

**2011/12 CATAWBA COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE**

*July 1, 2011*

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Ambulance Services**

Ambulance Base Rates

Advanced Life Support (Non-Emergency) .....	\$334.00
Advanced Life Support (Emergency) .....	\$434.00
Advanced Life Support – ALS2 .....	\$629.00
Basic Life Support (Non-Emergency) .....	\$283.00
Basic Life Support (Emergency) .....	\$366.00
EMS Standby Fee (ALS Unit and two personnel).....	\$50.00 per hour
Mileage .....	\$11.44 per mile
Specialty Care Transport.....	\$742.00
Treatment / No Transport .....	\$140.00

**Animal Shelter**

Animal Adoption

Cats (all ages and sizes).....	\$50.00
Dogs (all ages and sizes) .....	\$75.00

Civil Penalties

1 <sup>st</sup> Violation .....	\$50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation .....	\$75.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Violation.....	\$150.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Violation and each subsequent offense (Habitual Offender) .....	\$250.00
Dangerous Dog Violation .....	\$150.00

Daily Board Fee .....	\$8.00 per day
Feline Leukemia (FIV) Test .....	\$15.00
Heartworm Test .....	\$15.00
Home Quarantine .....	\$60.00
Impoundment Fee .....	\$50.00
Micro Chip .....	\$15.00
Rabies Vaccinations .....	\$5.00

**Fire Permit / Inspection 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 spiller)**

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 of Catawba County Code with binder .....	\$100.00
Shipping for Code and binder .....	\$4.50
Amendments and Supplements .....	\$65.00
Copy of Ordinances	
Cable Regulatory Ordinance .....	\$10.00
Solid Waste Management Ordinance.....	\$3.00
Personnel Ordinance .....	\$8.00
Copy Charges .....	\$0.10 per page
Color Copy Charges.....	\$0.25 per page
Return Check Fee .....	\$25.00

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Employee Health Connection Fees**

Allergy Injection (employee must provide serum).....	No charge
Blood Glucose (one touch) .....	\$4.00
Blood Pressure Check .....	No Charge
Office Visit.....	\$10.00
Quick Strep Test.....	\$8.00
TB Skin Test.....	\$5.00, if not required for Catawba County employment
Tobacco Cessation Assistance .....	No Charge
Urine Dip .....	\$6.00
Wellness Consultation with Nurse Practitioner .....	No Charge
Workers' Compensation Screening .....	Charged to Risk Management

**Risk Management Services**

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

**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

Black and White .....	\$0.10 per page
Color .....	\$0.25 per page

Interlibrary Loan Materials .....	Extended use fee per day \$0.50
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Replacement of Lost Library Card ..... \$1.00

**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.)*

Maps / Copies

Color Copies ..... \$0.25  
Copies..... \$0.05  
County Street Map..... \$1.00  
GIS Map Copies ..... \$0.50

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
<b>Subdivisions</b>	
Performance Guarantee Inspection .....	\$30.00
<b>Subdivision Review</b>	
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
<b>Telecommunication Towers</b>	
Co-Location/Modification Review .....	\$2,500.00
New Tower Construction.....	\$13,500.00
Text Amendment (Applicant Initiated).....	\$560.00
<b>Zoning Permits</b>	
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**

**Bicycling Permit**

    Adult .....

        \$2.00 per day; \$20.00 per year

    Children.....

        Free

**Boating.....**

        \$2.00 per day, per boat; \$6.00 per year, per boat

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

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 stationary 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.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Clinic Services**

#### Tests

Pregnancy Test.....	\$10.00
Rabies Titer Test .....	\$65.00
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
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
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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 .....	\$19.00
Vaccine Admin – each additional injection .....	\$11.00

**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
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Change of Improvement Permit/Authorization to Construct/Well Permit

Re-trip and re-design fee .....	\$70.00
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Food and Lodging Plan Review Fee .....	\$250.00
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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.)

Individual Demolition Debris Landfill Permit

Permit and inspections .....	\$200.00
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Land Clearing and Inert Debris Landfill Permit

Permit and quarterly inspections .....	\$350.00
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Public Management Entity (PME) *fees are a per trip charge*

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 Pumps .....	\$40.00
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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 .....	\$85.00
Inorganic .....	\$114.00
Well Abandonment .....	\$100.00
Well Construction and Inspection Permit .....	\$300.00
Well Repair .....	\$300.00

**\*\*Fees are non-refundable once a visit is made\*\***

### **Home Health**

#### Home Health visit (Per visit)

Home Health Aide .....	\$65.00
Medical Social Worker .....	\$155.00
Occupational therapy services .....	\$125.00
Physical therapist .....	\$125.00
Skilled nurse .....	\$119.00
Speech therapy .....	\$125.00

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Electronic House Arrest (per day, collected weekly) .....	\$6.00
Fee for impounded vehicles (per car, per day) .....	\$5.00
Inmate Housing Fee (per day, out of County) .....	\$45.00
Inmate Medical Service Fees:	
Lab Services Co-Payment .....	\$10.00
Over the Counter Medications .....	\$3.00
Medical transportation to private doctor .....	\$50.00
Prescriptions Co-Payment .....	\$5.00
Sick Call .....	\$10.00
Fingerprinting .....	\$10.00
Postage and handling per ejection mail out .....	\$1.00
Project Lifesavers Bracelet .....	\$275.00
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

**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.....	\$0.05

Sale of Maps

Plotter Reprints (bond paper, all sized).....	\$15.00
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Privilege Licenses

Automobile Dealer .....	\$25.00
Bowling Alley.....	\$10.00 per alley
Check Cashing Business (machines) .....	\$100.00
Circuses and Animal Shows .....	\$25.00 per day
Dealers in Firearms .....	\$50.00
Dealers in Other Weapons.....	\$200.00
Electronic Video Games.....	\$5.00 per machine
Emigrant and Employment Agencies.....	\$100.00
Fortune Tellers (Palmist).....	\$500.00
Installing elevators and sprinkler systems.....	\$100.00
Itinerant Merchants (selling from vacant lot, etc.) .....	\$100.00
Loan Agencies .....	\$100.00
Motorcycle Dealers.....	\$12.50
Music Machines .....	\$5.00 per machine
Pawnbrokers .....	\$275.00
Peddlers – farm products .....	\$25.00
Peddlers – with vehicle.....	\$25.00
Pinball Machines and Similar Amusements .....	\$25.00
(hobbyhorse, all riding devices, shooting gallery, swimming pool, skating rink, miniature golf, and carnivals)	
Pool Tables.....	\$25.00 per business location
Service Stations.....	\$12.50
Wholesale Supply Dealers .....	\$37.50
(includes truck, tractor, and mobile home dealers)	

**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

Laser Printer – 8 ½ x 11

Map ..... \$0.50

Aerial Map - Color ..... \$0.75

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

Parcels, Structures, Topology, etc. .... \$200.00/Layer

School, Voting, Floodplain, etc. .... \$100.00/Layer

Digital Ortho Photos

Individual Tiles ..... \$25.00

Seamless Countywide mosaic (Mr. Sid) ..... \$200.00

Subscription Service ..... \$550.00/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; \$0.36 per diskette; \$0.05 per page if printed)

**UTILITIES & ENGINEERING**

**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 as published by the ICC 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.

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

**Regional Cost modifier:** Based on North Carolina as published by the ICC.

**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.

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

Group <sup>b</sup>	(2006 International Building Code)	Type of Construction								
		IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1	Assembly, theaters, with stage	1.195	1.157	1.130	1.083	1.019	0.989	1.048	0.930	0.896
	Assembly, theaters, without stage	1.083	1.044	1.017	0.970	0.907	0.877	0.935	0.817	0.783
A-2	Assembly, nightclubs	0.914	0.888	0.866	0.832	0.783	0.761	0.803	0.710	0.686
A-2	Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	0.908	0.882	0.854	0.826	0.771	0.755	0.797	0.698	0.680
A-3	Assembly, churches	0.661	0.638	0.622	0.593	0.555	0.537	0.572	0.502	0.481
A-3	Assembly, community halls, libraries	0.931	0.893	0.860	0.819	0.746	0.713	0.784	0.660	0.632
A-4	Assembly, arenas	1.077	1.038	1.005	0.964	0.894	0.871	0.929	0.805	0.777
B	Business	0.805	0.777	0.752	0.717	0.653	0.629	0.689	0.574	0.550
E	Educational	0.449	0.434	0.422	0.403	0.378	0.359	0.390	0.333	0.320
F-1	Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	0.423	0.404	0.382	0.370	0.331	0.317	0.355	0.273	0.258
F-2	Factory and industrial, low hazard	0.419	0.399	0.382	0.365	0.331	0.312	0.350	0.273	0.254
H-1	High Hazard, explosives	0.468	0.445	0.425	0.405	0.366	0.343	0.388	0.297	N.P.
H234	High Hazard	0.468	0.445	0.425	0.405	0.366	0.343	0.388	0.297	0.274
H-5	HPM	0.832	0.802	0.777	0.740	0.675	0.649	0.712	0.592	0.568
I-1	Institutional, supervised environment	0.411	0.397	0.386	0.370	0.346	0.336	0.748	0.313	0.301
I-2	Institutional, incapacitated	0.691	0.676	0.664	0.646	0.611	N.P.	1.263	0.570	N.P.
I-3	Institutional, restrained	0.472	0.457	0.445	0.426	0.397	0.382	0.824	0.356	0.338
I-4	Institutional, day care facilities	0.411	0.397	0.386	0.370	0.346	0.336	0.748	0.470	0.452
M	Mercantile	0.451	0.434	0.415	0.397	0.363	0.352	0.503	0.314	0.302
R-1	Residential, hotels	0.932	0.900	0.876	0.841	0.785	0.764	0.848	0.712	0.684
R-2	Residential, multiple family	0.781	0.750	0.726	0.691	0.635	0.614	0.698	0.562	0.534
R-3 <sup>d</sup>	Residential, one- and two-family	0.494	0.480	0.469	0.456	0.439	0.428	0.448	0.412	0.388
R-4	Residential, care/assisted living facilities	0.920	0.889	0.865	0.830	0.775	0.754	0.837	0.701	0.674
S-1	Storage, moderate hazard	0.397	0.378	0.356	0.343	0.304	0.290	0.546	0.245	0.231
S-2	Storage, low hazard	0.393	0.373	0.356	0.338	0.304	0.285	0.539	0.245	0.226
U	Utility, miscellaneous <sup>a</sup>	0.351	0.332	0.312	0.297	0.268	0.250	0.280	0.212	0.201

a. Private Garages are group U.

b. Unfinished basements use 0.072 as the Catawba County Square Foot Multiplier

c. N.P. = Not Permitted - These use groups are not permitted in these Construction Types.

d. 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)

\* This table is based on the ICC fee schedule method and Catawba County square foot building costs. For more information on fee schedule contact the Catawba County Permit Center at (828) 465-8399.

**Permit Fee Multiplier =**

Amount of Building Services Budget to be recovered through permit fees (1)

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.

**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 BVD 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, 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 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  
\*Building 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

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

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

**Schedule F – Building Permit Fee (Existing Structures)**

Alterations, renovations, and repairs to existing 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)**

Power Service – Sub Panel  
0 – 100 AMPS ..... \$50.00 single family/duplex; \$75.00 commercial  
101 – 200 AMPS ..... \$75.00 00 single family/duplex; \$125.00 commercial  
201 – 600 AMPS ..... \$150.00 00 single family/duplex; \$175.00 commercial  
601 – 1,200 AMPS ..... \$175.00 00 single family/duplex; \$250.00 commercial

1,201 – 2,000 AMPS.....	\$200.00 00 single family/duplex; \$300.00 commercial
2,001 – above AMPS.....	\$225.00 00 single family/duplex; \$400.00 commercial
Camper/RV Service .....	\$50.00
Electrical wiring per tenant space (wiring on or in the structure) .....	\$50.00
Electrical wiring for pools 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 multiple mechanical/plumbing systems or equipment .....	\$50.00
Re-connect Fee for single mechanical/plumbing system or equipment .....	\$25.00
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

*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.*

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

**Schedule H – Existing Structures Mechanical Permit Fee**

Category of Work	Single Family/Duplex	Commercial
	System/Equipment/Appliance	System/Equipment/Appliance
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

*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.*

*Mechanical permits are required for installation, extension, alteration, or general repair of Systems/Equipment including heat pumps, Apollo units, gas packs, furnaces, air conditioners, radiant heat systems, chillers; air handlers, refrigeration units, spray booths, boilers, hood systems, etc. and Appliances consisting of unit heaters, wall furnaces, fireplace insets, gas lights, gas grills,*

gas logs, gas water heaters, gas lines\*, etc.

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

**Schedule I – Existing Structures Plumbing Permit Fee**

Fire Sprinkler System for an existing building ..... \$47.00  
 Replacement of existing like fixture(s) no fee for single family/duplex ..... \$25.00 commercial  
 Single New Fixture per Tenant Space ..... \$25.00 single family/duplex; \$50.00 commercial  
 Multiple New Fixtures per Tenant Space ..... \$50.00 single family/duplex; \$125.00 commercial  
 Single New Bath Group per Tenant Space ..... \$75.00 single family/duplex; \$150.00 commercial  
 Multiple New Bath Group per Tenant Space . \$125.00 single family/duplex; \$275.00 commercial  
 Water Heater reconnect/water service line/building sewer/backflow preventer for lawn irrigation systems ..... \$25.00

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

**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.

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, acres 2 through 999,999.

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, acres 2 through 999,999.

Plan Review ..... \$200.00 (includes the first acre disturbed, plus \$150.00 per disturbed acre or any part thereof, acres 2 through 999,999).

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.

The project management fee is assessed only on sites that **do not disturb more than one acre** (i.e. single family homes), are not required to submit an erosion control plan, **and** only after County inspectors have investigated a complaint and found that the site is not in compliance with erosion control laws.

Project Management Fee ..... \$50.00  
 (Fee for sites not requiring a formal erosion control plan, but found to be in violation of the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 (Staff will recommend adequate sediment control measures and inspect the site. Inspections will cease once site is stabilized.)

**\*\*Fees will be assessed and collected on all permits when issued\*\***

**Septage Collection Transportation & Disposal Fees**

<b>Truck Capacity</b>	<b>Payment to City of Hickory</b>	<b>Payment to County</b>	<b>Total billed to Sludge Hauler</b>
<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Disposal Fee</b>	<b>Disposal Fee</b>	<b>Disposal Fee</b>
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
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

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**

**Sanitary Landfill (\$16.00 minimum)**

Municipal Solid Waste ..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

**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 and/or pressboard ..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Wood waste from industries is banned from 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\***

\*The State required friable asbestos to be covered with soil requiring extra landfill space; therefore the fee will increase accordingly. .... \$120.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax, \$15.00 minimum

**Other Materials**

Forklift Tires with metal rims embedded in rubber ..... \$50.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

Dead Animals ..... \$31.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

**Construction & Demolition Landfill and Grinding Area hours of operations are Standard Time 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 11:30 am, Saturday (year round), Closed Sunday (year round); Daylight Savings Time 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.**

*Definitions*

*Demolition debris* - waste produced from the demolition of a structure (house, building, etc.).

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

Construction and Demolition Permit number and address of the site are required on transaction tickets when unloading such waste at the landfill.

**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 .....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Chipboard and/or pressboard .....	\$21.00 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax
Brick/block/concrete with 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 .....	\$21.00 per ton + \$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
Stumps .....	\$19.50 per ton + \$2.00 per ton State tax

**Extra Service Provided (\$8.00 minimum)**

Labor to de-bag yard waste .....	\$17.00 per ton
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**Items Free of Charge**

Asphalt .....	No Charge
Brick/block/concrete w/o reinforcement and separated from other waste .....	No Charge
Clean, uncontaminated pallets .....	No Charge
Loose grass and leaves (de-bagged) .....	No Charge
Lumber, less than 8 feet in length .....	No Charge

**Other Materials**

Clean furniture wood waste for grinding (no glue, stain, 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

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

Brush, Grubbing, Limbs, Roots, Stumps, and Trees (Grindable) .....	\$15.00 per ton (Brush, limbs, and trees must be kept separated from roots, stumps, and grubbing to receive the grindable price per ton)
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Brush, Limbs, Stumps, and Trees (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)
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If a load of waste is unloaded at the grinders and it has other materials mixed in that makes the load non-grindable, a special handling fee will be charged for the load. This fee is for employee and equipment time to transport the material to the Landfill to be buried.

**Non-grindable loads are subject to an additional \$2.00 per ton State disposal tax.**

**Mulch and Compost**

Mulch ..... \$10.33 per yard with a 3 yard minimum purchase  
..... 3 yard bucket = \$31.00 or \$24.00 per ton  
Compost ..... \$15.16 per yard with a 3 yard minimum purchase  
..... 3 yard budget = \$45.50 or \$35 per ton  
(customers may choose to pay per 3 yard bucket or have their vehicle weighed)

**(No Mulch or Compost Sales on Wednesday)**

**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.**

**Convenience Centers**

**Cooksville-located on Rhoney Farm Rd**

Open-Friday & Saturday  
Closed-Sunday – Thursday  
Hours-8:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Phone-704.462.1497

**Oxford-located on Lookout Dam Road**

Open- Wednesday - Sunday  
Closed-Monday and Tuesday  
Hours-10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Phone-828.241.3774

**Blackburn-located on Rocky Ford Road**

Open-Monday - Saturday  
Closed-Sunday  
Hours-8:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Phone-704.462.2496

**Sherrills Ford-located on Sherrills Ford Rd**

Open-Wednesday - Sunday  
Closed-Monday and Tuesday  
Hours-10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Phone-828.478.2248

**Bethany Church Road**

Open-Tuesday - Saturday  
Closed- Sunday - Monday  
Hours-10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Phone-828.465.4635

**Residential Waste Only**

1 to 5 (32 gallon) bags..... \$1.25 per bag  
Small truckload (6 foot bed-waste in truck only) ..... \$12.00  
Large truckload (8 foot bed-waste in truck only) ..... \$18.00  
Loads larger than 8 foot bed will be directed to the Catawba County Landfill

**Recyclables**

Recyclables only (properly cleaned and separated)..... No Charge  
▪ Recyclables must be reasonably compressed, cleaned, segregated and

- free of waste.
- After attendant checks the recyclables, citizens are required to sort and place in designated recycling containers.
- Recyclables must be on current list of accepted materials.

**For information on curbside pick up, please call Garbage Disposal Service at 828/256-2158. For disposal information please call the Blackburn Landfill at 704/462-1348.**

**Water and Sewer**

**Water Connections (Capital Fee)**

Table 1 - Water

**Residential Water Connections Per Unit**

Residential (single, duplex, apartment, town homes, condominiums, etc.) ..... \$1,000.00  
 A one-time Water Capital Fee reduction of 50% may be offered during waterline construction to residential properties that have an existing potable water well.

Table 2 - Water

**Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (churches, educational facilities, etc.) and Agricultural Water Connections**

3/4" connection/tap .....	\$1,000.00
1" connection/tap.....	\$1,500.00
1-1/2" connection/tap.....	\$2,000.00
2" connection/tap.....	\$3,000.00
3" connection/tap.....	\$4,500.00
4" connection/tap.....	\$6,000.00
6" connection/tap.....	\$9,000.00
8" connection/tap.....	\$15,000.00
10" connection/tap.....	\$25,000.00
12" connection/tap.....	\$40,000.00

Water Capital Fees for Churches are 50% of the amount shown in Table 2.

**Waste Water Connections (Capital Fee)**

Table 1 - Waste Water

**Residential Waste Water Connections Per Unit**

Residential (single-family, duplex, apartments, town homes, condominiums, etc.) ..... \$3,000

Table 2 – Waste Water

**Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (churches, educational facilities, etc.) and Agricultural Waste Water Connections**

Water Connection Size	Minimum Capital Fee per Meter up to 360 gallons per day	Additional Capital Fee per Gallon over 360 Gallons per Day
¾" connection/tap	\$3,000	\$1.60
1" connection/tap	\$4,500	\$1.60

1-½ " connection/tap	\$6,000	\$1.60
2" connection/tap	\$9,000	\$1.60
3" connection/tap	\$13,500	\$1.60
4" connection/tap	\$18,000	\$1.60
6" connection/tap	\$27,000	\$1.60
8" connection/tap	\$45,000	\$1.60
10" connection/tap	TBD	\$1.60
12" connection/tap	TBD	\$1.60

Gallons per Day based on NCDENR Rules for Sewage Systems 15A NCAC 18A.1900

**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.*

## CURRENT FEE POLICIES

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### ***Emergency Ambulance Fees***

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

#### ***Adoption of Animals***

Charge a fee low enough to encourage responsible adoption of animals.

#### ***Animal Boarding Fees***

A fee is charged for boarding of animals at the Shelter. It is implied that this charge is to promote responsible ownership and cover the cost of feeding, cleaning, and otherwise caring for the animal.

#### ***Animal Return to Owner Fee***

If a dog is impounded for running and after having been found to be a public nuisance, the owner may reclaim his dog by paying penalty fees designed to encourage and promote responsible pet ownership.

#### ***Fee Charged to Cities for Use of Animal Shelter***

To equally share the cost of operating the Animal Shelter with cities that use the Shelter. Costs are allocated based on ratio of cities population to the county population. Conover also shares in the cost of animal control under the same formula. Cities pay 100 percent of their share of costs.

#### ***Fire Permit/Inspection Fees***

To charge a minimal fee that encourages proper storage, use, or handling of hazardous materials, substance, and devices.

#### ***Hazardous Material Recovery***

A fee is charged for response and recovery of hazardous material spills. Recover the cost of staff time and equipment.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### ***Copy Charges***

Recover the cost of copies with a fair rate but a rate high enough that it does not promote excessive copying.

#### ***Return Check Fee***

Catawba County Code sets forth a fee for returned checks. Though not specifically stated, it is implied that the policy of this fee is to discourage people from writing bad checks to the County.

### ***Risk Management Services***

Recover the cost of providing training, including personnel costs.

## **LIBRARY**

### ***Audio-Visual Equipment***

Audio Visual equipment rental fees were established to insure that the equipment was well taken care of by the Library patrons.

### ***Audio-Visual Materials***

Overdue fees for audiovisual materials are set at a rate that encourages the timely return of materials.

### ***Adult Print Materials***

Overdue fees are established to encourage the timely return of materials.

### ***Youth Print Materials***

There are no overdue fees charged for the late return of Youth Materials.

### ***Interlibrary Loan Materials***

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

### ***Photocopies***

Photocopy machine access provides our customers the opportunity to photocopy materials at a reasonable cost.

### ***Printer Copies***

Computer generated printer copy fees are established at a cost recovery rate comparable to the fees for photocopies.

### ***Lost Library Card***

There is no charge for the first Library card. Replacement Library cards are \$1.00.

### ***Out of County Usage Fee***

There is no charge for Out of County usage.

## **PLANNING, PARKS, & DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Planning & Zoning Fees***

Recording plats, ordinances, maps/ publications, street signs, board of adjustment, rezoning fees, road assessments. Fees support 100 percent of the cost of providing services (including labor).

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

### ***Clinical Services***

Clinical fees are based on the *Medicaid Rates for Local Health Departments*, as issued by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medical Assistance,

and Division of Public Health Services. Where service cost is higher than the Medicaid rate or the Medicaid rate is unavailable, charges will be based on the actual costs. Clinical fees are billed to insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid as applicable. In the event the provider does not reimburse, the patient will be billed. Bills may include a discount based on pre-determined eligibility. Eligibility scale is based on Federal poverty level as adjusted annually by DHHS.

#### ***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 Property Tax Billing & Collection for Cities***

Cities will proportionately share the cost of billing and collecting real property tax. Every five years the county will recalculate the cost per bill and charge cities an equitable amount based on the number of bills collected per each city/town.

#### ***Vehicle Tax Billing***

GS 105-330.5 (b) The County may retain the actual cost of collecting municipal and special district taxes collected pursuant to this section, not to exceed one and one-half percent of the amount of taxes collected.

#### ***Sale of Maps***

Recover 75 percent of the full cost (including labor) of reproducing and mailing maps.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

#### ***GIS Fees***

To 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 and enhanced to add other service as the GIS matures.

#### ***GIS Charges to Cities***

Participating cities pay a proportionate percentage of the cost of the base map project and selected personnel and operating costs. This proportionate percentage is based on a ratio of the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction area for each participating municipality to the total county area at the time the bids were awarded.

### **UTILITIES & ENGINEERING**

#### ***Building Services Fees***

Building Inspection fees are in place to recover 100 percent of the cost of the Building Services

office.

***Erosion Control Fees***

Erosion control fees are in place to recover a portion of the cost of the local Erosion and Soil Sedimentation Control program

***Solid Waste Fees***

Catawba County Code section 2-622 sets out the fees to be charged for the Landfill. 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***

Water and Sewer Capital fees were established to recover a portion of the cost of constructing water and sewer infrastructure.