

Franklin County Building Department Fee Schedule Update Request

The Building Department has been requested to update their permit fee schedule. According to the Florida Building Code, permit fees that are collected are to be used to fully support that department. In the 2019 Fiscal Year, the Building Department was budgeted \$204,750.00 to cover our department. Permit fees alone in the same fiscal year only brought in \$175,393.58 which did not fully cover the budget with a deficit of \$29,356.42 and would have then relied on the ad valorem taxes to cover the deficit.

I recently revisited the surrounding counties ordinances (Wakulla, Gulf and Calhoun County) and I kept seeing that they had adopted the ICC Data Valuation Table, (Gulf County in 2012 and Calhoun recently). Both Wakulla and Gulf use a permitting system with the ICC Data Valuation calculator and Calhoun County as well since Gulf County has been contracted as their Building Official.

If the Board approved this request, the county would be on the same playing field as the surrounding adjacent counties. As of right now, Franklin County has one of the lowest permitting fee schedules in the State. I began investigating the ICC Data Valuation Table and it is a fluctuating table, when the market is up, the table may slightly increase over a period of time, roughly six months to a year, however when the market is down, the table decreases. The table will never increase excessively nor plummet. This table is designed with a "Occupancy Group- such as Commercial, Multi-Family and Single Family" and "Type of Construction- such as Wood Frame, Block, Metal Frame Structures" It also includes a valuation, permit fee, plan review fee and it separates the Radon Surcharges as required by the DBPR (Department of Business and Professional Regulations) and DCA (Department of Community affairs).

Example:	Wood Frame House with 1 Hour Fire Rating @ 1800 Sq Ft.
Current Value:	\$241,900.00
Current Fee:	\$1,249.00 (including supplementals @ \$50 each)
Proposed Value:	\$184,896.00
Proposed Fee:	\$2,313.74 (including supplemental @ \$100 each)
Difference Of:	\$1,064.74

Our proposed Fee Schedule Resolution is also proposing to change the following fees:

Mobile Homes:

Current:	\$75.00 for Single Wide, \$125.00 for Double and Triple Wide
Proposed:	\$125.00 Per Section

Moving of Buildings:

Current:	\$200.00
Proposed:	\$500.00

<u>Demolition:</u>	Current/Proposed:	\$100.00 (changing this would not benefit the county)
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Site Prep:

Current:	\$50.00
Proposed:	\$100.00

Electrical Upgrade:

Current:	\$50.00
Proposed:	\$100.00

Supplemental Permits: (Power Pole, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing, HVAC & Roofing)

Current:	\$50.00 each
Proposed:	\$100.00 each

Items Based On Contract Cost: would now require an official binding contract to determine the valuation that would be placed in the ICC Data Valuation Calculator for a fee. (Re-Roof, Swimming Pools, Pool Enclosures, HVAC Replacement, Plumbing Replacement, Electrical Re-Wiring, Siding, Renovations, Telecommunication Cell Towers, Tower Co-Locations. (Swimming Pools will require Plumbing & Electrical Supplemental Permits)

Example:	Re-Roof Permit	
Current:	Value: \$5,000.00	Permit Fee: \$70.00
Proposed:	Value: \$5,000.00	Permit Fee: \$146.25

Fine Schedule:

- 1- No Permit= Double Permit Fee
- 2- Permit Not Posted
- 3- Working Outside Scope of Current County Registration
- 4- Working Without A License or Current License
- 5- Failure To Appear Before The Construction Industry Licensing Board When Summoned
- 6- Failure To be Properly Insured- Liability, Worker's Compensation Insurance or Exemption

No Changes Requested:

First Offense:	\$125.00
Seconded Offense:	\$250.00
Third Offense:	\$500.00
Fourth Offense:	Suspension of License

Inspection Fine Schedule:

If you call for an inspection and it is not ready (per job):

CURRENT:	First Offense:	\$25.00	PROPOSED:	First Offense:	\$50.00
	Seconded Offense:	\$50.00		Seconded Offense	\$100.00
	Third Offense:	\$100.00 (2 Week Delay)		Third Offense:	\$200.00 (2 Week Delay)

Our neighbors are accustomed to the higher fees as noted above in the ICC Valuation Data Table. We are asking to be on the same level playing field. I believe this will help the Building Department's Budget to be fully self-supporting and would no longer have to rely on ad valorem taxes to pad our short comings. That would afford our department to purchase necessary items as needed such as vehicles, computers and supporting programs that will keep our department running efficiently. It could also provide future raises for staff. Also, at the end of each fiscal year if our budget had earnings over the allotted budget the excess could be earmarked within the Capital Improvements to cover times when the market declines without relying on ad valorem taxes. Keep in mind the resolution submitted states "Current" ICC Valuation Data Table so that when the table increase or decreases an new resolution will not be required.

BOARD ACTION: To approve the resolution today with an effective date of May 1, 2020 as the official date to implement the changes, this will allow Mr. Aultman, our Intact Permit Program Developer, time to create the ICC Data Valuation Table Calculator within our program.

Sincerely,
Amy M. Kelly, CFM
Zoning & Floodplain Administrator