

FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 CATAWBA COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMS Fees

Ambulance Base Rates

Advanced Life Support (Non-Emergency)	\$334.00
Advanced Life Support (Emergency)	\$450.00
Advanced Life Support – ALS2.....	\$655.00
Basic Life Support (Non-Emergency).....	\$283.00
Basic Life Support (Emergency).....	\$380.00
EMS Standby Fee (ALS Unit and two personnel).....	\$50.00 per hour
Mileage.....	\$11.44 per mile
Specialty Care Transport	\$770.00
Treatment / No Transport.....	\$140.00

Animal Shelter

Civil Penalties

1 st Violation	\$50.00
2 nd Violation	\$75.00
3 rd Violation	\$150.00
4 th Violation and each subsequent offense (Habitual Offender)	\$250.00
Animal Cruely Violation.....	\$300.00
Dangerous Dog Violation	\$150.00

Home Quarantine	\$60.00
Impound Fee	\$50.00

Fire Permit Fees (O = Operational, C = Construction)

Amusement buildings (O)	\$50.00
Carnivals and Fairs (O)	\$50.00
Change of Business / Owner – ABC required permit for alcohol sale (O).....	\$50.00
Compressed Gases (excess) (C).....	\$50.00
Covered Mall Buildings (O)	\$50.00
Exhibits and Trade Shows (O)	\$50.00
Explosives Manufacturing, Storage, Handling, Sale or Use, and Blasting Operations (O).....	\$150.00
Fire Alarm, Detection Systems, Related Equipment (install, modify) (C)	\$50.00
Fire Extinguishing Systems, automatic (includes sprinklers, installation, and modification) (C).....	\$75.00
Fire Hydrants, private (installation and modification) (C)	\$50.00
Fire Hydrants, private (removal from service, use, or operation) (O)	\$50.00
Fire Pumps and Related Equipment (installation and modification) (C)	\$50.00
Flammable or Combustible Liquids	
Change type of contents in tank to more hazardous material (O)	\$50.00
Construct, install, or alter vehicles and facilities (C)	\$50.00
Install, remove, abandon, and place out-of-service above and underground tanks (O).....	\$100.00 per tank
Manufacture, process, blend, or refine (O)	\$50.00
Operation of facilities, tank vehicles, & equipment (O).....	\$50.00
Fumigation and Thermal Insecticide Fogging, storage of materials (O)	\$50.00
Hazardous Materials Facilities (construction and alterations) (C).....	\$50.00
Industrial Ovens Construction (C).....	\$50.00
Liquid Fuels	
Dispensing into fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, government, or manufacturing	

facilities (O)	\$50.00
Display, operate, or demonstrate liquid or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings (O) \$50.00	
Membrane Structures, Tents, and Canopies (temporary, permit to erect based on minimal size (more than 200 square feet (C)	\$50.00
Pyrotechnic special effects material use and handling (fireworks exhibitions) (O).....	\$150.00
Safety Inspection due to Change of Use, Business, or Owner (over 30 days) or ABC required safety inspection permit for alcohol sales (O)	\$75.00
Spraying/Dipping Operation (flammable or combustible liquids or combustible powders (O)	\$50.00
Spraying/Dipping Operation (modification or installation of spray booths, rooms, or dip tanks (C)	\$50.00
Standpipe Systems (installation, modification, or removal) (C)	\$50.00
Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies (O)	\$50.00
Tents or air-supported structures (more than 200 square feet)	\$50.00

Hazardous Materials Emergencies (fees charged back to responsible entity)

Cost associated with extended operations.....	County cost
Emergency Response Vehicle (Haz Mat Truck, Mobile Command Post).....	\$150.00 per hour
EMS Unit (medical stand-by for Haz Mat Team)	\$50.00 per hour
Haz Mat Response Staff	\$25.00 per person per hour
Local Fire Department Emergency Response (reimbursed to Fire Department)	
Ladder Truck.....	\$300.00 per hour
Marine Unit	\$50.00 per hour
Pumper or Tanker	\$200.00 per hour
Squad Truck.....	\$100.00 per hour
Materials (booms, suits, absorbent, etc.)	County cost + 15%
Support Vehicle.....	\$25.00 per hour
Support Trailer (Decon, Air Unit, Light Tower, etc.)	\$25.00 per hour

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Copy/Print Charges	
Black and White	\$0.10 per page
Color	\$0.25 per page
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00

HUMAN RESOURCES

Risk Management Services

Blood Borne Pathogens (non-County employees).....	\$10.00 per person
Defensive Driving Training (non-County employees)	\$15.00 per person
Fire and Emergency Action Training (non-County employees)	\$15.00 per person

LIBRARY

Audio-Visual Materials	
Audio tapes	Extended use fee per day \$0.50
(Maximum of \$3.00 per audio)	
DVDs/Video tapes	Extended use fee per day \$1.00
(Maximum of \$5.00 per video)	
Adult/Young Adult Print Materials	
Extended use fee	\$0.20 per day
(Maximum of \$3.00 per book)	
Copy/Print Charges	
3D Printing.....	\$2.00 per print, \$0.10-\$0.50 per gram filament

Digital Cutting.....	\$0.50 per cut, plus material cost
Fax Service	
Local or Toll Free	\$1.00 first page, \$0.10 each additional page
Long Distance	\$2.00 first page, \$0.20 each additional page
Interlibrary Loan Materials	Extended use fee per day \$0.50
Lost or damaged materials resources.....	\$ Replacement cost
Replacement of Lost Library Card.....	\$1.00
Special Resources, Technology, Equipment	
Extended use fee.....	\$5.00 per day
Improper return to of technology book drop.....	\$25.00

PLANNING, PARKS, AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Zoning

Board of Adjustment

Cottage Business	\$425.00
Extension/Change of Non-Conforming Use	\$425.00
Non-Conforming Use.....	\$425.00
Special Exception Permit.....	\$425.00
Special Use Permit.....	\$425.00
Variance	\$425.00

Copies of Ordinances/Plans

Design Manual.....	\$10.00
Highway 321 Corridor Plan.....	\$20.00
UDO Procedures Manual.....	\$10.00
Small Area Plans	\$15.00
Strategic Growth Study	\$20.00
Unified Development Ordinance	\$35.00
VisionQuest 2010 Comprehensive Plan	\$30.00
VisionQuest 2010 Fold-out Map	\$4.00

Fee In-Lieu Of..... \$1,000 per lot
(In lieu of providing open space on-site, a developer may make a one-time payment in the amount of \$1,000 per lot. The fee in-lieu is payable to the Parks Trust Fund for development of capital projects associated with the County Parks Master Plan or other accepted plans.)

Rezoning Application

All Applications.....	\$720.00
(Planning Development (PD), Planning Development – Industrial Parks (PD-IP), 321 Economic Development District (321-ED), Village Center, Manufactured Home Parks (MHP))	

Road Assessment for POP..... \$640.00

Street Signs

Change of street name/sign.....	\$350.00 + \$100.00 each additional sign
Development Name Marker	\$50.00
Limited Access User.....	\$50.00
New development (per sign).....	\$100.00/pole
Off-Premise	\$50.00
Off-Premise – Directional.....	\$50.00
On-Premise – Canopy.....	\$50.00
On-Premise - Freestanding.....	\$50.00
On-Premise – Wall Sign.....	\$50.00

Subdivisions

Performance Guarantee Inspection.....	\$30.00
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Subdivision Review

Exempt Plat Review.....	\$25.00
Extension of Major Preliminary Plat.....	\$70.00

Major Final Plat	\$200.00 + \$3.00 each lot
Major Preliminary Plat	\$200.00 + \$5.00 each lot
Minor/Family/Estate Subdivision Review	\$65.00
Performance Guarantee Extension (non-residential and subdivision)	\$40.00
Performance Guarantee - Initial Review	\$110.00
Performance Guarantee Inspection	\$30.00
Revised Major Preliminary/Sketch Plat Approval	\$70.00
Telecommunication Towers	
Eligible Facilities Requests/Substantial Modifications	\$1,000.00
New Wireless Support Structure/Wireless Facility	\$11,000.00
Site Assessment	\$6,000.00
Permit	\$5,000.00
Text Amendment (Applicant Initiated)	\$560.00

Zoning Permits

Backyard Business	\$25.00
Accessory Dwelling.....	\$25.00
Floodplain Development.....	\$50.00
Duplex	\$25.00
Home Occupation Permit.....	\$25.00
Non-residential Accessory Structure Site Plan Review/Permit.....	\$50.00
Non-residential Change of Occupancy	\$50.00
Non-residential Site Plan Review/Permit for new structures	\$200.00
Non-residential Temporary Structure Site Plan Review/Permit	\$50.00
Residential Single Family.....	\$25.00
Residential Additions/Accessory Structures (includes pools)	\$25.00
Sign Permits.....	\$50.00
Temporary Event.....	\$25.00

Catawba County Parks

Educational/Meeting Room.....	\$50.00 per day
Dog Park Usage Permit	\$20.00 per dog, per year
Picnic Shelter	\$5.00 per hour, per shelter; \$35.00 per day, per shelter
Sign Permit.....	\$10.00 per day
Vendor/Sales Permit.....	\$2% of gross sales or \$50 minimum
Additional Charge Applied to Parks Fees for Non-County Residents	\$10.00

Park fees may be waived for County Sponsored events and schooling-sponsored programs. School groups coming to the Park for educational programs or other curricula based activities should apply in advance for a waiver of Park fees. A letter on school stationery listing the date of the proposed visit, number of students, number of chaperones, and the educational purpose for the visit will serve as a waiver request. Letters should be mailed to the Park Ranger, Planning & Development, P O Box 389, Newton, NC 28658. Requests must be received at least two weeks in advance of the planned visit.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

4-H Camps.....	Varies depending on camp
4-H Project Books.....	\$2 to \$10, depending on book
T-Shirts (4-H, Local Foods, etc.)	\$10-17
School Enrichment Programs.....	\$10/classroom
Workshops (Cooking, Marketing, Master Gardener, Beekeeping, etc.).....	Varies, depending on workshop
Serv-Safe	\$80.00 course cost and \$40.00 exam cost

PUBLIC HEALTH

Clinic Services

Tests

Pregnancy Test	\$10.00
Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT).....	\$43.00
Rabies Titer Test.....	\$93.00
Tuberculosis Skin Test	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00

Vaccines

Dtap (Diptheria, Tetanus, and Pertusis).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Gardasil	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Haemophilus Influenza B.....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Hepatitis A - Adult	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Hepatitis A – Pediatric.....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Hepatitis B - Adult	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Influenza.....	Cost of vaccine + \$11.00
Meningococcal (Menactra)	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Meningococcal (Menomune).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
M.M.R.....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Pediatric Hepatitis B.....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Pentacel (DTAP (Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis), Polio, Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b))	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Pneumococcal (Pneumovax).....	Cost of vaccine + \$11.00
Polio (IPOL).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Rabies, pre/post-exposure (Imovax).....	Cost of vaccine + \$25.00
Rabies, pre/post-exposure (Rabivert).....	Cost of vaccine + \$25.00
Td (Tetanus, Toxoid).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertusis (Tdap).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Twinrix (Hep A/B).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Typhoid.....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Varicella (Varivax).....	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00
Yellow Fever	Cost of vaccine + \$25.00
Zostavax	Cost of vaccine + \$20.00

Other

Biopsy Charge.....	\$25.00
Car Seat Co-Pay	\$10.00
CPR Education Fee.....	\$15.00
First Aid Education Fee.....	\$7.00
Fluoride Kit	\$3.00
Foreign Travel Consultation Stamp	\$10.00
Vaccine Admin – 1 injection.....	\$20.00
Vaccine Admin – each additional injection	\$20.00
Oral Administration.....	\$15.00

Environmental Health Division

Authorization to Construct (New and Repair – includes Improvement Permit fee):

Any system, 360 gallons per day and less	\$300.00
Any system, 361-600 gallons per day.....	\$450.00
Any system, 601-1,000 gallons per day.....	\$650.00
Any system, 1,001 gallons per day and above	\$900.00

(An application for Improvement Permits or Authorization to Construct must be made. An Improvement Permit or Authorization to Construct will not be issued unless the property lines are clearly marked, the house or building staked, the driveway and parking location marked, and another information necessary to issue the permit.)

Beneficial Fill Landfill	
Application and inspections	\$75.00
Change of Improvement Permit/Authorization to Construct/Well Permit	
Re-trip and re-design fee	\$70.00
Food and Lodging Plan Review Fee.....	\$250.00
Serv-Safe	
19-hour class, book, test, and answer sheet.....	\$84.00
Test and answer sheet	\$40.00
Ownership Change/Walk-Through Fee.....	\$75.00
This fee will be paid upon completion of a Food and Lodging Walk-Through consultation. If the citizen decides to proceed with a full Food and Lodging Plan Review, then the \$75 fee will be applied towards the \$250 cost of the full plan review.	
Plan Review for Push Carts/Mobile Food Units	\$150.00
Improvement Permit (for Site/Soil Evaluation only)	
For New Systems.....	\$150.00
For Existing Systems.....	\$90.00
(An application for Improvement Permits or Authorization to Construct must be made. An Improvement Permit or Authorization to Construct will not be issued unless the property lines are clearly marked, the house or building staked, the driveway and parking location marked, and another information necessary to issue the permit.)	
Engineered Option Permit (30% of existing Improved Permit and Authorization to Construct fees):	
Any system, 360 gallons per day and less	\$135.00
Any system, 361-600 gallons per day.....	\$180.00
Any system, 601-1,000 gallons per day.....	\$240.00
Any system, 1,001 gallons per day and above	\$315.00
Individual Demolition Debris Landfill Permit	
Permit and inspections.....	\$200.00
Land Clearing and Inert Debris Landfill Permit	
Permit and quarterly inspections.....	\$350.00
Public Management Entity (PME) <i>fees are a per trip charge</i>	
Type IIIB Pump Systems (inspections required every 5 years).....	\$94.00
Type IV Systems (inspections required every 3 years).....	\$150.00
Type V Systems (inspections required every year)	\$175.00
Type VI Systems (inspections required twice per year)	\$175.00
Additional trips to complete inspection or re-inspect	\$100.00
Septic Tank Pumpers.....	\$40.00
Swimming Pool Plan Review	\$300.00
Swimming Pool re-trip	\$25.00
Swimming Pool/Spa	
Operating < 8 months.....	\$150.00
Operating > 8 months.....	\$200.00
Tattoo establishment	
Permit for Tattoo Artist (12 months)	\$225.00 per artist
Tattoo Plan Review	\$265.00
Temporary Food Stand Permit Fee	\$75.00
Water sample	
Biological	\$58.00
Fluoride, Lead, Nitrate, Volatile Organic Analysis, Pesticide, Petroleum.....	\$99.00
Inorganic.....	\$128.00
Well Abandonment.....	\$100.00
Well Construction and Inspection Permit.....	\$300.00
Well Repair.....	\$300.00

Fees are non-refundable once a visit is made

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Fee for impounded vehicles (per car, per day)	\$5.00
Inmate Housing Fee (per day, out of County).....	\$75.00 per day
Inmate Medical Service Fees:	
Lab Services Co-Payment	\$10.00
Over the Counter Medications.....	\$3.00
Medical transportation to private doctor	\$50.00
Prescription Drug Co-Payment.....	\$10.00
Sick Call Medical Visit	\$20.00
Sick Call (Follow-up visit).....	\$5.00
Fingerprinting	\$10.00
Postage and handling per ejection mail out.....	\$1.00
Project Lifesaver Bracelet Replacement Battery and Band	\$10.00 per month
Project Lifesaver Bracelet rental battery replacement/month	\$20.00
Service of Civil Process (out-of-state cases)	\$50.00
Surrendered weapon storage fee (per weapon, per month)	\$5.00
Transport Involuntary Commitment to another County's Facility	\$75.00 per hour (or portion)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Confidential Intermediary Program for Adult Adoptees	
Initial non-refundable fee, residents.....	\$350.00
Initial non-refundable fee, non-residents.....	\$425.00
Additional services beyond standard agreement	\$75.00/hour
Waiver of fees for those with incomes less than the National Poverty Level	

TAX

ABC Licenses	
Beer on premises	\$25.00
Beer off premises	\$5.00
Wine on premises	\$25.00
Wine off premises	\$25.00
Copies	
Aerial Map - Laser Printer - Color.....	\$0.75
Custom Map or Report - Laser Printer (picked-up).....	\$0.50
Tax Cards	\$0.10
Sale of Maps	
Plotter Reprints (bond paper, all sized)	\$15.00

TECHNOLOGY

GIS Fees

Custom Maps

Analyst time \$50.00 per hour (1 hour minimum/1 map)

Map Printing

Color Printer

11 x 17 \$3.00

Plotter Reprints

Bond Paper (all sizes)..... \$15.00

High Gloss (ortho)..... \$20.00

Digital Data Pricing

1-50 Tiles/Layers\$5.00 per Tile/Layer

51 – 100 Tiles/Layers.....\$2.00 per Tile/Layer

Countywide Layers

Parcels, Structures, Centerlines, etc.\$100.00/Layer

Digital Ortho Photos

Individual Tiles..... \$20.00 each

Seamless Countywide mosaic (Mr. Sid) \$100.00 (2002, 2005, 2009, or 2010)

Subscription Service..... \$500.00/Annually

(Parcels, Structures, Topology, Centerlines, Floodplain, Hydrology, City Limits, and Mr. Sid Ortho Updates received twice per year. Subscription Service runs for 12 months from date of purchase.)

Street Atlas

County Affiliated Organizations \$25.00

General Public \$35.00

ITC Fees

Reports..... \$1.00 per CD

UTILITIES & ENGINEERING

Effective July 1, 2016

Building Permit Fees

Schedule A – New Buildings/Structures/Additions/Building Permit Fee

Blanket permit fees will be based on the Building Valuation Data per square foot, as published biannually by the International Code Council (ICC). Square foot construction costs shall be adjusted in accordance with the regional cost modifiers and shall serve as the minimum acceptable cost per square foot for such work.

Building Permit	65% of Blanket Permit
Electrical Permit.....	14% of Blanket Permit
Mechanical Permit.....	12% of Blanket Permit
Plumbing Permit	9% of Blanket Permit

Permit Fee: Gross Area x Catawba County Building Cost Factor (Table A)

Gross Area: The area included within surrounding exterior walls, or exterior walls and firewalls exclusive of courts per floor.

Table A Catawba County Square Foot Multiplier

Group ^b	(2012 International Building Code)	Type of Construction								
		IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1	Assembly, theaters, with stage	0.851	0.822	0.802	0.769	0.724	0.703	0.745	0.661	0.636
	Assembly, theaters, without stage	0.680	0.654	0.637	0.608	0.569	0.551	0.587	0.514	0.493
A-2	Assembly, nightclubs	0.952	0.925	0.899	0.864	0.813	0.791	0.834	0.737	0.712
A-2	Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	0.947	0.920	0.889	0.859	0.803	0.785	0.828	0.726	0.706
A-3	Assembly, churches	0.974	0.938	0.913	0.873	0.818	0.792	0.843	0.740	0.710
A-3	Assembly, community halls, libraries	0.855	0.817	0.786	0.748	0.686	0.664	0.717	0.604	0.577
A-4	Assembly, arenas	1.087	1.046	1.012	0.972	0.904	0.880	0.938	0.816	0.787
B	Business	0.898	0.865	0.836	0.795	0.725	0.698	0.764	0.636	0.609
E	Educational	0.454	0.438	0.426	0.407	0.380	0.360	0.393	0.332	0.322
F-1	Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	0.428	0.409	0.384	0.370	0.332	0.317	0.354	0.273	0.257
F-2	Factory and industrial, low hazard	0.486	0.463	0.440	0.419	0.380	0.358	0.401	0.313	0.290
H-1	High Hazard, explosives	0.536	0.509	0.482	0.458	0.413	0.387	0.437	0.335	N.P. ^c
H234	High Hazard	0.536	0.509	0.482	0.458	0.413	0.387	0.437	0.335	0.308
H-5	HPM	0.951	0.916	0.886	0.841	0.767	0.739	0.808	0.674	0.644
I-1	Institutional, supervised environment	0.866	0.835	0.811	0.772	0.714	0.695	0.772	0.641	0.620
I-2	Institutional, incapacitated	0.576	0.558	0.542	0.519	0.484	N.P. ^c	0.502	0.435	N.P. ^c
I-3	Institutional, restrained	0.431	0.417	0.405	0.387	0.361	0.347	0.374	0.324	0.308
I-4	Institutional, day care facilities	0.678	0.653	0.635	0.604	0.559	0.544	0.604	0.501	0.485
M	Mercantile	0.498	0.479	0.457	0.436	0.399	0.387	0.415	0.346	0.332
R-1	Residential, hotels	0.451	0.435	0.423	0.403	0.373	0.363	0.403	0.335	0.325
R-2	Residential, multiple family	0.703	0.672	0.650	0.613	0.561	0.542	0.613	0.490	0.471
R-3 ^d	Residential, one and two family	0.601	0.584	0.570	0.554	0.534	0.520	0.545	0.500	0.470
R-4	Residential, care/assisted living facilities	0.949	0.914	0.889	0.846	0.783	0.761	0.846	0.702	0.680
S-1	Storage, moderate hazard	0.455	0.432	0.404	0.453	0.345	0.328	0.370	0.278	0.260
S-2	Storage, low hazard	0.396	0.377	0.356	0.338	0.304	0.285	0.322	0.245	0.225
U	Utility, miscellaneous ^{a,e}	0.397	0.375	0.352	0.334	0.302	0.282	0.319	0.239	0.228

- a. Private Detached Garages without living space are group U.
- b. Unfinished basements use 0.113 as the Catawba County Square Foot Multiplier.
- c. N.P. = Not Permitted - These use groups are not permitted in these Construction Types.
- d. Residential Building Permits will be affected by \$10.00 surcharge effective August 1, 2003 as mandated by Senate Bill 321 - "Homeowners Recovery Fund" (G.S. 87-15.b)
- e. Residential Metal Carports use 0.123 and Wood Outbuilding on skids use 0.099 as the Catawba County Square Foot Multiplier.

For more information on fee schedule contact the Catawba County Permit Center at (828) 465-8399.

Square Foot Construction Cost: Published by ICC based on occupancy and type of construction.

Catawba County Building Cost Factor (CCBCF): A mechanism for adjusting building construction costs specifically for Catawba County set for each building group and construction type annually with County budget adoption and are based on actual documented building costs during the fiscal year and comparisons with other regional jurisdictions.

Note: The Board of Commissioners established the formula for fees on June 4, 2004.

Permit Fee Multiplier =

$$\frac{\text{Amount of Building Services Budget to be recovered through permit fees (1)}}{\text{Total Annual Construction Value (2)}}$$

1. Building Services Division budget as approved by the Catawba County Board of Commissioners including the percentage of the budget that is to be recovered through permit fees.
2. Based on historical records, total annual construction value in dollars that has occurred within Catawba County in the previous year.

The Fiscal Year 2016/17 Permit Fee Multiplier is 0.0075.

Appeals: Building valuation data may be appealed by one of the following methods:

1. Upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance the permit holder may submit final documentation of all building construction costs to include structural, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, interior finish, normal site preparation, architectural and design fees, overhead and profit. Documentation will be compared to ICC Square Foot Construction Costs to determine if the initial building valuation was accurate. All documentation that verifies a difference of more than 10% from the initial building valuation data to the actual completed cost of construction can be appealed for a refund of a portion of the permit fees initially paid.
2. Permit applicants may appeal valuation data by submitting a Cost of Construction claim form to the Catawba County Permit Center at time of permit issuance. This form shall be sealed and certified by a North Carolina registered design professional engaged in the project. The contractors and design professionals shall also agree to supply the County with all change orders that occur during project construction. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance the permit holder will be responsible to reimburse Catawba County for any additional permit fees that may be assessed due to change orders that increase the value of the building by more than 10% of the original cost of construction.

Structure values which are not identified by the International Code Council Building Valuation Data will be based on the contractor’s estimate and using the permit fee multiplier with a minimum building permit of \$88.00. Examples of such structures are swimming pools, signs, cell towers, solar arrays, wind turbines, hydrogen cells, private piers, etc.

Schedule B – Permit Fees Phased Construction

Category of Work	Building Permit	Mechanical (if needed)	Electrical (if needed)	Plumbing (if needed)
Footing/Foundation	50% of Building	50% of Mechanical	50% of Electrical	50% of Plumbing
Shell-In	50% of Building	50% of Mechanical	50% of Electrical	50% of Plumbing
Up-fit	100% of Blanket Permit			

Schedule C – Miscellaneous Fees

	Building Permit - Commercial	Building Permit – Residential	Mechanical Permit	Electrical Permit	Plumbing Permit
Modular	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00
Manufactured Home	NA	\$71.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00
Minimum Fees	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00
Expired Permit Renewal Fee	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00
Deck/Ramp Permit	Schedule F	\$40.00	NA	NA	NA
Demolition	\$150.00	\$75.00	NA	NA	NA
Covering Deck or Porch	Schedule F	\$40.00	NA	NA	NA
Re-roof	\$150.00	\$75.00	NA	NA	NA

Archive Research (per project) \$22.00
 Change of any contractor (owner must remain the same – if owner changes, minimum fee rates will apply to all permits)..... \$26.00
 Off Duty/After Hour Inspections..... \$105.00 per hour or any fraction thereof
 Permit Placard..... \$5.00
 Refunds on Active permits (only if no inspections have been made)
 Less Administration Cost..... \$26.00
 Re-trip Fee for any type of inspection \$121.00
 Work Started without Permit Double Permit Fee
^dBuilding permits for Single Family units and alterations/additions to single family dwelling units will be affected by \$10.00 surcharge effective August 1, 2003 as mandated by Senate Bill 321 – “Homeowners Recovery Fund” (G.S. 87-15.b)

Schedule D – Safety Inspections (based on square footage)

0 – 5,000 \$79.00
 5,001 – 10,000 \$121.00
 10,001 – 50,000 \$163.00
 Over 50,001 \$205.00

All special events conducted within the inspection jurisdiction of Catawba County where site constructed stages exceed 120 square feet or where temporary electrical power is installed and utilized for the event, must acquire a Zoning permit/approval from the local jurisdiction and make application for a Safety Inspection. All costs associated with required inspections for stages and electrical installation will be covered in the initial fee collected at the time of permit issuance if inspections are conducted during Catawba County’s normal business hours. After Hour Inspections fee (see Schedule C) will apply for any requested inspection of the special event for the stage and electrical during non-business hours. After Hour Inspections must be specifically requested a minimum of 48 hours before the needed inspection with an approved method of payment.

Schedule E – Plan Review (fee due at time of submittal)

Contracted Services \$75.00 per hour plus reimbursable expenses
 Express Plan Review/Permitting (Interior Work)..... \$800.00 per hour or any fraction thereof
 Express Plan Review/Permitting (Exterior Work) \$950.00 per hour or any fraction thereof
 Plan Review Fee (Submittal or Re-Submittal-each review) \$10.00 per trade

Schedule F – Building Permit Fee (Existing Structures)

Alterations, renovations, and repairs to ^dexisting structures based on contractor’s estimate and using the fee schedule below with a minimum building permit fee of \$88.00.

\$0 - \$5,000	\$88.00
\$5,001 - \$100,000	\$88.00 + \$3.00 for each additional thousand or part thereof
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$373.00 + \$2.50 for each additional thousand or part thereof
Over \$1,000,000	\$2,623.00 + \$1.50 for each additional thousand or part thereof

Schedule G – Electrical Permit Fee (Existing Structures)

Electrical permits are required for the installation, extension, alteration, or general repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment.

Power Service – Sub Panel	Single Family/Duplex	Commercial
0 – 100 Amps	\$50.00	\$75.00
101 – 200 Amps	\$75.00	\$125.00
201 – 600 Amps	\$150.00	\$175.00
601 – 1,200 Amps	\$175.00	\$250.00
1,201 – 2,000 Amps	\$200.00	\$300.00
2,001 – Above Amps	\$225.00	\$400.00

Camper/RV Service	\$50.00
Electrical wiring (including low voltage) per tenant space (wiring on or in the structure)	\$50.00
Electrical wiring for pools, generators, solar panels and signs without a service meter.....	\$61.00
Fire Alarm System for an existing building	\$71.00
Monthly Renewal Fee for Temporary Electrical Agreement	\$47.00
Pole Service – based on power service size (AMPS)	based on AMP chart above
Re-connect Fee for single mechanical/plumbing systems or equipment.....	\$25.00
Re-connect Fee for multiple mechanical/plumbing systems or equipment	\$50.00
Sign Service – based on power service size (AMPS)	based on AMP chart above
Temporary Electrical (by agreement per meter)	\$121.00
Temporary Power Pole	\$39.00
Any work category not listed above	Minimum Fee (See Schedule C)

Initial temporary electric fee will be assessed at time of permit issuance for all commercial projects to facilitate testing of systems and equipment prior to final inspection.

Schedule H – Existing Structures Mechanical Permit Fee

Mechanical permits are required for installation, extension, alteration, or general repair of Systems/Equipment, Appliances, and Gas Lines.

Scope of Work	Single Family/Duplex	Commercial
	System/Equipment/App pliance	System/Equipment/Ap pliance
Replacement/Extension of a Single System	\$30.00	\$75.00
Replacement /Extension of two systems	\$55.00	\$145.00
New Installation (less than 3 units). A \$10.00 fee per trip will be charged if units are not inspected at the same time.	\$55.00	\$100.00
Multiple Units (3 or more)	\$125.00	\$275.00

Monthly Renewal Fee for Temporary Mechanical Agreement	\$47.00
Temporary Mechanical (by agreement per meter)	\$121.00
Any work category not listed above	Minimum Fee (See Schedule C)

Initial temporary mechanical fee will be assessed at time of permit issuance for all commercial projects to facilitate testing of systems and equipment prior to final inspection.

Systems/Equipment consisting of heat pumps, apollo units, gas packs, furnaces, air conditioners, radiant heat systems, chillers, air handlers, refrigeration units, spray booths, boilers, hood systems, etc.

Appliances consisting of unit heaters, wall furnaces, fireplace inserts, gas lights, gas grills, gas logs, gas water heaters, etc.

Gas Lines* shall be permitted as a Mechanical Appliance regardless of whether it is issued to a Mechanical or Plumbing Contractor (See Schedule H).

*Separate gas line permit is required if gas line is not installed by system/appliance contractor.

Schedule I – Existing Structures Plumbing Permit Fee

Plumbing Permits are required for the installation, extension, or general repair of utilization equipment, drain, waste, vent, and water distribution systems. Examples of utilization equipment include water heaters, dishwashers, disposals, wells, etc.

Scope of Work	Single Family/Duplex	Commerical
Replacement of existing like fixture(s)	N/A ¹	\$25.00
Single new fixture per Tenant Space	\$25.00	\$50.00
Multiple new fixture per Tenant Space	\$50.00	\$125.00
Single New Bath Group per Tenant Space	\$75.00	\$150.00
Multiple New Bath Group per Tenant Space	\$125.00	\$275.00

¹No permit is required if a licensed contractor is conducting the work.

Fire Sprinkler System for an existing building..... \$47.00
 Water Heater reconnect/water service line replacement/building sewer replacement/backflow preventer for lawn irrigation systems and minor(less than 25%) replacement of interior water or DWV lines \$25.00
 Any work category not listed above Minimum Fee (See Schedule C)

Schedule J – Green Building Incentives** - a special allowance in its building inspection fee structure to provide an incentive for certain renewable/sustainable energy technologies and green building certifications for homes and commercial buildings.

New Structures				
Certification Agency		Incentive		
USGBC Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
NC Healthy Built Home Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
USEPA Energy Star Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
NAHB Model Green Building Home Guideline Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
ICC/NAHB National Green Building Standard Certification (Currently in development)		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
Existing Structures- One & Two Family Dwellings				
Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$27.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

Existing Structures - Commercial Installations				
Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$50.00 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$25.00 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

Plan Review Fee Rebate Program**

Catawba County will rebate 50% of the fees related to plan review or express plan review for commercial buildings seeking LEED certification, Energy Star, and/or NC HealthyBuilt Homes.

**Regular fees must be paid in full at time of plan review or permit issuance. Fee rebates will be refunded upon project completion and certification by third party inspection agency.

Erosion and Sedimentation Control

These fees are for sites that disturb more than one acre.

Sites that disturb more than one acre are required to submit a formal erosion control plan. Once the site has been permitted, it will be inspected on a regular basis.

Plan Review..... \$200.00
(includes the first acre disturbed, plus \$150.00 per disturbed acre or any part thereof, above the first acre disturbed.

Express Plan Review..... When combined with Building Services Express Plan Review, Building Services hourly rate for plan review plus \$150.00 per disturbed acre or any part thereof, above the first acre disturbed.

Stand Alone Express Plan Review \$97.50 per hour or any fraction thereof minimum \$200.00, plus \$150.00 per disturbed acres or any part thereof, above the first acre disturbed.

Fines for Notice of Violation Varies based on severity, adherence to approved plan, prior record, whether the violation was committed willfully, amount of money saved by noncompliance, cost of rectifying the damage, and staff investigative costs.

Reinspection Fee (required after Notice of Violation)..... \$125.00

If a site is out of compliance, it will receive a Notice of Violation. Any project that is under an NOV may not have any activity (I.E. Building Services inspections) until the site is brought into compliance and the required fine is paid to the Catawba County Finance Department, and the re-inspection fee has been paid. Fines and re-inspection fees may NOT be billed on an account.

These fees are for sites that disturb less than one acre.

Sites that disturb less than one acre will be issued a no charge erosion control permit, no formal plans are required. If the County receives a complaint on a site that is less than one acre and inspectors have investigated and found that the site is not in compliance with erosion control laws the Project Management Fee will be assessed.

Project Management Fee \$50.00
Fee for sites that disturb less than one acre and the County receives a complaint, makes a site visit and finds the site is not in compliance with erosion control laws. Staff will inform responsible party of the adequate sediment control measures and inspect the site. Inspections will cease once the site is stabilized.

**Note: Fees will be assessed and collected on all permits when issued
 Septage Collection, Transportation & Disposal Fees**

Truck Capacity	Payment to City of Hickory	Payment to County	Total billed to Sludge Hauler
Gallons	Disposal Fee	Disposal Fee	Disposal Fee
250 gal	25.00	12.00	37.00
400 gal	25.00	12.00	37.00
1000 gal	25.00	12.00	37.00
1100 gal	25.00	15.00	40.00
1100 gal	25.00	15.00	40.00
1500 gal	32.50	22.50	55.00
1600 gal	35.00	24.00	59.00
1800 gal	39.00	27.00	66.00
2000 gal	43.00	30.00	73.00
2200 gal	48.00	33.00	81.00
2300 gal	49.50	34.50	84.00
2400 gal	52.00	36.00	88.00
2500 gal	54.50	37.50	92.00
2600 gal	56.00	39.00	95.00
3000 gal	65.00	45.00	110.00
3500 gal	75.50	52.50	128.00
3600 gal	78.00	54.00	132.00
4500 gal	97.50	67.50	165.00
5500 gal	119.00	83.00	202.00

The County's portion of the fee is calculated at \$0.015 per gallon with a minimum of \$12.00 rounded to the nearest dollar.

Hickory's portion of the fee is calculated at \$0.0217 per gallon with a minimum of \$25.00 rounded to the nearest dollar.

Total fee is based on \$0.0367 per gallon with a minimum of \$37.00 rounded to the nearest dollar.

Solid Waste Management Disposal

(Fees include \$2.00 Solid Waste State Disposal Tax where applicable)

Sanitary Landfill hours of operations are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 11:30 am, Saturday, Closed Sunday

Municipal Solid Waste (\$16 minimum)..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
 Dead Animals..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

100% Industrial Wood Waste (\$16.00 minimum)

Furniture Wood, glued, stained, etc..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
 Painted or treated..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
 Chipboard, pressboard, plywood..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

The County's State Permit does not allow wood waste from industries to be disposed of in the construction & demolition landfill.

Other Wood Waste (\$4.00 minimum)

Saw Dust \$8.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
 Chipped wood waste (no less than 2" and no more than 5" in diameter. Must be pre-approved as non-hazardous)..... \$8.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Any Waste Contaminated with more than (\$45.00 minimum)

10% Cardboard (from industrial entities only)	\$90.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
20% Springs.....	\$90.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
50% Foam Rubber.....	\$90.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Wire or cable over 4 ft.	\$90.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Bulky items not easily compacted	\$90.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Banned Materials Removal and Handling Fee

Applies to each load that contains any materials banned by North Carolina State Law or Solid Bulky Waste Management Rules, current and future\$100 per load

Friable Asbestos (\$15.00 minimum)

State regulations requires friable asbestos to be covered with soil requiring extra landfill space; therefore the fee will be..... \$120.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Construction & Demolition Landfill and Grinding Area hours of operations are 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 11:30 am, Saturday, Closed Sunday.

Definitions

Demolition debris - waste produced from the demolition of a structure (house, building, etc. containing no personal contents).

Construction debris - waste produced during the construction of a structure (house, building, deck, etc.).

Natural Wood – is wood that has not been processed in any form. Wood that is not chipboard, creosote, glued, painted, stained, treated, plywood, pressboard, etc. This is defined based on State regulation.

Construction & Demolition Landfill (\$10.00 minimum)

Lumber over 8 feet in length	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Painted, treated or creosote wood.....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Chipboard, pressboard, plywood.....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Brick, block, or concrete that is painted or has reinforcement material and/or contaminated with other waste	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Drywall.....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Roofing/Shingles (non-recyclable).....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
(Note: Clean residential asphalt shingles will not be charged the \$2.00 per ton State tax)	
Non-Friable Asbestos containing transit siding, vinyl floor tiles, asphalt roofing shingles..... \$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Clean natural furniture wood waste for grinding (containing no glue, stain, chipboard, pressboard, plywood, etc)	\$6.00 per ton; \$3.00 minimum
Mobile Homes (Arrangements must be made prior to acceptance at Landfill)	\$0.27 square foot + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Extra Service Provided (\$8.00 minimum)

Labor to de-bag yard waste (use clear bags)	\$17.00 per ton
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State-Banned Landfill Materials

Asphalt	No Charge
Brick, block, concrete not painted and w/o reinforcement, less than 6 inch, and separated from other waste.....	No Charge
Clean, natural, uncontaminated wood pallets	No Charge
Paint (liquid).....	No Charge
Electronics and televisions.....	No Charge
Loose grass and leaves (de-bagged)	No Charge

Natural lumber, less than 8 feet in length No Charge

Ground and/or Non-ground Brush, Limbs, Trees, Etc.

Brush, Limbs, and Trees (Grindable)..... \$15.00 per ton
(Brush, limbs, and trees must be kept separated from roots, stumps, and grubbing for recycling purposes)

Grubbing, Roots, and Stumps (Non-grindable).....
..... \$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

(Brush, limbs, and/or trees contaminated with abrasive material, dirt, roots, soil, or other material will not be considered grindable and will be charged the non-grindable price per ton)

If a load of waste is unloaded at the grinders and it has other materials mixed in that makes the load non-grindable, the per ton charge for the material, state fees, and the banned materials handling fee will be applied. This fee is for employee and equipment time to transport the material to the Landfill to be buried.

Mulch and Compost

Mulch (3 yard scoop/bucket)..... \$10.00 or \$10.00 per ton

Compost (3 yard scoop/bucket) \$45.50 or \$35 per ton
(customers may choose to pay per 3 yard scoop/bucket or have their vehicle weighed)

Scrap Tires

Tires without proper documentation, Tires that have been buried, Tires stockpiled prior to January 1, 1994, and Out of State Tires \$80.00 per ton

Note: If the Sanitary Landfill is used when the Construction and Demolition Landfill is closed, users will be charged Sanitary Landfill fees.

Water and Sewer

Connections (Capital Fee)

Existing or New property improvements after construction is completed

1 inch or less water meter/tap: \$1,250 water; \$1,500 sewer

More than 1 inch to 2 inch water meter/tap:..... \$2,250 water; \$3,500 sewer

More than 2 inch to 3 inch water meter/tap:..... \$3,250 water; \$5,500 sewer

(Construction period includes 12 months warranty period after construction is completed)

To entice the connection of existing buildings that exist at the onset of construction of County funded water and sewer utilities to municipal services, Capital Fees for existing property improvements shall be reduced by 50 percent during the utility construction period.

(Existing property improvements include all types of occupancies that rely upon existing non-municipal water and sewer provisions and are adjacent to the utility under construction)

Minimum Capital Fee \$1,250 water; \$1,500 sewer

(For every ¼-inch increment increase in connection size above 1 inch, \$250 is added to water capital fee and \$500 is added to sewer capital fee)

Other

Residential & Commercial Subdivision & Development Engineering Fee

0 - 100 lots or units \$250.00

101 - 200 lots or units \$500.00

201 - 300 lots or units \$750.00

Engineering Fee will continue at a rate of \$250 per 100 lots or units or any part thereof.

FEE SCHEDULE POLICIES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance Fees

Recover 50 percent of cost of ambulance service but maintain a reasonable rate compared to other counties.

Impound Fee

Charge a fee to recover costs of staff time and resources while encouraging and promoting responsible pet ownership when and animal is impounded due to a violation of County Code.

Fee to Municipalities Using Animal Shelter

Share the costs of operating the shelter with the municipalities who use it. Costs are allocated based on the ratio of the municipalities' populations and the County's population. Cities pay 100 percent of their share of costs.

Fire Permit Fees

Charge reasonable fees to ensure proper application of the state fire prevention code.

Hazardous Material Recovery

Recover costs of staff time, equipment and resources related to hazardous material incidents.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Copy Charges

Recover the cost of copies in accordance with state law.

Returned Check Fee

Discourage people from writing a worthless check to the County and to cover some costs related to recovering funds.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Health Connection Fees

Recover costs related to providing services.

Risk Management Services

Recover costs of staff time, equipment and resources related to training provided to outside agencies.

LIBRARY

Audio-Visual and Adult Print Materials

Encourage the timely return of materials.

Interlibrary Loan Materials

Interlibrary loan policies are set by the lending library. Overdue fees reflect the standard rate charged statewide.

Lost Library Card

Initial card is free. The replacement card fee is to encourage patrons to keep track of their library card.

PLANNING, PARKS, & DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Zoning Fees

Recover 100 percent of staff time, materials and costs for recording plats, ordinances, maps, street signs, board of adjustment, rezoning and road assessments.

Parks Fees

Consistent with other counties and the State, charge fees for specialized amenities and the reservation of facilities.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

All Fees

Cooperative Extension's fees will cover 100 percent of program materials and supplies.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Clinical Services

Clinical fees are based on Public Health costs of service provision. Clinical fees are billed to third party payors as applicable. In the event the third party payor does not reimburse, the patient will be billed as permitted. Patient bills may include a discount based on pre-determined eligibility. Eligibility scale is based on the Federal Poverty level adjusted annually by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Environmental Health Fees

Fees will support 100 percent of the total cost.

Home Health Fees

Home Health fees are based on Medicare and Medicaid rates. Where service costs (as determined by an annual cost study) are higher than the Medicare or Medicaid rate, the charges will be based on the actual cost.

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Real and Personal Property Tax Billing & Collection for Municipalities

Have municipalities proportionately share the cost of billing and collecting real and personal property taxes. Periodically, the county will recalculate the cost per bill and charge municipalities an equitable amount based on the number of bills issued per municipality.

Sale of Maps

Recover costs of staff time, equipment and resources.

TECHNOLOGY

GIS Fees

Encourage efficiency and recover operational and maintenance costs. In June 1991, the North Carolina General Assembly approved HB 356 that exempts the Catawba County GIS database from the Public Records Act. Under the precepts of the legislation, the County can charge "reasonable costs" for the computerized database and data files. Fees will be reviewed annually.

GIS Charges to Municipalities

Have participating municipalities pay a proportionate percentage of costs for the base map project, selected personnel and operating costs, based on a ratio of the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction area compared to the total county area at the time the bids are awarded.

UTILITIES & ENGINEERING

Building Services Fees

Building Inspection fees are in place to recover 100 percent of the cost of the Building Services Office. Fees will be benchmarked against other counties each year and rates will be set to recover as much of the County's cost as possible given economic conditions and the results of the benchmarking.

Erosion Control Fees

Recover a portion of the costs of the local Erosion and Soil Sedimentation Control Program.

Solid Waste Fees

Consistent with County Code, landfill fees will generate sufficient revenues to operate the landfill and build reserve for future needs as well as encourage protection and preservation of the environment.

Water and Sewer Fees

Recover a portion of the costs of constructing water and sewer infrastructure.