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EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMS Fees

Ambulance Base Rates

Advanced Life Support (Non-Emergency)	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Advanced Life Support (Emergency)	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Advanced Life Support – ALS2	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Basic Life Support (Non-Emergency)	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Basic Life Support (Emergency)	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Mileage	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Specialty Care Transport	165% of the Medicare allowable rate
Treatment / No Transport	$225.00

Public Assists

Public Assist Fee (billed for the 5th and all subsequent "assist" calls in a rolling calendar year) ……..…… $50.00per occurrence

This fee shall only be applied to individuals or facilities who request EMS assistance for people who are uninjured and have no medical complaint (i.e.: moving an individual from one place to another).

This fee shall not be applied to individuals who are injured or require medical treatment.

EMS Standbys

Dedicated EMS Specialty Vehicle (1-EMS provider and an EMS UTV or QRV) ...$100.00 per event, per day.
Dedicated ALS Ambulance (1-ALS ambulance and 2-personnel) ....$150.00 per hour, per ambulance (min. fee of $450.00)

This fee will be billed to any individual or entity requesting Catawba County EMS to dedicate an ALS unit for standby (21-days advanced notice required). Payment is due at the time of the event.
Non-Dedicated Standbys may be provided at no charge based on the needs of the event and the requesting agency. Non-Dedicated standby units are subject to be called away for emergencies and may or may not be at the event the entire time, or at all dependent on call volume.

*<u>*No standby is guaranteed, and all requests for EMS Standby are subject to EMS personnel availability and requests must be approved by the EMS Manager, Emergency Services Director, or their designee.</u>*

Animal Services

Animal Adoption

Cat/Kitten/Dog/Puppy	$5.00
Exotics/Reptiles (specific care)	$35.00
Livestock	
Tier 1 (chickens, roosters, ducks)	$0.00
Tier 2 (goats, sheep, pigs)	$25.00
Tier 3 (cows)	$75.00
Tier 4 (equines)	$150.00
New Lease on Life	$65.00
Owner Surrender fee	$35.00
Civil Penalties	
1st Violation	$50.00
2nd Violation	$75.00

3rd Violation $150.00
4th Violation and each subsequent offense (Habitual Offender) $250.00
Animal Cruelty Violation $300.00
Dangerous Dog Violation $150.00
Home Quarantine $60.00
Impound Fee ..... $50.00 1st occurrence
..... $75.00 2nd occurrence
..... $100.00 3rd and subsequent occurrences
Barn Cat Program Pull Fee ..... Free
Cat Carrier Fee $10.00
Services and Vaccines
Microchip $15.00
Boarding Fees ..... $10.00 per day
Rabies Vaccine (one year) $10.00
Bordetella Vaccine $10.00
Distemper/Parvo Vaccine – dogs only $10.00
Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia Vaccine – cats only $10.00
Feline Leukemia Virus Test $15.00
Heartworm Test $5.00
Animal Collar $5.00
Animal Leash $10.00

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
Emergency Responder Radio System (C) $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) <100 Gallons $50.00
Change type of contents in tank to more hazardous material (O) >100 Gallons $75.00
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 800 square feet) (C)....$50.00
Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles (Food Truck) Inspection (O)....$100.00
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 800 square feet)....$50.00
Work Started without Permit....Double Permit Fee

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)....$100.00 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....County Cost

LIBRARY
Copy/Print Charges
- 3D Printing....$2.00 per print, $1.00 per cubic inch of filament
- Digital Cutting....$0.50 per cut, plus material cost
- Large Format Printing....plain paper: $3.00/linear foot
  ....photo paper: $4.00/linear foot

Interlibrary Loan Materials....Extended use fee per day $0.50
Lost or damaged materials resources....$ Replacement cost

PLANNING
Board of Adjustment
- Appeal....$500.00
- Cottage Business....$500.00
- Extension/Change of Non-Conforming Use....$500.00
- Non-Conforming Use....$500.00
- Special Use Permit....$500.00
- Variance....$500.00

Copies of Ordinances/Plans
- Unified Development Ordinance....$35.00

Fee In-Lieu Of ..... $1,000.00 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

- General Districts $720.00
- Special Districts and Conditional Zoning $1,000.00

(i.e. Planned Development (PD), Planned Development – Industrial Parks (PD-IP), 321 Economic Development District (321-ED), Village Center, Manufactured Home Parks (MHP), Conditional Zoning District) Signs

- Development Entrance $50.00
- Limited Access User $50.00
- New development street sign (per sign) $200.00/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

- Exempt Plat Review $25.00
- Extension of Major Preliminary Plat $70.00
- Major Final Plat ..... $200.00 + $5.00 each lot
- Major Preliminary Plat ..... $200.00 + $5.00 each lot
- Minor/Family Subdivision Review $100.00
- Performance Guarantee Extension (non-residential and subdivision) $110.00
- Performance Guarantee - Initial Review $110.00
- Performance Guarantee Inspection $50.00
- 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) $1,000.00

Zoning Permits

- Backyard Business $25.00
- Accessory Dwelling $25.00
- Floodplain Development – Regulatory $50.00
- Floodplain Development – Non-regulatory $10.00
- 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
- Temporary Event $25.00
- Zoning Confirmation Letters $65.00

PARKS

Educational/Meeting Room.....$100.00 for half day; $150.00 for full day rental
Damage Deposit.....$50.00 refundable deposit
Picnic Shelter .....$20.00 per hour, per shelter; 2-hour minimum rental
Vendor/Sales Permit .....$50 per day
Parks Merchandise .....$2.00 or 20% whichever is greater

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

4-H Camps, Conferences, and Retreats (for youth)..... $50-555.00 Varies depending on camp
T-Shirts (4-H) $15.00
Master Gardener Course Fee.....$150.00
Farm City Banquet Tickets.....$25.00
Local Food Cooking Classes $15.00
Educational Workshops .....Varies, depending on workshop
Safe Plates Certification Course and Test.....$140.00 course cost and $64.00 exam retest

PUBLIC HEALTH

Clinic Services

Note: Public Health is authorized to offer vaccinations based on public demand and need. The fee for each vaccination is the cost of the vaccine plus a flat administrative fee. Below is a list of currently offered vaccinations.

Tests

Measles IgM Antibody (serum).....Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Measles PCR NAAT (urine) .....Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + .25%
Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT).....Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
QuantiFERON TB Gold Plus (IGRA).....Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Rabies Titer Test .....Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Tuberculosis Skin Test .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00

Vaccines

COVID-19 (Pfizer) ..... Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Dtap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis).....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Dtap (Combo) .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Gardasil .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Hemophilus Influenza B.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Hepatitis A - Adult.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Hepatitis A – Pediatric .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Hepatitis B - Adult.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Hepatitis B – Pediatric .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
HIB-PRP-OMP (Hemophilus b).....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Influenza .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Japanese Encephalitis.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Measles IMIg .....Cost of vaccine + $27.00
Meningitis.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Meningitis B .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Meningococcal (Menactra).....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
M.M.R. .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
MMRV .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Monkey Pox (Jynneos).....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Pneumococcal (Pneumovax) .....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Prevnar-13.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Prevnar-20.....Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Polio (IPV).....Cost of vaccine + $22.00

Rabies, pre/post-exposure (Imovax)	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Rotavirus (Rotarix)	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
RSV	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Shingles	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Td (Tetanusatun, Toxoid Diphtheria)	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Twinrex (Hep A/B)	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Typhoid	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Varicella (Varivax)	Cost of vaccine + $22.00
Yellow Fever	Cost of vaccine + $22.00

Other

17 OHP	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Biopsy Charge	$25.00
Car Seat Co-Pay	$10.00
Cortisol	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
CPR/First Aid Education Fee	Cost of Completion Card and/or Student Workbook + $20.00
CPR K-12 Only	Cost of Completion Card + $20.00
DHEA-S	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Estradiol	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Fluoride Kit	$3.00
Foreign Travel Consultation Stamp	$10.00
Free Testosterone	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
FSH	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
HCG	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Hemoglobin A1c	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Herpes Simplex Virus I & II	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Human Papillomavirus Screening	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
IGF-1	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
LH	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Prolactin	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Total Testosterone	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
TSH	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Urine Dipstick	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Urine Pregnancy Test	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Vaccine Admin – 1 injection	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Vaccine Admin – each additional injection	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Oral Administration	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%
Depression Screening	Medicaid Reimbursement Rate/cost + 25%

Environmental Health Division

Improvement Permit
- Site/Soil Evaluation $150.00

(a2) Improvement Permit $150.00

Authorization to Construct (New, Repair, Expansion, Relocation – 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
- Septic Tank Only $150.00

(a2) Authorization to Construct:
- Any system, 360 gallons per day and less $60.00
- Any system, 361-600 gallons per day $120.00
- Any system, 601-1,000 gallons per day $200.00
- Any system, 1,001 gallons per day and above $300.00
- Septic Tank Only $60.00

(a2) Improvement Permit + (a2) Authorization to Construct (applied for together):
- Any system, 360 gallons per day and less $120.00
- Any system, 361-600 gallons per day $180.00
- Any system, 601-1,000 gallons per day $260.00
- Any system, 1,001 gallons per day and above $360.00

Engineered Option Permit $35.00

Authorized Onsite Wastewater Evaluator $35.00

Existing Systems Inspection (on-site inspection) $80.00

Septic System Maintenance Inspections
- 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

Well Construction and Inspection Permit (New, Replacement, and Repair) $485.00

Well Repair Permit
$150.00

Well Abandonment $100.00

Well Variance Evaluation $75.00

Variance Well Repair $350.00

Water Samples (per sample)
- Bacteriological $100.00
- Fluoride, Lead, Nitrite/Nitrate, Pesticide, Petroleum ..... $150.00 each
- Inorganic $128.00
- Hexavalent Test $155.00
- Coal Ash Test $170.00

Swimming Pools/Spas (Public Facilities Only)
- Inspection Fee/Permit Operating < 8 months $150.00
- Inspection Fee/Permit Operating > 8 months $200.00
- Pool Plan Review $300.00
- Display Spa Inspection $75.00

Tattoo establishment

Permit for Tattoo Artist (per artist for 12 months).....$225.00
Plan Review for New Establishment $265.00
Temporary Permit for Tattoo Artist for Convention (valid for 7 days).....$150.00

Temporary Food Establishment

Permit for Event (Single Event Maximum 21 Days).....$75.00

Food & Lodging

Plan Review Fee $250.00
Plan Review for Push Mobile Food Unit and Push Cart Only.....$150.00
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.

Any site visit not listed above (Re-trip/re-design for Improvement permit, Authorization to Construct, Well Permit, and/or Well Variance; Re-trip for Swimming Pool Permitting, Review of Permitted Establishments for Ownership Change, Commissary Change, Walk-Through…… $75.00
*All fees are non-refundable once a visit is made**

Administrative Fee $30.00
Archive Research (per project).....$30.00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Fee for impounded vehicles (per car, per day).....$5.00
Inmate Housing Fee (per day, out of County) ..... $40.00 per day (Local), $101.00 per day (Federal)
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 ejectment 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

- Tax Cards $0.10

TECHNOLOGY

GIS Fees

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

Map Printing

- Color Printer
  - 8½ x 11 ..... $0.25
  - 11 x 17 ..... $3.00
- Plotter Reprints
  - Bond Paper (all sizes) $15.00
  - High Gloss (ortho) $20.00
- Aerial Map - Laser Printer - Color $0.75
- Custom Map or Report - Laser Printer (picked-up) $0.50

Aerial Photography ..... $10.00 for CD plus postage

ITC Fees

Reports ..... $1.00 per CD

UTILITIES & ENGINEERING

Building Permit Fees

Building Permits (Schedule A)

	Blanket Fee*	
Residential	$0.50 /sqft	
Residential Accessory	$0.25 / sqft	
Residential Deck (stand along)	$0.25 / sqft	
Commercial	$0.55 /sqft	1 - 100,000 sqft
	$0.40 /sqft	100,001 - 1,000,000 sqft
	$0.25 /sqft	Over 1,000,000 sqft

*Blanket permit covers the cost of trade permits; however, each trade contractor must complete an application and be issued a permit.

Phased Construction (Schedule B)

Category of Work	Building	Mechanical	Electrical	Plumbing
Footing/Foundation	25% of Building	25% of Mechanical	25% of Electrical	25% of Plumbing
Shell-In	25% of Building	25% of Mechanical	25% of Electrical	25% of Plumbing
Up-fit	100% of Blanket Permit			
Fees in this table are based on the respective permit fee(s) total and are in addition to the full building permit fees.				

Electrical (Schedule C)

Scope of Work	Residential	Commercial
Change or Repair of existing service or panel	$60.00	$100.00
Addition of a new service or panel	$75.00	$150.00
Electrical wiring per tenant space	$60.00	$150.00
Reconnect Power	$60.00	See Schedule G
Temporary Electrical (by agreement per building)	$120.00	$200.00
Temporary Power Pole	$60.00	
Any work category not listed	Minimum Fee (See Schedule F)	

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

Plumbing (Schedule D)

Scope of Work	Residential	Commercial
Replacement of existing like fixture(s)	$60.00*	$60.00
New fixtures	$60.00	$60.00
Water Connection	$60.00	$60.00
Sewer Connection	$60.00	$60.00
Maximum Permit Fee	$275.00	$3,000.00
Any work category not listed	Minimum Fee (See Schedule F)	
Fees in this table are assessed per fixture and include associated trades.		

*Permits are not required if a licensed contractor is conducting the work.

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.

Mechanical (Schedule E)

Scope of Work	Residential	Commercial
Install Mechanical System/Equipment - Per System	$75.00	$100.00
Install Mechanical Appliance - Per Appliance	$60.00	$60.00
Exhaust Fans	$60.00	$60.00
Ductwork Only	$60.00	$60.00
Fire Sprinkler System for existing building	NA	$60.00
Gas Lines	$60.00	$60.00
Maximum Permit Fee	$275.00	$3,000.00
Reconnect Gas	$60.00	See Schedule G
Temporary Gas (by agreement per building)	$120.00	$200.00
Any work category not listed	Minimum Fee (See Schedule F)	
Fees in this table are assessed per fixture and include associated trades.		

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

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.

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

*Fireplace Construction Permit – required for installation of all prefabricated or masonry fireplaces

Gas Lines* shall be permitted as a Mechanical Appliance regardless of whether it is issued to a Mechanical or Plumbing Contractor (See Schedule E). Separate gas permits are required.

Miscellaneous (Schedule F)

	Building	Electrical	Plumbing	Mechanical
Minimum Permit Fees	$90.00	$60.00	$60.00	$60.00
Scope of Work	**Residential**		**Commercial**	
Cell Towers	NA		Schedule H	
Demolition	$60.00		$75.00	
Generator	$60.00		Schedule H	
Manufactured Home: Singlewide	$150.00		NA	
Manufactured Home: Multi-wide	$200.00		NA	
Modular Unit	$270.00		$270.00	
Pier	$90.00		Schedule H	
Pool: Above Ground	$75.00		Schedule H	
Pool: In-ground	$150.00		Schedule H	
Re-roof	$60.00		$150.00	
Retaining wall (per continuous section)	$90.00		$90.00	
Signs	NA		$150.00	
Solar Arrays	$100.00		Schedule H	
Solar Farms	NA		Schedule H	
Fees in this table are assessed per project and include associated trades.				

Other Miscellaneous Fees (Schedule F)		
Administrative Fee	$30.00	
Archive Research (per project)	$30.00	
Change of any contractor (owner must remain same)	$30.00	
Change of Owner	Minimum fees apply to all permits	
Homeowners Recovery Fund (single family units)	$10.00	
Off Duty/After Hours Inspections	$105.00 per hour or any fraction thereof	
Refunds on Active Permits with no inspections	Less Administrative Fee	
Re-Trip Fee of any inspection	$120.00	
Work started without permit	Residential Double Permit Fee	Commercial Double Permit Fee

Safety Inspections (based on square footage) (Schedule G)

0-5,000 sqft	$80.00
5,001-10,000 sqft	$120.00
10,001-50,000 sqft	$165.00
Over 50,000 sqft	$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 F) 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.

Building Permit Fees - Existing Structures (Schedule H)

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 $90.00.	
$0-$5,000	$90.00
$5,000-$100,000	$90.00 + $3.00 for each additional thousand or part thereof
$100,001-$1,000,000	$375.00 + $2.50 for each additional thousand or part thereof
Over $1,000,000	$2,625.00 + $1.50 for each additional thousand or part thereof

Plan Review (fee due at time of submittal) (Schedule I)

*Commercial - New	$0.08 sqft
*New commercial plan review fees will be applied to Building Permit fee when issued.	
The following plan review fees are not deducted from building permit fees.	
Resubmittal:	
1st Resubmittal	No charge
2nd Resubmittal	½ Original Fee
3rd Resubmittal	Original Fee
4th Resubmittal	Original Fee
5th Resubmittal or Greater	In office meeting with Designer $100 per hour review, 2 hour minimum
Plan Revisions (after Plan Review is completed)	½ Original Fee
Attached Residential (up to 2 units)	$50.00
Alterations, renovations, and repairs to existing structures	$0.04 sqft
Trade only plan review fee	$90 per trade

Minimum plan review fee..... $90.00
Racking systems $90.00
Retaining wall (per continuous section)..... $90.00
Signs, ground or wall each (per address)..... $90.00
Solar Farms (per acre) $90.00
Modular units (each unit)..... $90.00

Contracted Plan Review Services.....$100.00 per hour plus reimbursable expenses
All review fees are for paper or electronic formats.
Plan Review expires in 90 days with no refunds or fees being applied to Building Permit fees.
If there is a Code change, project must begin anew.
All fees are based on current fee schedule at time of payment.

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.

Stormwater Plan Review $200.00
Sites that disturb more than one acre and within WS-IV watershed area.
(Includes the first acre disturbed, 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 acre 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.

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

Permit Fee $50.00
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.

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

Archive Research (per request) $22.00

Commercial Truck Weigh .....$15.00 per weigh

Unloading After Hours .....$25.00 per 15 minutes or any part thereof

Uncovered/Unsecured Load..... $50.00 per occurrence

Safety Vest.....$1.00 each
Safety vests are required to be worn while visiting the landfill. You may provide your own vest that meets NC OSHA standards.

Failure to Weigh-Out/Pay for Disposal .....$200.00 per axle

Municipal Solid Waste Landfill
Hours of operations are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday,
8:00 am – 11:30 am, Saturday
Closed Sunday

Municipal Solid Waste (1,000 lbs. or less $20.55 minimum)..... $41.09 per ton

- Household items – garbage, furniture, clothes, toys, etc.
- Non-Hazardous Industrial/Commercial Waste
- Industrial Wood Waste –glued, treated, painted**,** creosote wood, or stained
- Chipboard, plywood, pressboard
- Roofing/Shingles
- Drywall
- Non-Friable Asbestos **-** containing transit siding, vinyl floor tiles, asphalt roofing shingles
- Grubbing, Roots, and Stumps
- Brick, block, or concrete that is painted or has reinforcement material and/or contaminated with other waste

Municipal Water & Wastewater Sludge Triple Fee..... $120.84 per ton
Must have no visible free liquids and have a minimum 30% solids content
Other Wood Waste (1,000 lbs or less $7.50 minimum) ..... $15.00 per ton
Saw Dust

Other Waste (Triple Fee 1,000 lbs or less $61.63) ..... $123.26 per ton

- Contaminated with more than
    - 10% Cardboard (from industrial entities only)
    - 20% Springs
    - 50% Foam Rubber

- Wire or cable over 4 ft. (Banded or Unbanded)
- Bulky items not easily compacted
- Natural wood pallets
- Materials Removal and Handling Fee
  Applies to each load that contains any materials banned by North Carolina State Law or Bulky Solid Waste Management Rules, current and future or unloaded in an incorrect location.

- Fine wood fibers or metal dust that causes clogging and/or blocking or radiators and/or filters

Friable Asbestos (1,000 lbs or less $66.15 minimum)..... $132.30 per ton
State regulations requires friable asbestos to be covered with soil requiring extra landfill space.

Dead Animals
(less than 280 pounds)..... $5.00
(over 280 pounds) 1,000 lbs or less $20.55 minimum)..... $41.09 per ton

Grinding Area
Hours of operations are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 11:30 am, Saturday
Closed Sunday

Definitions

- *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.

Natural, Clean Wood Waste (1,000 lbs or less $10.00 minimum) ..... $23.00 per ton

- Clean, natural furniture wood waste for grinding (containing no glue, stain, chipboard, pressboard, plywood, etc.
- Clean, natural, uncontaminated wood pallets
- Natural lumber, less than 8 feet in length

Loose grass and leaves (de-bagged or in compostable paper bags)
Residential ..... $5.00 per load
Commercial ..... $20.00 per load

State-Banned Landfill Materials (must be clean recyclable material) **..... No Charge**

- Asphalt (no dirt or trash)
- Brick, block, concrete not painted and w/o reinforcement, less than 6 inches, and separated from other waste
- Liquid Paint (residential only limit 10 gallons per visit-no businesses)

Electronics and televisions (residential only-no businesses)

Ground Brush, Limbs, Trees, etc. (no minimum) ..... $23.00 per ton

No longer than 8 feet and/or 14 inches in diameter

- Brush, Limbs, and Trees (grindable)
- (Brush, limbs, and trees must be cut so it is no longer than 8 feet in length and/or 14 inches in diameter and be kept separated from roots, stumps, and grubbing for recycling purposes)
- If a load of waste is unloaded at the grinders and it has other materials mixed in that makes the load non-grindable, triple the MSW fee will be applied

Mulch and Compost

Mulch (3 yard scoop/bucket) ..... No Charge
Compost (3 yard scoop/bucket) ..... $10.00 or $10.00 per ton
(customers may choose to pay per 3 yard scoop/bucket or have their vehicle weighed)

Scrap Tires

Tires without proper documentation, Tires stockpiled prior to January 1, 1994,... $140.00 per ton
Tires that have been buried contains mud or water ..... $300.00 per ton
Off Road Tires..... $400.00 per ton

Water and Sewer
Connections (System Development Fee) Revised October 16, 2023

Existing or New property improvements after construction is completed

1 inch or less water meter/tap: ..... $1,660 water; $5,691 sewer
1.5 inch water meter/tap: ..... $3,320 water; $11,382 sewer
2 inch water meter/tap: ..... $5,312 water; $18,211 sewer
3 inch water meter/tap: ..... $9,960 water; $34,146 sewer
4 inch water meter/tap: ..... $16,600 water; $56,910 sewer
6 inch water meter/tap: ..... $33,200 water; $113,820 sewer
8 inch water meter/tap: ..... $53,120 water; $182,112 sewer
10 inch water meter/tap: ..... $76,360 water; $261,786 sewer
12 inch water meter/tap: ..... $142,760 water; $489,426 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, System Development 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 System Development Fee ..... $1,660 water; $5,691 sewer

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

UTILITIES & ENGINEERING

Building Services Fees

Building Inspection fees are in place to recover 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

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

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 cost of constructing water and sewer infrastructure.