

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BOOK OF RATES AND FEES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING INSPECTION FEES

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

**Assessing Department:**  
Building Inspections

**Collecting Department:**  
Treasurer

**Description:**  
Building permits are required for new, addition or alteration and demolition of residential buildings and for new, addition or alteration, demolition and re-roof of commercial buildings. **A Building Permit will not be issued until a Zoning Permit is obtained. Requirements can be found on the City of Salem Community Development Department website: [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov).**

**2% Levy:** Local building departments are required to collect a 2% Levy of fees charged for permits issued under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and transmit those fees quarterly to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support training programs of the Virginia Code Academy.

**Technology Fee:** A 2% Technology Fee will be assessed on most Building Permits for the purpose of purchasing software and hardware.

Fees Listed below are for permits obtained prior to the start of work. If a permit is obtained after work has started, fees will be twice the amount shown up to \$250.00.

Rates or Fees:	Cost of Building Permit
<b>Below is the schedule for Building Permits:</b>	
<b>VALUATION</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Minimum Fee - \$4,000.00	\$ 35.00
5,000.00	\$ 40.00
6,000.00	\$ 46.00
7,000.00	\$ 52.00
8,000.00	\$ 58.00
9,000.00	\$ 64.00
10,000.00	\$ 70.00
11,000.00	\$ 76.00
12,000.00	\$ 82.00
13,000.00	\$ 88.00
14,000.00	\$ 94.00
15,000.00	\$ 100.00
16,000.00	\$ 106.00
17,000.00	\$ 112.00
18,000.00	\$ 118.00
19,000.00	\$ 124.00
20,000.00	\$ 130.00
Over \$20,000.00 Equals \$130.00 plus \$4.50 per Thousand Dollars or Fraction Thereof	
21,000.00	\$ 134.50
22,000.00	\$ 139.00
23,000.00	\$ 143.50
24,000.00	\$ 148.00
25,000.00	\$ 152.50
26,000.00	\$ 157.00
27,000.00	\$ 161.50
28,000.00	\$ 166.00
29,000.00	\$ 170.50
30,000.00	\$ 175.00
31,000.00	\$ 179.50
32,000.00	\$ 184.00
33,000.00	\$ 188.50
34,000.00	\$ 193.00
35,000.00	\$ 197.50
36,000.00	\$ 202.00
37,000.00	\$ 206.50
38,000.00	\$ 211.00
39,000.00	\$ 215.50
40,000.00	\$ 220.00
41,000.00	\$ 224.50
42,000.00	\$ 229.00
43,000.00	\$ 233.50
44,000.00	\$ 238.00
45,000.00	\$ 242.50

<b>Building Permit Fees Continued</b>	
<b>Rates or Fees:</b>	<b>Cost of Building Permit</b>
46,000.00	\$ 247.00
47,000.00	\$ 251.50
48,000.00	\$ 256.00
49,000.00	\$ 260.50
50,000.00	\$ 265.00
51,000.00	\$ 269.50
52,000.00	\$ 274.00
53,000.00	\$ 278.50
54,000.00	\$ 283.00
55,000.00	\$ 287.50
56,000.00	\$ 292.00
57,000.00	\$ 298.50
58,000.00	\$ 301.00
59,000.00	\$ 305.50
60,000.00	\$ 310.00
61,000.00	\$ 314.50
62,000.00	\$ 319.00
63,000.00	\$ 323.50
64,000.00	\$ 328.00
65,000.00	\$ 332.50
66,000.00	\$ 337.00
67,000.00	\$ 341.50
68,000.00	\$ 346.00
69,000.00	\$ 350.50
70,000.00	\$ 355.00
71,000.00	\$ 359.50
72,000.00	\$ 364.00
73,000.00	\$ 368.50
74,000.00	\$ 373.00
75,000.00	\$ 377.50
76,000.00	\$ 382.00
77,000.00	\$ 386.50
78,000.00	\$ 391.00
79,000.00	\$ 395.50
80,000.00	\$ 400.00
81,000.00	\$ 404.50
82,000.00	\$ 409.00
83,000.00	\$ 413.50
84,000.00	\$ 418.00
85,000.00	\$ 422.50
86,000.00	\$ 427.00
87,000.00	\$ 431.50
88,000.00	\$ 436.00
89,000.00	\$ 440.50
90,000.00	\$ 445.00
91,000.00	\$ 449.50
92,000.00	\$ 454.00
93,000.00	\$ 458.50
94,000.00	\$ 463.00
95,000.00	\$ 467.50
96,000.00	\$ 472.00
97,000.00	\$ 476.50
98,000.00	\$ 481.00
99,000.00	\$ 485.50
100,000.00	\$ 490.00
Over \$100,000.00 Equals \$490.00 plus \$3.50 per Thousand or Fractions Thereof	
200,000.00	\$ 840.00
300,000.00	\$ 1,190.00
400,000.00	\$ 1,540.00
500,000.00	\$ 1,890.00
Over \$500,000.00 Equals \$1,890.00 plus \$2.50 per Thousand or Fraction Thereof	
600,000.00	\$ 2,140.00
700,000.00	\$ 2,390.00
800,000.00	\$ 2,640.00
900,000.00	\$ 2,890.00
1,000,000.00	\$ 3,140.00
Over \$1,000,000.00 Equals \$3,140.00 plus \$1.75 per Thousand or Fraction Thereof	

**Legal Authorization:**

Ordinance, Effective date: (10-27-1986) Adopted Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code Resolutions: 1431 (07/01/2022); 1299 (07-01-2016 effective 07-1-2014); 1253 (07-01-2014) Zoning Permit Fee; 976 (07-01-2001) Revised schedule of fees; 644 (05-01-1989) Revised schedule of fees; 547 (10-14-1985) Policy regarding installation of backflow preventive valves; 386 (09-01-1974) adopted fees; 209 (02-25-1974) adopted the Southern Standard Building Code  
State Levy: 1218 (12-10-2012); 1184 (05-23-2011); 1162 (06-04-2010); 1155 (03-08-2009) 2%; (07-01-2008) 1.75%; (04-01-1992) 1%  
Salem City Code, Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-36; Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-506  
Code of Virginia, Title 36, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 36-105