

BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
ORDINANCE 2026-19

ORDINANCE INCREASING VARIOUS FEES AND AMENDING  
CHAPTER 98 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, rising costs have created the need to increase fees for a variety of the Borough’s administrative and other services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Chapter 98 of the Borough Code, concerning Fees, is hereby amended (with deleted language crossed out and new language underlined):

1. The following sections of Chapter 98 are amended as follows:

**§ 98-11. Application fee, escrow deposit and inspection fee.**

Applications for development shall be accompanied by the payment to the Borough of an application fee, escrow deposit and, if appropriate, an inspection fee. The application fee and escrow deposit shall be paid separately according to the following schedule:

Application	Fee	Escrow
MINOR SUBDIVISION	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,100</u> per lot
Resubmission or amendment	\$100 <del>\$100</del> <u>\$110</u>	
Concept review	\$400 <del>\$400</del> <u>\$440</u>	\$300 <del>\$300</del> <u>\$330</u> to be credited
MAJOR SUBDIVISION		
Preliminary	\$1,000 <del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,100</u>	\$600 <del>\$600</del> <u>\$660</u> per lot
Final	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u>	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u> per lot
Resubmission or amendment	\$300 <del>\$300</del> <u>\$330</u>	\$400 <del>\$400</del> <u>\$440</u> per lot
Extension	\$150 <del>\$150</del> <u>\$165</u>	
Concept review	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u>	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u> to be credited
SITE PLAN		
Preliminary		
Residential	\$600 <del>\$600</del> <u>\$660</u>	\$10 <del>\$11</del> <u>\$11</u> per unit; minimum \$1,000 <del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,100</u>
Nonresidential	\$700 <del>\$700</del> <u>\$770</u>	\$0.10 <del>\$0.11</del> <u>\$0.11</u> per square foot improved; minimum \$1,000 <del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,100</u>
Final		
Residential	\$400 <del>\$400</del> <u>\$440</u>	\$10 <del>\$11</del> <u>\$11</u> per unit; minimum <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u>
Nonresidential	\$500 <del>\$500</del> <u>\$550</u>	\$0.05 <del>\$0.06</del> <u>\$0.06</u> per square foot improved; minimum \$1,000 <del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,100</u>
Resubmission or amendment		

Application	Fee	Escrow
Residential	\$300 <del>\$330</del>	\$300 <del>\$330</del> + \$10 per unit
Nonresidential	\$400 <del>\$440</del>	\$500 <del>\$550</del> + \$0.10 per square foot improved
Waiver	\$400 <del>\$440</del>	\$500 <del>\$550</del>
Extension	\$150 <del>\$165</del>	\$500 <del>\$550</del>
Concept review	\$300 <del>\$330</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del> to be credited
<b>CONDITIONAL USES</b>		
Residential	\$500 <del>\$550</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>
Nonresidential	\$600 <del>\$660</del>	\$1,500 <del>\$1,650</del>
<b>INTERPRETATIONS</b>		
Residential	\$300 <del>\$330</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>
Nonresidential	\$600 <del>\$660</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>
<b>APPEALS</b>		
Residential	\$300 <del>\$330</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>
Nonresidential	\$500 <del>\$550</del>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>
<b>VARIANCES</b>		
Bulk		
Residential	\$300 <del>\$330</del> per variance	\$2,000 <del>\$2,200</del>
Nonresidential	\$500 <del>\$550</del> per variance	\$1,500 <del>\$1,650</del> per variance
Use		
Residential	\$500 <del>\$550</del>	\$2,000 <del>\$2,200</del>
Nonresidential	\$600 <del>\$660</del>	\$3,000 <del>\$3,300</del>
<b>SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD</b>	\$1,000 <del>\$1,100</del>	
<b>ZONING PERMITS</b>		
Residential		
Fence	\$25 <del>\$28</del>	
Principal use	\$60 <del>\$66</del>	
Accessory use	\$30 <del>\$33</del>	
Commercial		
Fence	\$50 <del>\$55</del>	
Principal use	\$150 <del>\$165</del>	
Accessory use	\$60 <del>\$66</del>	
Temporary activity permit	\$50 <del>\$55</del>	
Residential conversion	\$100 <del>\$110</del>	

**§ 98-19. Miscellaneous fees.** Miscellaneous fees shall be as follows:

- A. Copy of zoning ordinance: ~~\$40.~~ \$44
- B. Copy of Master Plan: ~~\$25.~~ \$28
- C. Subdivision approval certificate: ~~\$25.~~ \$28
- D. Certified list of property owners: ~~\$0.25~~ \$0.28 per name or ~~\$10~~ \$11, whichever is greater.
- E. USB copy of meeting: ~~\$20~~ \$22

**§ 98-21. Fees.** The following fees shall be payable by the requestor to the Borough of Pennington for Municipal Court discovery provided to the requestor:

- A. ~~Seventy five~~ Eighty-five cents per page for each of the first 10 pages photocopied.
- B. ~~Fifty cents~~ Fifty-five cents per page for each of the next 10 pages photocopied.
- C. ~~Twenty five~~ Thirty cents per page for each of the pages photocopied thereafter.
- D. The cost of actual postage for any discovery sent by mail.
- E. ~~Twenty five~~ Thirty cents for the envelope for any discovery sent by mail.
- F. Actual duplication costs for duplicated photographs (other than photocopies).
- G. ~~Five dollars~~ Five Dollars and 50 cents per copy for copies of videotapes, for the extraordinary duplication process required for duplication of videotapes
- H. .For any item that cannot be photocopied on the Borough copy machine or not otherwise provided for in this schedule, the actual cost incurred in making the copy.

**§98-24. Fees.** The fee paid to the Borough for paid detail service shall be as follows:

- A. In calendar year ~~2007~~ 2026 , beginning on the effective date of this ordinance, ~~\$55~~ \$61 for each hour of service by each Borough officer with a minimum payment of ~~\$220~~ \$245 per officer.
- B. In calendar year ~~2008~~ 2027 , ~~\$65~~ \$73 for each hour of service by each Borough officer with a minimum payment of ~~\$260~~ \$285 per officer.
- C. In calendar year ~~2009~~ 2028 , ~~\$75~~ \$83 for each hour of service by each Borough officer with a minimum
- D. payment of ~~\$300~~ \$330 per officer.
- E. Of the hourly rates specified, ~~\$10~~ \$15 per hour shall be retained by the Borough as an administrative fee.
- F. In addition to the hourly rates specified, ~~\$25~~ \$33 per hour shall be charged by the Borough as an administrative fee.

**§ 98-26. Dog licensing.**

Annual fees related to the licensing of a dog as provided in § 67-2 of this Code are the following:

- A. License fee: ~~\$15~~ \$18 per dog.
- B. Registration tag: ~~\$1~~ \$1.50 per dog.
- C. Surcharge for Pilot Clinic Fund: ~~\$0.20~~ \$0.22 per dog.

- D. Fee for not neutering dog: ~~\$3~~ \$3.50 per dog.
- E. Fee for late registration: ~~\$5~~ \$5.50 per month after May 31.

**§ 98-27. Replacement tags.**

The fee for a replacement tag as required by § 67-4 of this Code is ~~\$5~~ \$5.50

**§ 98-28. Kennels and pet shops.**

Annual license fees for kennels and pet shops as provided in § 67-11 of this Code are the following:

- A. Kennel providing accommodations for 10 or fewer dogs: ~~\$100.~~ \$110
- B. Kennel providing accommodations for more than 10 dogs: ~~\$250.~~ \$275
- C. Pet shop: ~~\$250.~~ \$275
- D. Shelter or pound: \$0.

**§ 98-29. Cat licensing.**

Annual fees related to the licensing of a cat and for lost license tag or sleeve as required by § 67-21 of this Code are the following:

- A. License fee: ~~\$10~~ \$11 per neutered cat; ~~\$13~~ \$15 per non-neutered cat.
- B. Fee for late registration: ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 per month after May 31.
- C. Fee for a replacement license tag or sleeve: ~~\$5.~~ \$7.50

**§ 98-30. Miscellaneous fees.**

The following miscellaneous fees shall be collected as required by the applicable sections of this Code:

- A. Annual license fee for body art establishments, as required by § 76-1 of this Code: ~~\$500.~~ \$550
- B. Peddler's permit, as required by § 147-6 of this Code: ~~\$100.~~ \$110
- C. Registration of vacant building, as required by Chapter 136, Art. II, initially and annually: ~~\$250.~~ \$275
- D. Annual fee for electronic smoking device establishment license: ~~\$600.~~ \$660
- E. Fee for Memorial Tree: ~~\$500.~~ \$1000
- F. Fee for Adopt A Flag: ~~\$50.~~ \$100
- G. Fees for registration as a participant in the annual yard sale including use of yard sign advertising participation: ~~\$25.~~ \$27.50

**§ 98-31. Retail food establishments.**

License fees and related charges for retail food establishments as provided in § 112-1 of this Code shall be:

- A. Retail food establishments at a permanent location that prepare food: ~~\$200~~ \$220 per year or any part thereof for establishments with fewer than 25 seats; ~~\$250~~ \$275 per year or any part thereof for establishments with 25 or more seats.

- B. Retail food establishments at a permanent location that sell only prepackaged food items: ~~\$75~~ \$83 per year or any part thereof.
- C. Mobile food vendors: ~~\$75~~ \$83 per year or any part thereof.
- D. Retail food establishments owned by charitable and/or nonprofit organizations: ~~\$30~~ \$33 per year or any part thereof.
- E. Establishments for temporary events and not licensed as permanent establishment: ~~\$50~~ \$55 per year or any part thereof provided a license application is submitted for each event.
- F. Plan review fee required for all retail food establishments except those owned by charitable and/or nonprofit organizations: ~~\$150~~. \$175

**§ 98-32. Vending machines.**

License fees and related charges for food and beverage vending machines as provided in § 112-2 of the Code shall be:

- A. Vending machine permit fee, per machine: ~~\$15~~. \$17.50

**§ 98-33. Use of parks.**

Fees for use of Borough parks as provided in § 143-4 of this Code shall be:

- A. No permit fee shall be required for a governmental organization with which the Borough of Pennington is directly affiliated.
- B. Permit for use of park by documented nonprofit or Pennington resident: ~~\$75~~. \$83
- C. Permit fee for all others: ~~\$200~~. \$300
- D. All users charged a fee for use as set forth in Subsection C above shall post a refundable security deposit of ~~\$500~~ \$550 chargeable for cost of cleanup or damage to facilities.

**§ 98-34. Trash pickup.**

Fees for additional approved trash containers as provided by §§ 172-9 and 172-10 and for bulk household trash as required by § 172-11 of this Code shall be:

- A. Annual fee for one additional approved trash container pursuant to §§ 172-9 and 172-10: ~~\$400~~ \$500.
- B. Bulk trash stickers: one sticker per 40 pounds/~~\$6~~ \$10 each.
- C. Truck rental, if Borough truck is parked at the property overnight or for a weekend: ~~\$300~~. \$500

**§ 98-35. Adjacent properties.**

Fees for trash pickup for non-taxpayers who are adjacent property owners pursuant to §§ 172-9 and 172-13 of this Code shall be:

- A. Per year for one ninety-five-gallon approved container once/week: ~~\$400~~. \$500
- B. Per year for one additional approved container collected once/week: an additional ~~\$400~~. \$500

**§ 98-35.1. Replacement of lost or damaged trash containers.**

The fee for replacement of a lost or damaged trash container in accordance with § 172-10 of this Code shall be ~~\$100~~ \$300.

**§ 98-36. Snow and ice removal by Borough.**

Computation of charges for the costs incurred by the Borough for removal and remediation of snow and ice on sidewalks pursuant to § 177-3 of this Code shall be based on the following rates:

- A. Equipment hourly rates, including the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site, subject to a one-hour minimum shall be as follows:
- (1) Snowblower: ~~\$25.~~ \$75
  - (2) Service truck: ~~\$75.~~ \$125
  - (3) Dump truck: ~~\$100.~~ \$200
  - (4) Deicer: cost plus ~~15%.~~ 25%
- B. Labor hourly rates, including the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site, subject to a one-hour minimum, shall be as follows:
- (1) Foreman: ~~\$85.~~ As per current salary ordinance plus 25%
  - (2) Operator: ~~\$75.~~ \$150
  - (3) Laborer: ~~\$65.~~ \$100
- C. For overtime (OT), a multiplier will be applied to labor rates equal to the highest applicable multiplier from the following:
- (1) Work before 7:30 a.m.: ~~1.5.~~ 2.0
  - (2) Work after 3:30 p.m.: ~~1.5.~~ 2.0
  - (3) Work on Saturday: ~~1.5.~~ 2.5
  - (4) Work on Sunday: ~~2.0.~~ 3.0
  - (5) Work on Borough-recognized holidays: ~~2.0.~~ 3.0
  - (6) Continuous work in excess of 12 hours. 3.0

**§ 98-37. Street opening permits.**

Fees pursuant to Chapter 177, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, Openings and Excavations, shall be as follows: ~~\$100.~~ \$250 for each permit or ~~\$500.~~ \$1000 for a blanket permit issued to a public utility valid for all or the remainder of the calendar year in which it is issued.

**§ 98-39. Fire safety fees.**

The following fees are authorized by the Uniform Fire Safety Code (P.L. 1983, c. 383; N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.) and N.J.A.C. 5:70:2.9(c) pursuant to § 104-6 of this Code:

- A. Life-hazard uses.
- (1) Type 1 permit: ~~\$35.~~ \$38.50
  - (2) Type 2 permit: ~~\$138.~~ \$152
  - (3) Type 3 permit: ~~\$276.~~ \$304
  - (4) Type 4 permit: ~~\$414.~~ \$445
  - (5) Type 5 permit: (Reserved)
- B. Industrial and commercial uses.
- (1) Fees for industrial and commercial uses not classified as life-hazard uses by the Uniform Fire Code shall be as follows:

**Gross Floor Area**

(square feet)	Fee
Under 1,000	<del>\$25</del> <u>\$28</u>
1,001 to 5,999	<del>\$50</del> <u>\$75</u>
6,000 to 9,999	<del>\$75</del> <u>\$83</u>
10,000 or above	<del>\$100</del> <u>\$110</u>

(2) The payment of the above fees shall be the responsibility of the occupant of the premises.

C. Multiple-family dwellings.

(1) Fees for multifamily dwellings shall be as follows:

- (a) Three to five units: ~~\$15.~~ \$17.50
- (b) Six to 25 units: ~~\$50.~~ \$75
- (c) Twenty-five units and above: ~~\$200.~~ \$220

(3) The payment of the above fees shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises.

**§ 98-40. Alarms.**

The fee for a certificate of compliance concerning required alarms, pursuant to § 104-12 of this Code, shall be ~~\$35.~~ \$39

**§ 98-42. Standby fees.**

Quarterly standby fees for private fire-protection systems pursuant to § 206-2 of this Code are as follows:

A. Quarterly standby fees for private fire-protection systems regardless of the rate or quantity of that service:

Size of Private Lines (inches)	Fee (per connection)
2	<del>\$158</del> <u>\$175</u>
3	<del>\$378</del> <u>\$416</u>
4	<del>\$567</del> <u>\$624</u>
6	<del>\$1,166</del> <u>\$1,283</u>
8	<del>\$2,016</del> <u>\$2,218</u>

B. Customers who are late in making payment of the standby fee will be given notice as to their deficiency in payment, and a copy of this notice shall be sent to the customer's insurance carrier.

C. Standby fees shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

**§ 98-43. Connection fees.**

Connection fees pursuant to § 206-3 of this Code are as follows:

A. Standard connection fees:

- (1) Standard water connection is ~~\$2,100.~~ \$2,310
- (2) Standard sewer connection fee is ~~\$3,000.~~ \$3,300

**§ 98-46. Inspection and field service fees.**

Inspection and field service fees pursuant to § 206-6 of the Code are as follows:

A. Plan approval, inspection and field service fees pursuant to § 206-6 of the Code are as follows: :

- (1) Plan approval (actual engineering charges up to): ~~\$250.~~ \$275
- (2) Service connections: ~~\$160.~~ \$176
- (3) Lateral connections: ~~\$160.~~ \$176
- (4) Certified construction cost, off-site improvements (escrow): 7.8%.

B. Equipment hourly rates are as follows:

- (1) Backhoe: ~~\$200.~~ \$500
- (2) Service truck: ~~\$100.~~ \$125
- (3) Dump truck: ~~\$150.~~ \$200
- (4) Parts: 200%.

Note: Includes the time required to mobilize to and demobilize from the site.

C. Labor hourly rates:

(1) Base hourly rates are as follows:

- (a) Foreman: ~~\$85.~~ As per current salary ordinance, plus 25%
- (b) Operator: ~~\$75.~~ \$150
- (c) Laborer: ~~\$65.~~ \$100

Note: Includes the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site.

(2) Overtime (OT) hourly rates are determined by applying the following multipliers to the base labor rates:

- a) (a) Work before 7:30 a.m.: ~~1.5.~~ 2.0
- b) Work after 3:30 p.m.: ~~1.5.~~ 2.0
- c) Work on Saturday and Sunday: ~~1.5.~~ 3.0
- d) Work on Borough-recognized holidays: ~~2.0.~~ 3.0
- e) Continuous work in excess of 12 hours: ~~2.0.~~ 3.0

D. Line-stopping fees are as follows:

- (1) Nondisruptive or minor disruptive: ~~\$250.~~ \$500
- (2) Major disruptive: ~~\$1,200.~~ \$2000

E. Temporary meter charges are as follows:

- (1) Meter installations: ~~\$100.~~ \$110
- (2) Rental (two-week maximum): ~~\$75.~~ \$83
- (3) Removal and recording: ~~\$100.~~ \$110
- (4) Special billing: ~~\$50.~~ \$75

**§ 98-47. Administrative fees.**

Administrative fees pursuant to § 206-7 of the Code shall be charged as follows:

- A. Interest will be charged at the same rate as the interest on tax bills.
- B. Returned checks: ~~\$25.~~ \$27.50
- C. (Reserved)<sup>8</sup>
- D. (Reserved)<sup>9</sup>
- E. Non-quarterly or additional meter readings. Scheduled: ~~\$75-~~\$100 ; urgent/disputed: ~~\$100~~ \$150. (On non-quarterly billings, if the reading is requested due to an actual error by the Borough, the fee will be waived.)
- F. House inspections on sale of property: regular fee, ~~\$150~~ \$200; fee if less than 10 days' notice, ~~\$250~~ \$300 .
- G. Tanker of water: ~~\$200~~ \$500 plus per-gallon charge for water in accordance with water rates.
- H. Shutting off and turning on water at curb. Scheduled: ~~\$100~~ \$150 ; urgent/disruptive: ~~\$150~~ \$250 .

**§ 98-48. Application and review fees.**

- A. Application and review fees pursuant to § 206-8 of the Code are the following: Per EDU for first EDU: ~~\$15.60.~~ \$17.16
- B. Per EDU for subsequent EDU: ~~\$78.~~ \$86
- C. Request for availability of service: ~~\$62.40.~~ \$69
- D. Certified construction cost, off-site improvements (escrow): 3.2%

**§ 98-50. Annual fees for alcoholic beverage licenses.**

Annual fees for licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Borough are the following:

- A. Plenary retail consumption license: ~~\$2,500.~~ \$2,750
- B. Plenary retail distribution license: \$2,750.

**§ 98-51. Charges for costs incurred by Borough for grass cutting and lawn work pursuant to §§ 136-7 and 136-8 of Borough Code.**

- A. Equipment hourly rates, including the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site, shall be as follows:
  - (1) Lawn mower (hand): ~~\$25~~ \$100 per hour.
  - (2) Lawn mower (tractor): ~~\$50~~ \$150 per hour.
  - (3) Weed wacker: ~~\$25~~ \$75 per hour.
  - (4) Leaf blower: ~~\$25~~ \$75 per hour.
  - (5) Service truck: ~~\$75~~ \$125 per hour.
  - (6) Dump truck: ~~\$100~~ \$200 per hour.
- B. Labor hourly rates, including the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site, shall be as follows:
  - (1) Foreman: ~~\$85~~ as per current salary ordinance, plus 25% per hour.

- (2) Operator: ~~\$75~~ \$150 per hour.
  - (3) Laborer: ~~\$65~~ \$100 per hour.
- C. For overtime (OT), a multiplier will be applied to labor rates equal to the highest applicable multiplier from the following:
- (1) Work before 7:30 a.m.: ~~1.5~~ 2.0
  - (2) Work after 3:30 p.m.: ~~1.5~~ 2.0
  - (3) Work on Saturday: ~~1.5~~ 2.5
  - (4) Work on Sunday: ~~1.5~~ 3.0
  - (5) Work on Borough-recognized holidays: ~~2.0~~ 3.0

Continuous work in excess of 12 hours: ~~2.0~~ 3.0

**§ 98-52. Plan review fees as percentage of construction permit fees.**

- A. Plan review fees shall be computed at 10% of the fee to be charged for the construction permit. For projects which do not require plan review for all subcodes, the fee shall be the appropriate percentage of the subcode fee that is applicable. The minimum plan review fee is ~~\$75~~ \$83.
- B. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.26, a fee of 20% for plan review fees for the Department of Community Affairs will be deducted.

**§ 98-53. Certificate of occupancy fees.**

- A. The fee to be charged for a certificate of occupancy shall be paid before a certificate is issued. The fee will be in addition to the construction permit fee. See N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(a)3.
- B. The fee for a certificate of occupancy for new construction for a residential property shall be 10% of the fee charged for the construction permit.
- C. The fee for a certificate of occupancy for a commercial or industrial building for new construction shall be 10% of the fee charged for the construction permit.
- D. The fee for a certificate of continued Uniform Construction Code occupancy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(f)2 shall be ~~\$125~~ \$138.

The fee for a certificate of occupancy for any change of use in any use group shall be ~~\$150~~ \$165.

**§ 98-54. Code variation fees.**

The fee for variations from the code shall be as defined in the Uniform Construction Code [N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)3.viii] and shall be as follows:

- A. Class 1 structures: ~~\$594~~ \$654 plus ~~\$200~~ \$220 for each resubmission.
- B. Class 2 and 3 structures: ~~\$120~~ \$132 , plus ~~\$50~~ \$65 for each resubmission.
- C. Residential dwellings: ~~\$50~~ \$65 .

**§ 98-55. Fee for training and certification of inspectors.**

A fee will be charged for training and certifications of inspectors as required in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b). The fee shall be in the amount of \$0.00371 per cubic foot volume of new buildings and additions. Volume shall be computed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28. The fee for all other construction including alterations shall be ~~\$0.00190~~ \$0.00209 per dollar of the cost of alteration.

## § 98-56. Building subcode fees.

Building subcode fees for permitting shall be as follows:

A. The fees for any new construction or for any addition to an existing building or structure shall be based on ~~\$0.03~~ \$0.04 per cubic foot or additional cubic foot of building or structure volume in Use Group AFS, ~~\$0.007~~ \$0.0077 per cubic foot or additional cubic foot of building or structure volume for farms, ~~\$0.055~~ \$0.0605 per cubic foot or additional cubic foot of building or structure volume for all other use groups, or a minimum of ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

B. Fees for renovations, wood decks, alterations and repairs or site construction associated with pre-engineered systems of commercial farm buildings, premanufactured construction and the external utility connection for premanufactured construction shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be in the amount of ~~\$25~~ \$27.50 per \$1,000 up to \$50,000 of the estimated cost of the work. From \$50,001 to and including \$100,000, the fee shall be in the amount of ~~\$20~~ \$22 per \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$50,000. Above \$100,000, the fee shall be in the amount of ~~\$15~~ \$17.50 per \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$100,000. The minimum fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 . For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to the enforcing agency such cost data as may be available, produced by the architect or engineer of record or by a recognized estimating firm or by the contractor. A bona fide contractor's bid, if available, shall be submitted. The enforcing agency shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.

C. The flat fee for swimming pools shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 for aboveground pools, ~~\$200~~ \$220 for in-ground pools, and ~~\$500~~ \$550 for public pools.

D. The fees for demolition of a building or structure shall be ~~\$400~~ \$110 for a residential building or structure and ~~\$150~~ \$165 for a nonresidential building or structure, except the fee for a structure of less than 1,000 square feet shall be ~~\$50~~ \$65 .

E. The fees for relocating a building or structure shall be ~~\$24~~ \$27 for each \$1,000 of total estimated cost of the move.

F. The fee for a sign shall be ~~\$50~~ \$65.

G. The fee for a swimming pool barrier or fence shall be a flat fee of ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

H. The fee for a temporary structure (tents) shall be a flat fee of ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

I. The fee for removal of abandoned underground storage tanks shall be ~~\$65~~ \$72 for each tank of up to 1,000 gallons and ~~\$120~~ \$132 for each tank over 1,000 gallons.

J. The fee for a trailer shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

K. The fee for asbestos abatement shall be ~~\$84~~ \$93 , and the fee for issuance of an asbestos abatement certificate shall be an additional ~~\$17~~ \$19 .

L. The fee for lead abatement shall be ~~\$84~~ \$93 , and the fee for issuance of a lead abatement certificate shall be an additional ~~\$17~~ \$19 .

M. The fee for roofing and siding shall be ~~\$25~~ \$27 per \$1,000 of estimated costs for all use groups.

N. The fee for a raised patio shall be ~~\$125~~ \$138.

O. The minimum building subcode fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

## § 98-58. Fire subcode fees.

Fire subcode fees for permitting shall be as follows:

A. The fee for fuel storage tanks and similar equipment shall be ~~\$25~~ \$27.50 per 1,000 gallons or a minimum of ~~\$75~~ \$83 .

- B. Sprinkler heads.
  - (1) The fee for 20 or fewer sprinkler heads or alarms shall be ~~\$70~~ \$77 for alarm systems and ~~\$85~~ \$94 for sprinkler systems.
  - (2) For 21 to and including 100 heads or alarms, the fee shall be ~~\$125~~ \$138 for alarm systems and ~~\$150~~ \$165 for sprinkler systems.
  - (3) For 101 to and including 200 heads or alarms, the fee shall be ~~\$229~~ \$252 for alarm systems and ~~\$300~~ \$330 for sprinkler systems.
  - (4) For 201 to and including 400 heads or alarms, the fee shall be ~~\$594~~ \$654 for alarm systems and ~~\$600~~ \$660 for sprinkler systems.
  - (5) For 401 to and including 1,000 heads or alarms, the fee shall be ~~\$825~~ \$908 for alarm systems and ~~\$1,050~~ \$1,155 for sprinkler systems.
  - (6) For over 1,000 heads or alarms, the fee shall be ~~\$1,050~~ \$1,155 for alarm systems and ~~\$1,100~~ \$1,210 for sprinkler systems.
- C. The fee for each standpipe shall be ~~\$230~~ \$253.
- D. The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be ~~\$100~~ \$110.
- E. The fee for each gas- or oil-fired appliance shall be a flat fee of ~~\$50~~ \$65.
- F. The fee for each commercial kitchen exhaust system shall be ~~\$100~~ \$110.
- G. The fee for each fireplace, coal stove or woodburning stove shall be ~~\$24~~ \$27 per \$1,000 of estimated cost of construction.
- H. The fee for each incinerator shall be ~~\$350~~ \$385.
- I. The fee for each crematorium shall be ~~\$350~~ \$385.
- J. The fee for each fire pump installation shall be ~~\$250~~ \$275.
- K. The minimum fire subcode fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83.

**§ 98-59. Plumbing subcode fees.**

For plumbing fixtures and equipment, the fees shall be as follows:

- A. The fee shall be in the amount of ~~\$20~~ \$22 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system, and for each appliance connected to the gas piping or oil piping system, except as indicated below.
- B. The fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 per special device for the following: gas piping, fuel oil piping, grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, water-cooled air-conditioning units, utility service connection backflow preventers equipped with test ports (double-check-valve ports, double-check-valve assembly, reduced-pressure zone and pressure vacuum breaker backflow preventers), steam boilers, hot-water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors, sewer connection and water service connection. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service connections.
- C. The minimum plumbing fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83.

**§ 98-60. Electrical subcode fees.**

The electrical subcode fee shall be as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)iii, except there shall be a minimum fee of ~~\$75~~ \$83. The fees are as follows:

- A. For from one to 25 receptacles or fixtures, the fee shall be in the amount of ~~\$50~~ \$65; for each group of up to 40 receptacles or fixtures in addition to this, the fee will be ~~\$25~~ \$27.50. For the purpose

of computing this fee, receptacles or fixtures shall include lighting outlets, wall switches, fluorescent fixtures, convenience receptacles, smoke and heat detectors or similar fixtures and a motor or device of less than or equal to one horsepower or one kilowatt. Communication and phone outlets shall be priced as above but in separate groups.

- B. For each motor or electrical device greater than one horsepower and less than or equal to 10 horsepower and for transformers and generators greater than one kilowatt and less than or equal to 10 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$25~~ . \$27.50.
- C. For each motor or electrical device greater than 10 horsepower and less than or equal to 50 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel less than or equal to 200 amps; and for each utility loan management device, the fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83.
- D. For each transformer and generator greater than 10 kilowatts and less than or equal to 45 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83.
- E. For each motor or electrical device greater than 50 horsepower and less than or equal to 100 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 200 amperes and less than or equal to 1,000 amperes; and for transformers and generators greater than 45 kilowatts and less than or equal to 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$120~~ \$132 .
- F. For each motor or electrical device greater than 100 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator greater than 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$457~~ \$503 .
- G. For each burglar alarm panel or fire alarm panel, the fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 .
- H. The fee for an annual pool bond inspection shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 .
- I. The minimum electrical subcode fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83. For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors, except those in plug-in appliances, shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming or generating electrical current.

#### **§ 98-61. Mechanical subcode fee**

For the mechanical fixtures and equipment, the permit fees shall be as follows:

- A. The fee shall be ~~\$75~~ \$83 for each of the following: fuel oil piping connection, gas piping connection, steam boiler, hot water boiler, hot air furnace, oil tank, LPG tank, generator, or other special device.
- B. The fee shall be ~~\$20~~ \$22 for each water heater or other fixture.
- C. The fee shall be ~~\$24~~ \$27 for each fireplace.
- D. The minimum fee shall be ~~\$75~~ . \$83

#### **§ 98-61.1. Additional fees.**

In addition to the fees set forth in this article, the Borough shall collect such other construction fees as are required and set forth in the Uniform Construction Code or in regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

#### **§ 98-63. Authorized fees.**

The Registrar of the Borough of Pennington is authorized to collect the following fees from persons requesting issuance of permits and licenses or provision of certified copies of documents:

- A. Birth certificate (certified copy): ~~\$25~~ \$27.50.
- B. Burial permit: ~~\$5~~ \$6.
- C. Death certificate (certified copy): ~~\$25~~ \$27.50 .

- D. Marriage license/domestic partnership (\$25 state): ~~\$28~~ \$31 .
- E. Marriage license (certified copy): ~~\$25~~ \$27.50 .
- F. Corrections: ~~\$25~~ \$27.50 .

**§ 98-64. Light-duty towing fees.**

Light-duty towing fees pursuant to Chapter 193 shall be as follows:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Basic fee	<del>\$120</del> <u>\$132</u>
Night/weekend basic fee	<del>\$120</del> <u>\$132</u>
Storage outside	<del>\$35</del> <u>\$39</u>
Secure storage	<del>\$35</del> <u>\$39</u>
Road service day	<del>\$70</del> <u>\$77</u>
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Spill cleanup per 40 bags of absorbent	<del>\$35</del> <u>\$39</u>
After-hours pickup of vehicle	<del>\$85</del> <u>\$94</u>
Rollback, additional fee	<del>\$20</del> <u>\$22</u>
Winching fee per hour	<del>\$100</del> <u>\$110</u>
Standby fee per hour	<del>\$80</del> <u>\$88</u>
Brush cleanup	<del>\$40</del> <u>\$44</u>
Tarp/wrap	<del>\$40</del> <u>\$44</u>
Transmission disconnect	<del>\$40</del> <u>\$44</u>
Extra man	<del>\$70</del> <u>\$77</u>
Decoupling	<del>\$60</del> <u>\$66</u>
Administrative fee, more than 3 trips, per	<del>\$15</del> <u>\$17</u>

**§ 98-65. Heavy-duty Towing/heavy-duty recovery fees.**

Heavy-duty towing and recovery fees pursuant to Chapter 193 shall be as follows:

A. Basic tow fees.

- (1) 7,000 to 14,500 pounds: ~~\$225~~ \$248 .
- (2) 14,501 to 29,999 pounds: \$330 .
- (3) 30,000 to 49,999 pounds: ~~\$400~~ \$440 .
- (4) 50,000 to 80,000 pounds: ~~\$500~~ \$550 .

B. Additional services.

- (1) Disconnect drive shaft: ~~\$50~~ \$65 .
- (2) Connect airlines: ~~\$80~~ \$88 .
- (3) Caging brakes, per axle: ~~\$40~~ \$44 , plus additional fee for pins if left, ~~\$10~~ \$11 per.
- (4) Use of brake assist unit: ~~\$90~~ \$99 .

C. Winching/recovery: includes all services necessary to clean up scene and remove damaged unit, such

as secure loose parts, load and transport parts or cargo, etc.:

- (1) 70,000 to 29,999 pounds: ~~\$300~~ **\$330** per hour, charged in 1/2 hour increments.
- (2) 30,000 to 80,000 pounds: ~~\$600~~ **\$660** per hour, charged in 1/2 hour increments

2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: May 4, 2026

Advertised: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Published:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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GP Caminiti, Borough Clerk

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James Davy, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
ORDINANCE #2026-19**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING VARIOUS FEES AND AMENDING  
CHAPTER 98 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON,  
COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION**

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone					Rubenstein				
Chandler					Stern				
Kassler-Taub					Valenza				

**RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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