

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 1693**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON
REVISING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026, AND
ADDING RATES FOR SPECIAL EVENT PARKING AND DISCRETIONARY
PARKS & RECREATION FEE REDUCTIONS.**

WHEREAS, fees are charged for services provided by departments of the City of Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, City staff have collected various fees and centralized the location of the City's public fees in a Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, staff have identified certain fees for services provided by the City of Mercer Island in 2025 to be added to the Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, adding special event parking rates will support parking in the Town Center during several large special events in 2026 including the FIFA World Cup, Summer Celebration and SeaFair Weekend.

WHEREAS, allowing promotional and seasonal fee reductions for parks and recreation fees (as determined by the Department Director) provides flexibility during off-peak season to drive additional usage and generate revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective on and after May 1, 2026, Exhibit A of this Resolution entitled "Revised 2026 Fee Schedule" is adopted as the fee schedule for the City of Mercer Island. All previously adopted rates, fees, and charges, including but not limited to those in the "2025 Fee Schedule" and "2026 Fee Schedule," which are now included in the "Revised 2026 Fee Schedule," are replaced by the rates, fees, and charges in the "Revised 2026 Fee Schedule" on the aforementioned effective date. The "Revised 2026 Fee Schedule" shall continue to be effective until a new fee schedule for the City is adopted and becomes effective. Nothing contained in this Resolution shall affect the amount of collection of rates, fees, and charges established prior to May 1, 2026.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2026.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

David Rosenbaum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk



REVISED 2026 FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026

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1. ANIMAL LICENSES

[\(MICC 7.04.040\)](#)

Mercer Island is a member of Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC); the following fees represent services offered by RASKC to City of Mercer Island residents.

PET LICENSE, ANNUAL	
Unaltered (Not Spayed/Neutered)	\$60.00
Altered (Spayed/Neutered)	\$30.00
Service or Assistive Animal	No Charge
K-9 Police Dog	No Charge
JUVENILE PET LICENSE, SIX MONTHS	\$15.00
Under six months of age, license expires after 6 months	
DISCOUNTED PET LICENSE, ANNUAL	\$15.00
Proof required that owner is 65 or older. Proof required that pet is spayed or neutered	
PET LICENSE REPLACEMENT TAG	\$5.00
For lost, unexpired tag	
DANGEROUS DOG REGISTRATION FEE	\$250.00
[MICC 7.04.130 (c)]	

LATE FEES

The following late fees apply to license renewal applications and must be paid in addition to any applicable license fees and penalties

PET LICENSE, (45 – 90 days past expiration)	\$15.00
PET LICENSE, (91 – 135 days past expiration)	\$20.00
PET LICENSE, (136 – 364 days past expiration)	\$30.00
PET LICENSE, (365+ days past expiration)	\$30 + prior year's license fee

2. BUSINESS LICENSES

([MICC Title 5](#))

BUSINESS LICENSE – MERCER ISLAND \$30.00

See [the Department of Revenue website](#) for additional processing fees

BUSINESS LICENSE – ANNUAL RENEWAL \$30.00

See [the Department of Revenue website](#) for additional processing fees

SOLICITOR LICENSE \$30.00

ADULT CABARET AND ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

([MICC 5.30.050](#))

ENTERTAINER'S LICENSE \$100.00

LICENSE FEE (ANNUAL) \$700.00

MANAGER'S LICENSE \$100.00

ADULT AND REGULATED TEEN DANCES

([MICC 5.18.100](#))

LICENSE FEE \$25.00

AMUSEMENT CENTERS AND AMUSEMENT DEVICES

([Chapter 5.02 MICC](#))

DEVICE (EACH) \$50.00

LICENSE (ANNUAL) \$300.00

OPERATOR'S LICENSE \$200.00

MASSAGE PARLORS AND BATHHOUSES

([MICC 5.08.050](#))

LICENSE FEE \$500.00

PERMIT FEE \$25.00

PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES

([Chapter 5.12 MICC](#))

EMPLOYEE REGISTRATION FEE \$25.00

LICENSE FEE \$250.00

TOW TRUCKS

([MICC 5.20.060](#))

LICENSE FEE (ANNUAL) \$25.00

3. COPY FEES

[\(MICC 2.14.070\)](#)

A. PUBLIC RECORDS FEES

INSPECTION OF RECORDS Inspection of records on the City’s website or by appointment at the City.	No Fee
PHOTOCOPIES (11” x 17” or smaller, double-sided, or single-sided)	\$0.15 per page
PRINTED COPIES OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS	\$0.15 per page
SCANNING PAPER RECORDS	\$0.10 per page
E-FILES OR ATTACHMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY (PER 4 FILES)	\$0.05
TRANSMISSION OF RECORDS IN E-FORMAT (PER GB)	\$0.10
DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIA OR DEVICE PROVIDED BY AGENCY	Actual Cost
MAILING PHYSICAL RECORDS OR STORAGE DEVICES Of postage and container/envelope	Actual cost
CLERK CERTIFICATION	\$1.00 per document

For large requests, the City may take one or more of the following actions: require a deposit of 10 percent of the estimated copying costs before making copies; provide copies in installments; or require payment before providing further installments.

B. PRE-MADE MAPS, CUSTOM MAPS, AND GIS DATASET QUERIES

The prices listed below include applicable taxes and are subject to change. Any custom mapping, ordering of pre-made maps, or data for later pickup MUST be pre-paid.

Commonly requested maps are available for download in a PDF format from the City website. Other pre-made maps are also available in PDF format. There is no charge for electronic copies (unless it is a custom map request, then the rate will be charged according to the custom map pricing).

PAPER SIZE	REGULAR BOND PAPER	WATERPROOF PAPER
8.5" x 11" (ANSI A)	NO CHARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
11" x 17" (ANSI B)	NO CHARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
17" x 22" (ANSI C)	\$5.00	\$10.00
18" x 24" (ARCH C)	\$7.00	\$14.00
24" x 36" (ARCH D)	\$14.00	\$28.00
28" x 40"	\$18.00	\$36.00
36" x 48" (ARCH E)	\$28.00	\$56.00
36" x 60"	\$35.00	\$70.00

CUSTOM MAPS:

Custom maps will only be created using existing City GIS data. The City will not create custom maps that require data from outside organizations or require the creation of new data. The price for custom maps is **\$50.00/hour with a 15-minute minimum**.

0 to 15 minutes:	\$12.50
16 to 30 minutes:	\$25.00
Up to 45 minutes:	\$37.50
60 minutes:	\$50.00

CUSTOM DATA SET QUERIES:

Custom data request is defined as any existing City GIS Data. The City will not compile data from outside organizations or create new data. The price for custom data requests is **\$50.00/hour with a 1-hour minimum**. If a map is also requested at the same time and all work can be completed within one hour, only \$50.00 will be charged.

MAP AND DATA DELIVERY:

- Electronic maps- delivered via email or through the City’s FTP site
- Printed maps- customer pick-up at Mercer Island City Hall. The City will not be shipping any printed maps.
- Custom data- delivered via email or through the City’s FTP site.

To request pre-made maps, custom maps, and GIS dataset queries, send an inquiry to GISAdmin@mercerisland.gov.

4. PARKING FEES

[\[MICC 10.74.020\(D\)\]](#)

Parking Penalties

PARKING IN PERMIT-RESTRICTED AREA WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT \$54.00 Penalty

TRANSFER/UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NORTH MERCER RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT PERMIT \$250.00 Penalty

UNAUTHORIZED HANDICAPPED ZONE PARKING \$450.00 Penalty

Restricted Parking District

This permit is for a Mercer Island resident whose home address is within the boundaries of the North Mercer Restricted Parking District. Please see [MICC 10.74.030\(A\)](#) for the full text code regarding the RPD restrictions. The following permit fees are per vehicle per year.

RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT PERMIT \$5.00 per vehicle

RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT PERMIT (GUEST) \$10.00 per vehicle

TEMPORARY CONTRACTOR PARKING PERMIT \$10.00 per vehicle

Town Center Parking Area (East End of Sunset Highway/Former Tully's Site)

A vehicle will receive two consecutive hours of free parking per day at the Town Center Parking Area, except during special events, upon registration with a parking payment device.

PARKING BEYOND FIRST TWO FREE HOURS (except during special events) \$2.50 per hour

MAXIMUM DAILY RATE FOR PARKING (except during special events) \$12.50 per day

SPECIAL EVENT* PARKING up to \$100 per day

**Special events and associated parking fees are determined by the City Manager or designee*

5. COURT FEES

COURT RECORDS REQUESTS

NON-CERTIFIED DOCUMENTS	\$1.00 for each 5 pages
CERTIFIED DOCUMENTS	\$5.00
AUDIO CD	\$10.00

COURT FEES

MUNICIPAL COURT MARRIAGE CEREMONY	\$150.00 - \$250.00
MARRIAGE CEREMONY, COURT-PROVIDED WITNESS A minimum of 2 witnesses are required	\$25.00 per witness
CONTESTED HEARING FEES	Varies, see form
MITIGATION FEES	Varies, see form
PROOF OF INSURANCE* When insured but not carrying proof of insurance at time of traffic stop	Penalty reduced to \$25

*Within 15 days of the violation, the ticket will be dismissed with a \$25.00 administrative fee if proof of insurance at the time of the incident is shown to the court. If there is an additional violation on the ticket, you are responsible for the penalty amount associated with that violation.

6. POLICE FEES

CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE (ORIGINAL)	\$49.25
CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE (RENEWAL)	\$32.00
CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE (LATE)	\$42.00
CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE (REPLACEMENT)	\$10.00
FINGERPRINTING	Service currently unavailable
MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION FEES	Varies, see website

Anyone 12 years old and older may operate a motorboat of 15 horsepower and greater with a Washington Boater Education Card. Without a card, the person must be supervised by someone at least 16 years old, who is carrying a Boater Education Card. Anyone born before January 1, 1955 is exempt from needing to carry a Boater Education Card. Click [here](#) to access qualifying courses.

FALSE ALARMS

([MICC 8.10.050](#))

FALSE ALARM DISPATCH (FIRST)	Warning Letter Only
FALSE ALARM DISPATCH (SECOND)	\$75.00
FALSE ALARM DISPATCH (THIRD)	\$100.00
FALSE ALARM DISPATCH (FOURTH)	\$125.00
FALSE ALARM DISPATCH (FIFTH +)	\$150.00

IMPOUNDING

([MICC 10.22.063](#))

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$100.00
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7. PARKS AND RECREATION FEES

Promotional and seasonal fee reductions may be implemented as determined by the Department Director. Additional information can be found at:

www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec

A. MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER (MICEC) RENTAL FEES AND CHARGES

Meeting Room Rentals

Hourly rental fee	\$60
Security deposit	\$60
Staff setup/breakdown/clean-up	\$75

Mercer Room Rentals (Monday-Thursday)

Security deposit (2 and 3 sections)	\$500
Security deposit (1 section)	\$75
Full room (3 sections) hourly; 3-hr. minimum	\$180
Partial room (2 sections) hourly; 3-hr. minimum	\$150
Partial room (1 section) hourly	\$75
Staff setup/breakdown/clean-up (per section rented)	\$100
Food/beverage/alcohol	\$200

Mercer Room Rental Packages

Security deposit	\$500
Saturday (Peak Season: June – September; includes 12 hours)	\$4,500
Weekend (Friday – Sunday; includes 12 hours)	\$3,800
Weekday (Monday – Thursday; includes 8 hours)	\$2,000
Extended Package Hourly Rate	\$100

Additional Room Rentals

Catering Kitchen hourly (food/beverage/alcohol included)	\$100
Outdoor Terrace hourly	\$100
Landing hourly	\$100
Lobby hourly	\$100
Food Truck per truck (food/beverage/alcohol included)	\$200
Outdoor Lawn hourly	\$60
Game Room hourly	\$100

Gymnasium and Dance Room Rentals

Multi-Purpose/Dance Room hourly	\$75
Multi-Purpose/Dance Room security deposit (non-athletic)	\$75
Staff setup/breakdown/clean-up	\$100
Half Gym hourly	\$75
Full Gym hourly	\$130
Gym (non-athletic full gym; 10 hours)	\$6,000
Gym Deposit (non-athletic)	\$1,000
Gym Carpet Squares (half gym)	\$400

Gym Carpet Squares (full gym) \$800

Full Facility Rental

Private Rental (12 hours) \$12,500
 Main Level Rental hourly (minimum of 5 hours) \$1,000
 Security Deposit \$1,500

Extended Building Hours

Hourly in addition to rental fee \$60

Parking

per day rate
 up to \$100

Special Event* Parking Fee (per space)
 Parking Lot Fees (for non-community center events)
 Spot Rental Tier 1 (70 spots) \$350
 Spot Rental Tier 2 (66 spots) \$330
 Spot Rental Tier 3 (50 spots) \$250
 Spot Rental Tier 4 (5 spots) \$125
 Full Parking Lot Rental (Tiers 1, 2, 3, & 4 – 211 spots) \$1,500

**Special events and associated parking fees are determined by the City Manager or designee*

B. RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENT FEES AND CHARGES

Recreation Programs & Events: visit www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec

Boat Launch Parking

Daily pass \$17
 Monthly pass \$55
 Annual pass \$125

MICEC Fitness Room and Drop-In Activities

Daily drop-in
 Resident \$5
 Non-Resident \$8
 10-Punch Pass (10% discount)
 Resident \$45
 Non-Resident \$72
 20-Punch Pass (20% discount)
 Resident \$80
 Non-Resident \$128
 30-Punch Pass (30% discount)
 Resident \$105
 Non-Resident \$168

C. OUTDOOR FACILITY RENTAL FEES AND CHARGES

Picnic Area Reservations

Full day \$175

P-Patch Garden Fees

Large Plot	\$100
Small Plot	\$75

Athletic Fields

Grass/Dirt fields hourly	\$30
Synthetic Turf Infields hourly	\$40
Full Synthetic Turf hourly	\$70
IMS Track/Field hourly	\$70

Additional Athletic Field Fees

Light Activation (per rental)	\$25
Baseball/Softball game prep	\$45
Batting Cage hourly	\$25
Concession Stand daily	\$100
Athletic Field Storage (per usage)	\$150

Sport Court Fees

Court hourly (per court)	\$25
Pickleball - Full Facility (per day)	\$1,400
Tennis - Full Facility (per day)	\$700

Fitness Classes/Outdoor Personal

Monthly fee	\$185
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Mercerdale Sign Board

Weekly fee	\$50
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D. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Applications for Special Event Permits require City-wide staff review and are subject to additional insurance requirements. Please allow a minimum of 45 days for review. See [Special Events Guide for more information.](#)

Level 1 Event

\$175

- Attendance at any one time estimated between 50-100 people;
- Held within existing venue/use area typically used for group gatherings, etc.; and
- Does not impact or interfere with standard, ordinary, and normal use of either public property or normal vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the event; and
- Does not require changes to safety or maintenance operations beyond normal levels; and
- No attendance or participation fees are charged; and
- Does not occur at Calkins Point or the Greta Hackett Sculpture Park; and
- No other permits are required.
- Administration Coordination shall be Division Review only.

Level 2 Event

\$450

- Attendance at any one time estimated between 50-250 people;
- Held within existing venue/use area typically used for group gatherings, etc.; and/or
- May impact or interfere with standard, ordinary and normal use of either public property or normal vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the event; and/or
- Does not require changes to safety or maintenance operations beyond normal levels.
- Mercedale Park can only be used for Level 2 events; that do not involve food trucks, and that do not require any additional permits.
- Does not occur at Calkins Point or the Greta Hackett Sculpture Park.
- Administration Coordination shall be either Division Review or Low-impact Committee Review.

Level 3 Event

\$1,250

- Single-faceted events open to the public, which does not include athletic competition; OR
- Attendance at any one time estimated between 251-600 people; and/or
- Held within existing venue/use area, but may include street, parking, or additional facility impacts; and/or
- May require operational changes to safety or maintenance - additional restrooms, deliveries, vehicle access, exclusive use of park space; and/or
- Calkins Point can only be used for a Level 3 event if attendance is fewer than 200 people.
- Administration Coordination shall be either Low-impact or High-impact Committee Review.

Level 4 Event

\$1,650

- Parades, timed competitions, in-water events, festival-style events open to the public, or event of any type that involves use of multiple City parks or public spaces; OR
- Attendance at any one time estimated at 601+ people over a single day or multiple occurrences; and/or
- Has moderate to major impacts to surrounding areas (streets, neighborhoods, business district, other park amenities, etc.) and/or cannot be held within existing venue; and/or
- May impact or interfere with standard, ordinary and normal use of either public property or normal vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the event; and/or
- Has moderate to major impacts to safety or maintenance operations, including temporary or long-term road closures, offsite parking impacts, traffic and security control, additional restrooms, deliveries, vehicle access, and exclusive use of park space; and/or
- Administration Coordination shall be High-impact Committee Review.

E. SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Parking space or lot use (Excluding MICEC)	Please call
Photography (personal use) per session/per year	\$25/300
Commercial photography or videography per session/per year	\$175/500
Advertising or for-profit photography or filming	Please call
*Additional fees may apply. See special events guide .	

Staffing Rates

MICEC Custodial/ Recreation Staff Member hourly	Varies
Parks Maintenance staff member hourly	Varies
Mercer Island Police Officer (off duty) hourly (3 hour minimum)	Varies
Eastside Fire & Rescue Aid Car Unit	Varies

Miscellaneous Park Fees

Park Asset Donation Fee	Dependent on asset donated
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F. SPECIAL EVENTS IN PIONEER PARK AND ENGSTROM OPEN SPACE

Open Space Conservancy Trust owns Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space for the purpose of preserving and protecting them as natural ecosystems. Special events in Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space may cause long-term or cumulative damage to the ecosystem when heavy trail use or off-trail use occurs, either as part of the event or incidental to the event. The goal of this policy is to prevent damage to the ecological resources contained within these properties.

At the same time, the Trust seeks to encourage the use of its properties by the citizens of Mercer Island. The City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Department acts on behalf of the Trust. The purpose of this policy is to provide policy direction to the Parks and Recreation Department when special events in Trust properties are being proposed. This policy provides Parks and Recreation staff guidance to allow the public reasonable access to the Trust properties for special events while regulating special event activities to prevent damage. This policy is supplemental to the Parks and Recreation Special Events Policy for events that occur in Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space only. Please note that the off-trail use of Pioneer Park is prohibited except for approved educational, scientific or forest health activities.

The following are criteria that are used to determine what conditions or restrictions may be placed on special events in Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space.

1. If any of the following are expected, then the event requires a Special Event application, review, and permit:
 - a. The group size is more than 50 people
 - b. The event is timed or competitive

- c. The event involves trail use other than walking
 - d. The group will occupy a fixed portion of the park for more than 10 minutes
 - e. The group will block any trail or inhibit the safe passage of park users
 - f. Off trail use (limited to educational and scientific work)
2. Special Event applications that are located in Pioneer Park and/or Engstrom Open Space may be subject to the following reviews:
 - a. Review by the Parks Operations Manager, Natural Resources Project Manager, or designee.
 - b. Supplemental information, including maps and details showing environmental protection measures the applicant is proposing. Examples of such submittals can be provided by Parks and Recreation staff.
 - c. A presentation to the Open Space Conservancy Trust at one of its regular bimonthly meetings.
 3. The City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to deny a special event application if it determines that an event will negatively impact Pioneer Park and/or Engstrom Open Space. This includes poor performance or unpaid damage claims on previous special events. The applicant may request that the Open Space Conservancy Trust review the determination of Parks and Recreation staff.
 4. Special events may be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Temporary environmental protection features, such as fencing, plywood, ground covering, erosion control fabric, etc.
 - b. Site monitors at areas expected to be impacted to prevent off-trail use. The applicant may propose to provide site monitors, but Parks and Recreation reserve the right to require its own staff or paid independent staff to provide monitoring. Parks and Recreation staff cost \$55-75/hour with a 3-hour minimum.
 - c. Damage deposit proportional to the size of the group and the duration of activity, as follows:

Event Length	Number of participants			
	50-99	100-149	150-199	200-249
1 hour	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
2 hours	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400
3 hours	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800
4 hours	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200

Any numbers or times in excess of what is listed will be calculated proportionally. the fee schedule may be adjusted to keep pace with inflation and cost increases.

- d. Any damage that occurs that is not covered by the damage deposit will be charged to the event organizer.

- e. Restoration plan – a schematic repair plan for anticipated impacts, including trail damage, vegetation damage, soil erosion and soil compaction.
5. Areas of concern:
- a. **The ravine in the northeast quadrant.** This terrain is steep and erodible. The trails are single track for the most part. Passing is difficult without going off-trail. Going off trail is likely to cause erosion and plant damage. Large and competitive events are expected to have high impact. Monitoring is typically required for events in this area.
 - b. **The southeast quadrant.** These trails are shared by horseback riders. Passing equestrians is difficult without going off trail. Coordination with the Saddle Club is required.
 - c. **Secondary trails, all quadrants.** Secondary trails are single track trails for the most part. Passing is difficult without going off-trail. Some trails are poorly drained, and users tend to walk on the edges, which causes widening. Best used in the dry season for large group events. Monitoring may be required.
 - d. **Picnic area across from shopping center.** This is a popular entry point to the park and can get consistent traffic from park users throughout the course of an event. Timed or competitive events may need monitoring and/or signage to alert park users to the event. Blocking access to this area is not permitted.

8. DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

(Resolution No. 1685, Effective January 1, 2026)

Consistent with the authority set forth in titles 17 and 19 of the Mercer Island City Code for the establishment and collection of development and construction fees, the following Development and Construction Permit Fee Schedule, including the Building Permit Calculation Table, (and otherwise established by Resolution No. 1686), are here by amended for 2026.

2026 Hourly Staff Rate for All Review Disciplines: \$182.00

Fee Name	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
A. MEETINGS			
Planner Meeting/Meeting with Staff (1/2 Hour)	N/A	N/A	\$182
Pre-application Meeting Type 1 (Up to 2 reviewers)	6	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,092
Pre-application Meeting Type 2 (More than 2 reviewers)	12		\$2,184
B. LAND USE AND PLANNING FEES			
Land Use and Planning Fees listed below are the minimum application fee, based on a minimum number of staff hours required by application type. If staff time exceeds the minimum hours, additional fees will be requested at the hourly rate in place at the time of accrual. The minimum application fee is non-refundable.			
Appeals (Fee Refunded If Appeal Is Granted)			
Appeal - includes Building, Land Use, Right of Way, Code Compliance, Code Interpretation	10	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded, Plus Actual Costs of File Preparation & Transcripts	\$1,820
Critical Areas			
Critical Area Review Type 1	8	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded, Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$1,456
Critical Area Review Type 2	20		\$3,640
Design Review			
Design Review - Signs - Code Official	5	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$910
Design Review - Code Official	25		\$4,550
Design Commission Study Session	40		\$7,280
Design Commission Review - Exterior Alteration	95		\$17,290
Design Commission Review - Major New Construction	155		\$28,210

Fee Name	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Deviations			
Deviation to Antenna Standards - Code Official	10	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,820
Deviation to Antenna Standards - Design Commission	25		\$4,550
Public Agency Exception - 115-hour minimum	115	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded, Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$20,930
Reasonable Use Exception - 115-hour minimum	115		\$20,930
Variance	65	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$11,830
Wet Season Construction Approval	N/A	N/A	\$1,638
Environmental Review (SEPA)			
SEPA Review	8	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,456
Environmental Impact Statement	120		\$21,840
Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Docket Requests			
Docket Application	15	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$2,730
Legislative Review (If Docketed)			
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	150	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$27,300
Code Amendment	150	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$27,300
Rezone	105	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$19,110
Other Land Use			
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	4	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$728
Code Interpretation Request	20		\$3,640
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)	105		\$19,110
Hearing Examiner Services	N/A	Plus Actual Additional Cost	\$3,640
Noise Exception Type I - IV	10	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,820
Other Permit / Services Not Listed	1		\$182
Public Notice Sign Fee (per sign)	N/A	N/A	\$66
Transportation Concurrency	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded, Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$182

FEE NAME	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Shoreline Management			
Shoreline Exemption	6	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded, Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$1,092
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit	60		\$10,920
Shoreline Variance	80		\$14,560
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	80		\$14,560
Shoreline Permit Revision	6		\$1,092
Subdivision			
Long Plat- Preliminary	200	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$36,400
Long Plat - Final	80		\$14,560
Long Plat - Alteration	200		\$36,400
Subdivision (continued)			
Lot Line Revision	8	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,456
Short Plat - Preliminary	100		\$18,200
Short Plat - Alteration	10		\$1,820
Short Plat - Final Plat	40		\$7,280
Wireless Communication Facilities			
New Wireless Communication Facility	50	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$9,100
New Wireless Communication Facility - 6409 Exempt	8		\$1,456
New Small Cell Deployment	2		\$364
Height Variance	65		\$11,830
Fire Review Fees Associated with Land Use Applications			
Fire Review of Land Use Applications	1.25	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$228
C. AFFORDABLE HOUSING			
Annual Fee for Monitoring Affordable Housing Units (per unit)			\$56

D. IMPACT FEES		
Type	Basis of Fee	Fee
School Impact Fees		
Single Family and middle housing (1-2 dwellings), per dwelling unit	School impact fees reduced to zero by MISD 8/2020	\$0
Multi Family and middle housing (3 or more dwellings), per dwelling unit		\$0
Accessory Dwelling Unit, per dwelling unit		\$0
Transportation Impact Fees		
Single Family and middle housing (1-2 dwellings), per dwelling unit	2022 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study (Fehr and Peers)	\$4,318.02
Multi Family and middle housing (3 or more dwellings), per dwelling unit		\$1,929.74
Accessory dwelling unit, per dwelling unit		\$1,929.74
Senior Housing, per dwelling unit		\$1,286.15
Care Facility, per dwelling		\$964.87
Lodging, per guest room		\$2,710.59
Commercial Services, per square foot of gross floor area		\$8.09
Auto Service Center, per square foot of gross floor area		\$9.47
Bank, per square foot of gross floor area		\$62.73
School, per student		\$643.60
Daycare, per square foot of gross floor area		\$5.11
Institutional, per square foot of gross floor area		\$3.12
Light Industry/Industrial Park per square foot of gross floor area		\$2.30
Warehousing/Storage, per square foot of gross floor area		\$0.84
Restaurant, per square foot of gross floor area*		\$20.06
Quick Restaurant/Coffee Shop, per square foot of gross floor area*		\$72.00
General Retail, per square foot of gross floor area*		\$24.90
Supermarket, per square foot of gross floor area*		\$31.24
Gas Station, per pump		\$37,229.75
Administrative Office, per square foot of gross floor area		\$6.61
Medical/ Dental Office, per square foot of gross floor area	\$18.05	
Recreation, per square foot of gross floor area	\$0.21	
*These retail and restaurant uses are exempt from paying impact fees; City pays Transportation Impact Fee Fund.		
Park Impact Fees		
Single Family and middle housing (1-2 dwellings), per dwelling unit	2022 Parks Impact Fee Rate Study (BERK)	\$6,314.30
Multi Family and middle housing (3 or more dwellings), per dwelling unit		\$3,932.27
Accessory Dwelling Unit, per dwelling unit		\$3,157.14

E. BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Construction Permit Fee Calculation Table

- The Building Permit Fee is based on the Project Valuation as set forth in the table below. Final fee calculations rounded to the nearest cent.
- The Plan Check Fee is equal to 70% of the Building Permit Fee. This fee is in addition to the Building Permit fee. Additional fee will be charged at the hourly rate if more than 3 rounds of plan review are required.
- The “Combination Permit” Fee for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Inspection is equal to 31% of the Building Permit Fee. This fee is in addition to the Building Permit fee. If separate permits - 10% Mechanical, 11% Electrical, 10% Plumbing
- Consistent with the authority set forth in titles 17 and 19 of the Mercer Island City Code for the establishment and collection of development and construction fees, Appendix A to this Fee Schedule amends the Building Valuation Data Table otherwise established by Resolution No. 1615.

Project Valuation	Building Permit Fee Calculation	Building Permit Fee Range
\$1 - \$500.99	\$40.06	\$40.06
\$501 - \$2000.99	\$41.73 for the first \$500.99 plus \$4.90 for each additional \$100	\$41.73 – \$115.23
\$2,001 - \$25,000.99	\$118.83 for the first \$2,000 plus \$23.24 for each additional \$1,000	\$118.83 - \$653.37
\$25,001 - \$50,000.99	\$671.95 for the first \$25,000 plus \$16.87 for each additional \$1,000	\$671.95 – \$1093.72
\$50,001 - \$100,000.99	\$1091.17 for the first \$50,000 plus \$11.67 for each additional \$1,000	\$1091.17 - \$1674.68
\$100,001 - \$500,000.99	\$1704.76 for the first \$100,000 plus \$9.36 for each additional \$1,000	\$1704.76– \$5448.77
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000.99	\$5547.09 for the first \$500,000 plus \$7.81 for each additional \$1,000	\$5547.09- \$9452.10
\$1,000,001 - \$999,999,999.99	\$9621.68 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$6.10 for each additional \$1,000	\$9621.68 - \$6,103,521.68

This chart is used only to calculate the Building Permit, Plan Check, and Combination Permit portions of the overall fees required to issue a permit. Additional plan review and permit fees may apply.

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
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F. ADDITIONAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Arborist			
Arborist review of Construction Permit	N/A	N/A	\$427
Building			
Building Plan Revisions	2	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$360
Plan Review (not otherwise specified, hourly)	1		\$182
Inspections (not otherwise specified, hourly)	1		\$182
Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours	2		\$540
Re-Inspection (Assessed Under Provisions of Section 305.8)	1		\$182
Partial Inspections	N/A		N/A

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	
Energy Compliance			
State Energy Compliance - Residential New	N/A	N/A	\$518
State Energy Compliance - Residential Alteration			\$261
State Energy Compliance - Non-Residential New			\$1,923
State Energy Compliance - Non-Residential Alteration			\$261
Engineering			
Engineering Review of Construction permit (hourly)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Fire Protection Review - Building Permits			
Residential Remodels & Substantial Alt Review	N/A	N/A	\$182
New Single Family Review < 10,000 SF			\$182
New Single Family Review > 10,000 SF			\$874
Non Single Family Review < 3,000 SF			\$182
Non Single Family Review < 5,000 SF			\$349
Non Single Family Review 5,000 - 50,000 SF			\$3,496
Non Single Family Review 50,000 SF +			\$6,990
Non Single Family Tenant Improvement			\$182
Additional Fire Protection Plan Review (hourly)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Fire Code Alternate	N/A	N/A	\$697
WUI Fire Review and Inspection (hourly)	0.5	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$90
Geotechnical			
Single Family	N/A	Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$691
Multi-Family / Commercial	N/A	Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review	\$1,379
Intake Screening			
Intake Screening	N/A	N/A	\$903
Impact Fee Administration			
Impact Fee Deferral Review (School, Park, Transportation)	N/A	N/A	\$87
Re-roofing Single Family Residential			
Re-Roofing of Single Family Residences (except with same roofing system or masonry tile**)	N/A	N/A	\$214

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Special Foundations / Shoring			
Single Family	N/A	N/A	\$1,034
Multi-family/Commercial			\$1,552
Stop Work Fee			
Stop Work Fee	Double the applicable permit fee		Varies
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy			
Single Family	N/A	N/A	\$691
Multi-family/Commercial			\$6,202
Additional Review / Inspections (hourly rate)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Wildland Urban Interface			
WUI CPD Review and Inspection (hourly)	1.5	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$270
G. DEMOLITION PERMITS			
Demolition			
Demolition - Single Family	N/A	N/A	\$430
Demolition - Non Single Family			\$751
Demolition - Soft/ Partial			\$214
Plan Review and Inspections (not otherwise specified)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
H. ENGINEERING			
Engineering Review and Inspection			
Engineering Review	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Storm Drainage Review and Inspection (hourly rate)	2		\$364
Plat Improvement/Site Development Permit Review and Inspection (hourly rate)	10		\$1,820
Street Vacation Review (hourly rate)	10	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$1,820
Easement Extinguishment Review (hourly rate)	5		\$910

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Side Sewer			
Side Sewer Revision/Modification/Repair	N/A	N/A	\$342
Side Sewer Disconnect			\$342
Side Sewer Connection			\$342
Side Sewer Stub Out to Property Line Only			\$342
Additional Review / Inspections (hourly rate)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Water Service			
Water Service Order (Permit Processing Fee Only). Water Connection charges and Water Service Installation charges are not included.	N/A	N/A	\$1,572
Water Meter Setter / Service Line Only			\$1,572
Water Service Abandonment			\$525
Additional Review / Inspections (hourly rate)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
I. FIRE PERMITS			
Mobile Food Truck and Outdoor Cooking			
Annual Permit Fee w/ Regional Inspection	N/A	N/A	\$55
Annual Permit w/o Current Regional Inspection (Inspection to be Completed)			\$144
Operational Permits			
Operational Permits (hourly rate)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Fire Protection Permits			
Access Gate (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)	N/A	N/A	\$399
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems 105.7.13			\$581
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage 105.7.5			\$763
Fire Alarm Commercial: NFPA 72 Low Voltage System (combo permit - includes one hour of electrical inspection)			\$1,946
Fire Alarm Communicator - AES Radio Transmitter (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)	N/A	N/A	\$399
Fire Alarm Residential: NFPA 72 Low Voltage System (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)			\$581
Fire Alarm Tenant Improvement Residential or Commercial, less than 5 devices: Low Voltage Fire Alarm System (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)			\$490

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Fire Protection Permits (continued)			
Fire Alarm Tenant Improvement: Low Voltage Fire Alarm System (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)	N/A	N/A	\$1036
Fire Code Alternate			\$697
Fire Hydrant			\$819
Fire Pump (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)			\$1,127
Fire Sprinkler Commercial: NFPA 13 - Per Riser			\$2,034
Fire Sprinkler System 13D Tank and Pump			\$1,127
Fire Sprinkler Residential (includes backflow inspection fee)			\$1,033
Fire Sprinkler TI OTC- Under 25 Heads			\$455
Fire Sprinkler TI - Commercial and Residential Over 25 heads			\$819
Fuel Cell Power Systems 105.7.10			Hourly Rate
Fuel Tanks - UST Residential Fuel Oil Removal			\$21
Hazardous Materials 105.7.9			\$455
Industrial Ovens 105.7.10			\$490
Kitchen Hood - Extinguishing System (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)			\$672
LP Gas Construction Permit			\$455
Smoke Control Systems 105.7.14			\$819
Special Fire Extinguishing System (combo permit - includes low voltage electrical inspection fee)			\$1,036
Standpipe Commercial			\$1,911
Underground Fire Main - NFPA 24 Sprinkler Supply Line			\$1,729
Wood/Pellet Stove			Hourly Rate
Fire Protection Plan Review and Inspection	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
J. GRADING PERMITS			
Grading and Land Clearing Permits			
Land Clearing	N/A	N/A	\$214
Grading: 50-100 cubic yards			\$285
Grading: 101-1,000 cubic yards			\$405
Grading: 1,001-5,000 cubic yards			\$530
Grading: 5,001-10,000 cubic yards			\$700
Grading: 10,000+ cubic yards			\$863
Additional Review / Inspections	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
K. RIGHT OF WAY USE PERMITS			
Right of Way Use Permits			
Right of Way Encroachment Agreement (requires separate ROW Use Permit and Inspection)	N/A	N/A	\$769
Miscellaneous ROW Use			\$257
Type A - Underground Improvements in Unpaved Area			\$342
Type B - Surface Improvements			\$513
Type C - Underground Improvements in Paved Area			\$769
Plan Review and Inspections (not otherwise specified, hourly)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
L. TREE PERMITS			
Single Family Tree Removal: 1 - 3 trees	N/A	Plus Actual Cost of Peer Review and Geotechnical Review, if Required	\$214
Single Family Tree Removal: 4 - 10 trees			\$536
Single Family Tree Removal: More than 10 trees			\$1,497
Non Single Family Tree Removal			\$1,497
Non-Development Tree Removal outside a Critical Area			\$175
Non-Development Tree Removal within a Critical Area 1 - 3 Trees			\$525
Non-Development Tree Removal within a Critical Area 4 - 10 Trees			\$700
Non-Development Tree Removal within a Critical Area More than 10 Trees			\$700
Right of Way Tree Pruning			\$262
Tree Protection Only			\$214
Fee in Lieu of Planting Replacement Trees (per tree)			\$1,106
Additional Review / Inspections			1
M. ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, AND PLUMBING PERMITS			
Combination permits are issued for electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work associated with a building permit unless the work is deemed minor in nature. (See "Combination Permit Fee" on the Construction Permit Fee Calculation Table). Unit fees listed below apply when there is no associated building permit. The following minimum fees will apply, unless the issuance, plan review and unit fees exceed the minimum fee. When the minimum fee is exceeded, the permit will be charged based on the sum of the applicable issuance, plan review and unit fees.			
Minimum Permit Fees			
Minimum Permit Fee	N/A	N/A	\$214

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Minimum Permit Fee Exceptions			
Temporary Power Service	N/A	N/A	\$120
Water Heater Exchange (no new gas piping)			\$120
Water Supply Piping			\$120
Repair of existing plumbing, water service, gas piping			\$120
Forced Air Exchange - same type			\$120
Decommission Backflow Device			\$120
Inspection Fees			
Inspections (not otherwise specified, hourly)	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours	2		\$525
Re-Inspection (Assessed Under Provisions of Section 305.8)	1		\$182
Partial Inspections	N/A	N/A	\$91
Electrical Permit Fees			
Minimum Permit Fee	N/A	N/A	\$214
Permit Issuance Fee			\$46
Supplemental Permit Issuance Fee			\$33
Electrical Plan Review (hourly)			\$182
Electrical Unit Fees - As Listed Below			
Busways			
For trolley and plug-in type busways	N/A	N/A	\$14
Carnivals and Circuses			
For electrical generators and electrically driven motors	N/A	N/A	\$45
For mechanical driven rides and walk-through attractions			\$14
For a system of area and booth lighting			\$14
Lighting Fixtures			
First 20 fixtures, each	N/A	N/A	\$2
Additional fixtures, each			\$1
For pole or platform-mounted lighting fixtures			\$2
For theatrical-type lighting fixtures			\$2
Miscellaneous Apparatus, Conduits and Conductors			
For electrical apparatus, conduits, and conductors for which a permit is required but for which no fee is herein set forth	N/A	N/A	\$35
Non-Residential Appliances			
For non-residential appliances and self-contained factory-wired non-residential appliances	N/A	N/A	\$9

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Power Apparatus			
Up to and including 1	N/A	N/A	\$9
Over 1 and not over 10, each			\$24
Over 10 and not over 50, each			\$46
Over 50 and not over 100, each			\$95
Over 100....			\$143
Private Swimming Pools			
New private, in-ground swimming pools	N/A	N/A	\$95
Receptacle, Switch and Light Outlets			
First 20 fixtures, each	N/A	N/A	\$2
Additional fixtures, each			\$1
Residential Appliances			
For fixed residential appliances	N/A	N/A	\$9
Services			
For services of 600 volts and not over 200 amperes	N/A	N/A	\$59
For services of 600 volts and over 200 amperes to 1,000 amperes			\$120
For services over 600 volts or over 1,000 amperes in rating			\$239
Upgrade Panel 50 400 amp or less (per panel)			\$215
Low Voltage Electric (per type) includes 2 inspections, hourly inspection rate applies thereafter			\$35
Signs, Outline Lighting and Marquees			
Supplied from one branch circuit	N/A	N/A	\$46
For additional branch circuits, each			\$9
Temporary Power Service			
Temporary Power Service	N/A	N/A	\$44
Mechanical Permit Fees			
Minimum Permit Fee	N/A	N/A	\$214
Permit Issuance Fee			\$46
Supplemental Permit Issuance Fee			\$33
Mechanical Plan Review	1	Hourly Staff Rate If Min. Exceeded	\$182
Mechanical Unit Fees - As Listed Below			
Air Handlers			
For each air-handling unit to and including 10,000 cubic feet per minute (cfm), including ducts attached thereto	N/A	N/A	\$20
For each air-handling unit over 10,000 cfm			\$35

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Appliance Vents			
For installation, relocation or replacement of each appliance vent installed and not included in appliance permit	N/A	N/A	\$13
Boilers, Compressors and Absorption Systems			
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor to and including 3 horsepower, or each absorption system to and including 100,000 Btu/h	N/A	N/A	\$29
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 3 horsepower to and including 15 horsepower, or each absorption system over 100,000 Btu/h to and including 500,000 Btu/h			\$52
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 15 horsepower to and including 30 horsepower, or each absorption system to over 500,000 Btu/h to and including 1,000,000 Btu/h			\$73
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 30 horsepower to and including 50 horsepower, or each absorption system to over 1,000,000 Btu/h to and including 1,750,000 Btu/h			\$106
For the installation or relocation of each boiler or compressor over 15 horsepower to and including 50 horsepower, or each absorption system to over 1,750,000.			\$178
Evaporation Coolers			
For each evaporative cooler other than portable type	N/A	N/A	\$20
Furnaces			
For installation or relocation of each forced-air or gravity type furnace or burner, including ducts and vents attached to such appliance up to and including 100,000 Btu/h	N/A	N/A	\$29
For installation or relocation of each forced-air or gravity type furnace or burner, including ducts and vents attached to such appliance over 100,000 Btu/h			\$35
For installation or location of each floor furnace, including vent			\$29
For installation or relocation of each suspended heater, recessed wall heater or floor-mounted unit heater			\$29

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Miscellaneous			
For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by the International Mechanical Code but not classed in other appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed in the table	N/A	N/A	\$20
Exchange of Existing HVAC System for Single Family Residences (includes thermostat)			\$120
Repairs or Additions			
For the repair of, alteration of, or addition to each heating appliance, refrigeration unit, cooling unit, absorption unit, or each heating, cooling, absorption, or evaporative cooling system.	N/A	N/A	\$24
Ventilation and Exhaust			
For each ventilation fan connected to a single duct			\$46
For each ventilation system which is not a portion of any heating or air-conditioning system authorized by a permit	N/A	N/A	\$46
For the installation of each hood which is served by mechanical exhaust, including the ducts for such hood			\$46
Plumbing Permits			
Minimum Permit Fee			\$214
For issuing each permit	N/A	N/A	\$46
For issuing each supplemental permit			\$33
Plumbing Plan Review (hourly)			\$182
Plumbing Unit Fees - as Listed Below			
Fixtures & Vents			
Each plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures			\$19
For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping, each fixture	N/A	N/A	\$9
Gas Piping			
For each gas piping system			\$12
For each additional outlet over five	N/A	N/A	\$2
Lawn Sprinklers, Vacuum Breakers & Backflow			
Backflow Prevention Inspection (Fire and Irrigation)			\$214
For each lawn sprinkler system			\$29
For atmospheric-type vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices 1 - 5			\$24
Over 5 devices	N/A	N/A	\$4
For each backflow protection device other than atmospheric type vacuum breakers, 2 inches and smaller			\$24
Over 2 inches			\$45

Additional Review Fees	Minimum Hours	Additional Fees	2026
Miscellaneous			
For each appliance or piece of equipment not regulated by the Uniform Plumbing Code not listed in this table	N/A	N/A	\$19
Sewers, Disposal Systems, Interceptors			
For each building sewer	N/A	N/A	\$44
For each cesspool			\$73
For each private sewage disposal system			\$143
For each industrial waste pretreatment interceptor			\$39
Rainwater systems - per drain			\$19
Swimming Pools			
Public pool, each	N/A	N/A	\$176
Public spa, each			\$117
Private pool, each			\$117
Private spa, each			\$58
Water Piping and Water Heaters			
For installation, alteration or repair of water piping or water treating equipment	N/A	N/A	\$9
For each water heater			\$24

9. TAXES

A. BUSINESS & OCCUPATION (B&O) TAX

[\(MICC Chapter 4.10\)](#)

Returns are due annually each April 15 following the tax year. Per RCW 35.21.710 the rate is not to exceed two-tenths of one percent (.2%) on the gross income of persons doing business within the city. **The current City rate is one-tenth of one percent (.1%); on gross revenue generated on Mercer Island exceeding \$150,000.00 (the gross revenue threshold is \$37,500.00 for quarterly filers); a minimum payment of \$20.00 is required if the net taxable revenue is greater than zero.**

B. UTILITY TAXES

[\(MICC Chapter 4.12\)](#)

Utility taxes are levied on the gross operating revenues earned by private utilities from operations within the City of Mercer Island boundaries or on the City's own utilities (water, sewer, and stormwater). Private utilities that the City taxes include electric, natural gas, solid waste, telephone, and cable television.

State law limits the rate of utility tax on telephone, cellular telephone, pager services, and natural gas to 6% unless voters approve a higher rate. Cable TV must not be taxed at a rate substantially different than other utilities. There are no restrictions on the tax rate for water, sewer, stormwater, or solid waste. Utility taxes are levied on the gross operating revenues of the utility provider.

Utility Tax Rate on Gross Revenue (Effective January 1, 2020)	
Cable	7%
Telephone	6%
Cellular Phone	6%
Natural Gas	6%
Electric	6%
Solid Waste	7%
Stormwater	5.3%
Water	5.3%
Sewer	5.3%

10. UTILITY RATES

A. WATER USAGE AND FIRE SERVICE

(Resolution No. 1685, Effective January 1, 2026)

1. CLASSIFICATIONS OF WATER USERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for the City water system effective January 1, 2026, and thereafter.

- a. Single Family. "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter. Provided, that where prior to December 1, 1980, more than one single family dwelling was served through a single common water meter, such service shall be allowed to continue under the "Single Family" classification until such time as the property or properties are subdivided into separate parcels, or when a higher demand for water service, as determined by the City, is required by a change in use or zoning.
- b. Low Income. "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single family residence and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- c. Multi-Family. "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- d. Commercial. "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- e. Public. "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island, and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.
- f. Irrigation. "Irrigation" shall mean all meters used for the purpose of watering shrubbery, lawns, flower beds, gardens, ornamentals and the like.

2. WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

The bi-monthly rates for metered water supplied by the City of Mercer Island for each one hundred (100) cubic feet of water consumed are set forth below:

Residential Bimonthly Water Rates					
	Fixed Charge	Volume Charge			
Class	Per Meter Equivalent*	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
		(0–10 ccf)	(11–20 ccf)	(21–30 ccf)	(31+ ccf)
Single Family Residential	\$55.55	\$6.60	\$11.17	\$13.40	\$18.03
Low-Income Residential	\$55.55	\$1.65	\$2.79	\$3.35	\$4.51
Conservation Surcharge**				\$0.10	\$0.30
	Fixed Charge	Volume Charge			
Class	Per Meter Equivalent*	All Use (0–99+ ccf)			
Multi-Family Residential	\$55.55	\$9.78			

* Meter Equivalents are summarized in a following table. The total meter equivalent charge is based on the meter size and is calculated by multiplying the meter equivalents by the per meter equivalent rate.

** A surcharge of \$0.10 per ccf for single family residential bimonthly usage between and including 21 and 30 ccf, and \$0.30 per ccf for bimonthly usage in excess of 30 ccf, shall be included in the rates as an incentive to conserve and may be used to fund conservation education. This surcharge shall apply on consumption of water from June 1 through September 30.

Non-Residential Bimonthly Water Rates			
	Fixed Charge	Volume Charge	
Class	Per Meter Equivalent*	Winter** (All Usage)	Summer** (All Usage)
Commercial/Public	\$55.55	\$6.08	\$15.10
Irrigation	\$55.55	\$9.08	\$19.09

* Meter Equivalents are summarized in a following table. The total meter equivalent charge is based on the meter size and is calculated by multiplying the meter equivalents by the per meter equivalent rate.

** Seasons: Summer is June 1 through September 30; October 1 through May 31 is winter.

Table of Meter Equivalents and Fixed Charges		
Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	Fixed Charge
3/4 inch or Smaller	1.0	\$55.55
1 inch	2.5	\$138.88
1 - 1/2 inch	5.0	\$277.75
2 inch	8.0	\$444.40
3 inch	16.0	\$888.80
4 inch	25.0	\$1,388.75
6 inch	50.0	\$2,777.50

3. FIRE SERVICE RATES

There is hereby established a schedule of rates for fire service which are the minimum monthly service charges for fire protection purposes exclusively for any two months, or fractional part thereof, as follows:

Service Connection	Rate
2 inch	\$52.15
3 inch	\$52.15
4 inch	\$65.85
5 inch	\$65.85
8 inch	\$93.36

4. RATES FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE

Water taken through unauthorized connections to the City water system shall be charged at double the rates set forth above based on the applicable "Classification of User" from the date of the commencement of such unauthorized use.

5. SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES

There is hereby established a schedule of service charges to recover operating costs incurred in establishing new accounts, changes in occupancy, special service requests by customers, delinquent account collections and processing of NSF checks as follows:

Service Charge	Fee
New water set-up fee (meter reading)	\$40.00
Water shut-off, requested by user, during normal working hours	\$30.00
Water shut-off, requested by user, after hours	\$170.00
Non-payment door hanger notification (each occurrence)	\$25.00
Non-payment water turn on/turn off, normal working hours	\$80.00
Non-payment water turn on/turn off, after hours	\$195.00
Locked water meter due to theft	\$250.00
Non-sufficient funds (check handling fee)	\$40.00

6. METER INSTALLATION CHARGES

There is hereby established a schedule of meter installation charges for connection of new meters to the City water system, and for changes to water service where the previous type of use has been changed or increased as follows: for meters of all sizes, the charge will be based on the actual cost of installation. A deposit is required, based on the estimated cost, and is collected at the time of permitting the work.

7. CONNECTION CHARGES

There is hereby established a schedule of connection charges for the installation of water service to property not previously served or for the installation of water service for an additional type of use and/or increase in meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	Connection Charge
3/4 inch or smaller	1.0	\$3,310
1 inch	2.5	\$8,275
1- 1/2 inch	5.0	\$16,550
2 inch	8.0	\$26,480
3 inch	16.0	\$52,960
4 inch	25.0	\$82,750
6 inch	50.0	\$165,500

Connection charges are studied periodically and adjusted for inflation in years between studies. The inflation factor applied is CPI-W First Half for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue.

For meter upsizes, the difference in the connection charge between the new meter size and the old meter size will be charged.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to additional water service for fire protection purposes.

B. SEWER SERVICES

(Resolution No. 1685, Effective January 1, 2026)

1. CLASSIFICATIONS OF SEWER USERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for the City sewer system effective January 1, 2026, and thereafter.

- a. Single Family. "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter.
- b. Low Income. "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single-family residence and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- c. Multi-Family. "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- d. Commercial. "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- e. Public. "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island, and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.

2. SEWERAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES RATES

The bi-monthly rates and charges for sewerage disposal services are set forth below:

Single Family Bimonthly Sewer Rates				
Class	King County Fixed Charge	City Sewer Line Maintenance		
	King County Sewage Treatment	Fixed Charges		Volume Charge
		Billing Cost	Base Charge (for first 600 cf of AVERAGE Winter Water Use)	Per 100 cf of AVERAGE Winter Water Use beyond first 600 cf
Single Family Residential	\$125.32	\$12.14	\$62.22	\$10.37
Low-Income Residential	\$125.32	\$12.14	\$15.58	\$2.59

Average winter water usage is based on the most current 4 months of winter water usage data available in the billing system. Calculation of the winter water average is based on usage as shown on the January and March bills or February and April bills depending on the billing/reading cycle. Calculation of sewer charges using the winter average is in effect for the following 12 months, until the next winter’s water consumption data is available.

In the case of single family property, where there is no method of accurately calculating the average winter water usage because no water was used during the winter months, or any part thereof, or because the property is not connected to the sanitary sewer system, or for any other reason approved by the Deputy Finance Director or the Finance Director, the sewer volume charge herein will be the Island-wide bi-monthly average winter water use.

Newly constructed single family properties shall be charged a sewer volume charge based on the per unit Island-wide average water usage for single family properties. Newly constructed multi-family and commercial properties shall be charged a sewer volume charge based on their actual water usage.

The King County rate for multi-family and commercial is derived by dividing King County’s monthly rate (\$62.66) by King County’s residential customer equivalency usage value of 750 cubic feet. The bi-monthly rates and charges for multi-family and commercial sewerage disposal services are set forth below:

Multi-Family and Commercial Bimonthly Sewer Rates			
	King County	City Sewer Line Maintenance	
Class	Sewage Treatment (Per 100 cf of ACTUAL Water Use)	Billing Cost	Volume Charge Per 100 cf of ACTUAL Water Use
Multi-Family Residential	\$8.35	\$12.14	\$10.37
Commercial / Public	\$8.35	\$12.14	\$10.37

3. SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

Connection charges are studied periodically and adjusted for inflation in years between studies. The inflation factor applied is CPI-W First Half for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue.

All connection charges shall be due and payable at the time the connection service is requested and shall be delinquent if unpaid at the time the connection service is actually made. In the event of delinquency, the connection charges shall be double the amount set forth above.

Connection Charges	
All Classifications of Users	\$2,902 per King County residential customer equivalent (RCE)

C. STORM AND SURFACE WATER SERVICES

(Resolution No. 1685, Effective January 1, 2026)

1. CLASSIFICATIONS OF STORM AND SURFACE WATER USERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for the City storm and surface water system effective January 1, 2026, and thereafter.

- a. Single Family. "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter.
- b. Low Income. "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single-family residence and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- c. Multi-Family. "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- d. Commercial. "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- e. Public. "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island, and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.

2. STORM AND SURFACE WATER SERVICES RATES

The bi-monthly rates (per equivalent service unit) for storm and surface water services are set forth below:

Bi-monthly Storm and Surface Water Rates	
Classification of User	Rate
Single Family Residential	\$53.15
Low Income Residential	\$13.29
Multi-Family Residential*	\$53.15
Commercial/Public*	\$53.15

* For Multi-Family Residential, Commercial or Public property in the City, the number of equivalent service units is determined by dividing the total square feet of impervious surface for each account (which includes roof tops, pavement, and trafficked gravel) by the average square footage of impervious surface for single family residential accounts (3,471 square feet is the average).

D. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS)

(Resolution No. 1685, Effective January 1, 2026)

1. CLASSIFICATIONS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICES USERS

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for emergency medical and ambulance services effective January 1, 2026, and thereafter.

- a. Single Family. "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter.
- b. Low Income. "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single-family residence and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- c. Multi-Family. "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- d. Commercial. "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- e. Public. "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island, and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.
- f. Residential Board & Care and 24-Hour Care. "Residential Board & Care" or "24-Hour Care" users are based on the fire property classification.

2. EMS RATES

The bi-monthly services fees per equivalent service unit (ESU) for emergency medical and ambulance services are set forth below:

Customer Class	ESU	Bi-Monthly
Single Family Residential	1	\$12.26
Multi-Family Residential	Per # of Equivalent Living Units (# of Apartment or Condos)	\$12.26
Commercial	1	\$12.26
Public	1	\$12.26
Residential Board & Care	Per # of Equivalent Living Units (# of available beds)	\$12.26
24-Hour Nursing	Per # of Equivalent Living Units (# of available beds)	\$12.26

II. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT (Resolution No. 1666)	\$1,323.00 + \$24.46/mile
CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE (Ordinance No. 05-07 [Section 7.01])	5% of Gross Revenue
CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE – PENALTY (Ordinance No. 05-07 [Section 7.01])	12% Interest Rate per Annum
DISHONORED (NSF) CHECK CHARGE (MICC 4.10.120(F))	\$40.00
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT VEHICLE LICENSE FEE (MICC 3.26.050 & MITBD Ord No. 1)	\$20.00

APPENDIX A 2026 MERCER ISLAND BUILDING VALUATION DATA TABLE

The unit costs below are intended to provide guidance in determining project valuations as set forth in Mercer Island City Code Chapter 17.14.010, Section 109.4 and shall include architectural, structural, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work, except as specifically listed below. The unit costs also include the contractor’s profit, which should not be omitted.

Project valuations provided by the permit applicant will be validated against this table. To use this table to calculate the valuation for residential construction, multiply the cost per square foot for dwellings (Item 8) by the floor area; include private garages (Item 18) and porches (Item 7). If air conditioning or fire sprinkler systems (Equipment) will be installed, include the valuation for these systems.

Occupancy & Type / Building Valuation per Square Foot

1. APARTMENT HOUSES	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$163.17
(Good)	\$200.99
Type V—Masonry (or Type III)	\$133.09
(Good)	\$163.17
Type V—Wood Frame	\$117.33
(Good)	\$150.85
Type I—Basement Garage	\$68.91
2. AUDITORIUMS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$192.82
Type II—1-Hour	\$139.68
Type II—N	\$132.08
Type III—1-Hour	\$146.69
Type III—N	\$139.39
Type V—1-Hour	\$140.25
Type V—N	\$131.08
3. BANKS	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$272.47
Type II—1-Hour	\$200.85
Type II—N	\$194.26
Type III—1-Hour	\$221.62
Type III—N	\$213.60
Type V—1-Hour	\$200.85
Type V—N	\$192.25

4. BOWLING ALLEYS	
Type II—1-Hour	\$93.98
Type II—N	\$87.53
Type III—1-Hour	\$102.14
Type III—N	\$95.41
Type V—1-Hour	\$68.91
5. CHURCHES	
Type I or II F.R.	\$182.51
Type II—1-Hour	\$137.10
Type II—N	\$130.22
Type III—1-Hour	\$149.13
Type III—N	\$142.40
Type V—1-Hour	\$139.39
Type V—N	\$131.08
6. CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$256.14
Type II—1-Hour	\$177.64
Type III—1-Hour	\$182.08
Type V—1-Hour	\$171.76
7. DECKS AND PORCHES	
Decks and Porches	\$44.70

8. DWELLINGS	
Type V—Masonry	
(Good)	\$213.27
(Very Good)	\$272.51
(Very Good - Custom)	\$331.75
(Luxury)	\$450.23
Type V—Wood Frame	
(Good)	\$213.27
(Very Good)	\$272.51
(Very Good - Custom)	\$331.75
(Luxury)	\$450.23
Semi-Finished	
(Average)	\$36.96
(Good)	\$42.69
Basements— Unfinished	
(Average)	\$26.79
(Good)	\$32.66
9. FIRE STATIONS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$210.44
Type II—1-Hour	\$138.39
Type II—N	\$130.65
Type III—1-Hour	\$151.57
Type III—N	\$145.12
Type V—1-Hour	\$142.25
Type V—N	\$134.80
10. HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY	
Type I or II F.R.	\$190.82
Type II—1-Hour	\$154.86
Type II—N	\$148.27
Type III—1-ur	\$161.31
Type III—N	\$154.72
Type V—1-Hour	\$155.72
Type V—N	\$150.42
11. HOSPITALS	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$300.27
Type III—1-Hour	\$248.41
Type V—1-Hour	\$237.09

12. HOTELS AND MOTELS	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$185.80
Type III—1-Hour	\$160.88
Type III—N	\$153.43
Type V—1-Hour	\$140.10
Type V—N	\$137.38
INDUSTRIAL PLANTS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$104.72
Type II—1-Hour	\$72.92
Type II—N	\$66.90
Type III—1-Hour	\$80.22
Type III—N	\$75.64
Tilt-up	\$55.15
Type V—1-Hour	\$75.64
Type V—N	\$69.19
13. JAILS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$292.67
Type III—1-Hour	\$267.60
Type V—1-Hour	\$200.85
14. LIBRARIES	
Type I or II F.R.	\$214.17
Type II—1-Hour	\$156.72
Type II—N	\$149.13
Type III—1-Hour	\$165.46
Type III—N	\$157.15
Type V—1-Hour	\$155.43
Type V—N	\$149.13
15. MEDICAL OFFICES	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$219.90
Type II—1-Hour	\$169.47
Type II—N	\$161.16
Type III—1-Hour	\$183.94
Type III—N	\$171.19
Type V—1-Hour	\$165.89
Type V—N	\$160.16

16. OFFICES**	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$196.55
Type II—1-Hour	\$131.51
Type II—N	\$125.21
Type III—1-Hour	\$141.82
Type III—N	\$135.81
Type V—1-Hour	\$132.94
Type V—N	\$125.21
17. PRIVATE GARAGES	
Wood Frame	\$44.70
Masonry	\$50.28
Open Carports	\$30.51
18. PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$227.06
Type II—1-Hour	\$183.94
Type II—N	\$175.92
Type III—1-Hour	\$190.96
Type III—N	\$184.37
Type V—1-Hour	\$174.63
Type V—N	\$168.61
19. PUBLIC GARAGES	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$89.97
Type I or II Open Parking*	\$67.47
Type II—N	\$51.43
Type III—1-Hour	\$67.90
Type III—N	\$60.60
Type V—1-Hour	\$62.03
20. RESTAURANTS	
Type III—1-Hour	\$179.07
Type III—N	\$173.20
Type V—1-Hour	\$164.03
Type V—N	\$157.73
21. SCHOOLS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$204.57
Type II—1-Hour	\$139.68
Type III—1-Hour	\$149.42
Type III—N	\$143.69
Type V—1-Hour	\$139.96
Type V—N	\$133.52

22. SERVICE STATIONS	
Type II—N	\$123.63
Type III—1-Hour	\$128.93
Type V—1-Hour	\$109.88
Canopies	\$51.43
23. STORES	
Type I or II F.R.*	\$151.57
Type II—1-Hour	\$92.69
Type II—N	\$90.82
Type III—1-Hour	\$112.60
Type III—N	\$105.72
Type V—1-Hour	\$94.98
Type V—N	\$87.67
24. THEATERS	
Type I or II F.R.	\$201.99
Type III—1-Hour	\$147.12
Type III—N	\$140.10
Type V—1-Hour	\$138.39
Type V—N	\$131.08
25. WAREHOUSES***	
Type I or II F.R.	\$90.97
Type II or V—1-Hour	\$53.86
Type II or V—N	\$50.43
Type III—1-Hour	\$61.03
Type III—N	\$58.16
26. EQUIPMENT	
AIR CONDITIONING:	
Commercial	\$7.74
Residential	\$6.59
SPRINKLER SYSTEMS	
	\$4.73

*Add 0.5% to total cost for each story over three.

**Deduct 20 % for shell-only buildings.

***Deduct 11% for mini warehouses

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