

Office of the Fire Commissioner



Building and Fire Safety

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FEE UPDATES FOR BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND PART 9 MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information about updates to inspections fees related to the Building and Fire Safety section of the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC).

Residential Building Permit Fees

Construction permits are required in order to construct, alter, repair, or demolish a building in Manitoba. Permits provide a mechanism to review plans and conduct building inspections, which helps to ensure that the work being done complies with the Manitoba construction codes, and to ensure that buildings in the province are safe for occupancy. While municipalities issue most building permits, the OFC issues building permits and conducts inspections of buildings on Crown lands and on behalf of many municipalities.

Fee amounts for residential building permits are calculated based on building size (in square feet), and type (bungalow, two-storey, finished basement etc.). These fees are being increased by 25% to better reflect the cost of providing this service. The updated fee amounts are as follows:

- If the value of the work is \$100,000 or less, 1.25% of the value of the work; or
- If the value of the work is over \$100,000, 1.25% on the first \$100,000 and 0.75% of the value of the work over \$100,000; or
- A minimum fee of \$75

Additionally, the value of construction, renovation or repair work is to be calculated using the following updated amounts:

- For the main floor of the dwelling unit, including the basement: \$484 per square metre (\$45 per square foot);
- For the second or any other floor of the dwelling unit: \$350 per square metre (\$33 per square foot);
- For the replacement of a basement, including foundations, piles and grade beams: \$269 per square metre (\$25 per square foot);
- For surface foundation: \$135 per square metre (\$13 per square foot);
- For an attached garage or attached accessory building, including the foundation: \$201 per square metre (\$19 per square foot); and
- For a porch or open deck: \$68 per square metre (\$6 per square foot).

Remaining updated permit fees for other building permits and plumbing permits are:

- Permit for detached accessory structure: \$75
- Permit for swimming pool: \$119
- Permit for basement finishing: \$75
- Permit for plumbing work in new homes: \$125

All other fees described in the Building Fees Regulation remain unchanged.

Municipal - Part 9 Contracts Fees

Effective January 1st, 2019 the per-capita fee for Municipal Part 9 contracts will also increase by 25% to \$ 4.00 per capita. This contract fee will be reflected in the Municipal Part 9 contracts that will be circulated later this year.

Fire Safety Inspection Fees

The OFC also conducts fire safety inspections under the Fire Safety Inspection Regulation, of prescribed buildings, under various service agreements, and on a fee-for-service basis as required. The service includes an inspection by an OFC Fire Inspector, the generation of a report, and a follow-up inspection.

Under the Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Fees Regulation, the fees associated with this service will increase from \$100 per hour to \$125 per hour to better reflect the cost of providing this service.

Any questions regarding this bulletin are to be directed to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Building and Fire Safety Section at 204-945-3322 or firecomm@gov.mb.ca.