/15, effective 7/1/15)

B. In the event the scale is not operable, the rates shall be as follows:

Pickup truck with no racks	\$5.00
Single axle trailer, pulled by car or pickup truck, or pickup truck with racks	\$20.00
Single axle dump truck (small, less than 1 ton)	\$25.00
Single axle dump truck (standard) plus tandem axle trailer	\$60.00
Stake body truck or equivalent	\$75.00
Tandem axle dump truck or equivalent	\$125.00
Compactor type or open top vehicle with a capacity less than 10 cubic yards or equivalent, commercial or industrial waste	\$150.00
Compactor type or open top vehicle with a capacity greater than or equal to 10 cubic yards but less than 20 cubic yards or equivalent, commercial or industrial waste	\$250.00
Compactor type or open top vehicle with a capacity greater than or equal	

to 20 cubic yards but less than 30 cubic yards or equivalent, commercial or industrial waste	\$300.00
Compactor type or open top vehicle with a capacity greater than 30 cubic yards or equivalent, commercial or industrial waste	\$350.00
Compactor type vehicle with a capacity less than 10 cubic yards or equivalent, commercially hauled residential waste	\$30.00
Compactor type vehicle with a capacity greater than or equal to 10 cubic yards but less than 20 cubic yards or equivalent, commercially hauled residential waste	\$50.00
Compactor type vehicle with a capacity greater than or equal to 20 cubic yards but less than 30 cubic yards or equivalent, commercially hauled residential waste	\$60.00
Compactor type vehicle with a capacity greater than 30 cubic yards or equivalent, commercially hauled residential waste	\$70.00

C. For all commercial or industrial customers whose loads consist of waste that weigh less than twenty (20) pounds, but is greater in volume than one (1) cubic yard, the tipping fee shall be calculated at a rate of \$40.00 per cubic yard. The same rate shall apply in the event it is determined that a commercial or industrial customer's load is greater in volume than one (1) cubic yard, and such customer has incidentally increased the weight of such load in an effort to avoid calculation of the tipping fee in accordance with this subsection C.

D. All commercial haulers, haulers for hire, commercial or business enterprises hauling and disposing of their own waste or that of others and contractors and subcontractors engaged in construction or excavation for private, residential, commercial or industrial development shall be liable for payment of the charges prescribed in this section. (Ord. 8/22/07, eff. 09/01/07)

§ 19-32 through § 19-40. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. Street Name Changes.

§ 19-41. Application fee.

Every application for the change of the name of a street, road or alley shall be accompanied by an application fee as follows:

A. If no public hearing is to be held	\$50.00
B. If a public hearing is to be held	\$100.00

§ 19-42. Permit fee.

Upon approval by the board of supervisors, the change of the name of a street, road or alley shall not take effect until the payment of a permit fee in the amount of \$65.00 plus \$40.00 per sign to be replaced. (Ord. 10/28/98)

§ 19-43 through § 19-50. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. Other Matters.

§ 19-51. Other matters requiring public hearings.

The fee charged upon submission of any request requiring a public hearing, and for which public hearing no other fee is required by this chapter or by other law, shall be \$100.00. (Ord. 5/25/94; Ord. 10/28/98)

§ 19-52. Septic tank or other onsite sewage disposal system application fee.

The fee charged for an application to the Augusta County Health Department for a permit to install a septic tank or other onsite sewage disposal system shall be one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00). (Ord. 6/27/01 eff. 7/01/01; Ord. 5/23/07 eff. 7/01/07)

ARTICLE VI. Court Costs.

§ 19-61. Assessment of court costs for courtroom security.

A. There is hereby assessed the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in the district and circuit courts of the county in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance.

B. The assessment shall be collected by the Clerk of the Court in which the case is heard, remitted to the Treasurer of the county and held by the Treasurer subject to appropriation by the Board of Supervisors to the Sheriff's Office for the funding of courthouse security personnel.

(Ord. 4/24/02; eff. 7/1/02)

§ 19-62. Processing fee for regional jail.

A. There is hereby authorized a processing fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) on any individual admitted to the regional jail following conviction in any Court for Augusta County.

B. The fee shall be ordered as a part of court costs collected by the Clerk, deposited into the account of the Treasurer of the county and shall be used by the Sheriff's Office to defray the costs of processing arrested persons into local jails.

(Ord. 4/24/02; eff. 7/1/02; Ord. 5/8/13)