

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Resolution No. 131 -2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION making certain corrections to the schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

Introduced and read first time September 4, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on September 17, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on October 1, 2018.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Council Resolution No. 57-2018 (“CR 57”) was passed on May 31, 2018
2 and adopted rates for functions performed by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and
3 Permits; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, on the Electrical Permit Fee Schedule attached to CR 57, was a proposed
6 new residential electrical permit fee for “EACH GENERATOR.....\$100”; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the proposed electrical permit fee of \$100 is inconsistent with the following
9 fee that was also included in the electrical permit fee schedule:

10 “Residential elevator or generator

11 Each elevator/generator \$50”; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the County would like to correct this inconsistency and remove the \$100
14 electrical permit fee applicable to generators; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the County would also like to clarify that the fee schedules attached to CR
17 57 were effective on July 1, 2018, not July 1, 2017; and

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
20 Maryland this 1st day of October, 2018, that the electrical permit fee for residential
21 generators (\$100) is repealed and that the electrical permit fee for residential generators shall be
22 \$50 as shown in the attached revised Electrical Permit Fee Schedule.

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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, except for the \$100 electrical permit fee for
25 residential generators, the fees approved by Council Resolution No. 57-2018 were effective on
26 July 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent resolution of the
27 County Council.

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

These fees are adopted pursuant to Section 3.222 of the Howard County Code which requires the County Council to adopt, by Resolution, a schedule of fees for electrical permits.

Equipment List

All electrical permit applications must include a detailed equipment list including a count of outlets, switches, and specifying all equipment to be installed. Permits which included new service and/or feeders, 200 AMPS or less, and not associated with a building permit may not require plans. Also, additional plans are not required when they have been submitted as part of an approved building permit. All others must be accompanied by 2 sets of plans, prepared and sealed by a Maryland professional engineer, architect, or licensed electrician.

COMMERCIAL

Outlets: includes receptacles, luminaries, switches, motors 5 HP or less, vav boxes with no electric heat, 120 volt smoke detectors, emergency/exit lights, 120 volt plug in equipment, solar panels, or similar

25 or less	\$50
26 to 100	\$150
over 100	\$150 plus \$25 for each additional 100 outlets, or portion thereof, over 100

Equipment/appliances: includes HVAC, transformers, ups, motors above 5 hp, water heaters, inverters, medical equipment, elevator feeder only, hot tubs, or similar equipment

1 st piece of equipment included	\$50
2 or more additional	\$5 each

Transfer Switch \$50 each

Service: list each service separately

up to 200 amps	\$50 each
201-400 amps	\$150 each
401-800 amps	\$200 each
over 800 amps	\$200 plus \$25 for each 100 amps over 800

Panel feeders and sub panels: does not include transformer secondary panels

Up to 200 amps	\$50 each
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201-400 amps	\$75 each
401-800 amps	\$100 each
Over 800 amps	\$100 plus \$20 for each 100 amps above 800

Elevators/escalators: does not include plug in chair lifts

1 st elevator or escalator	\$200
each additional elevator or escalator	\$50

Generators:

0-50 kw	\$100 each
51-500 kw	\$300 each
over 500 kw	\$500 each

Low voltage systems: includes telephone, television, alarm systems, intercoms, magnetic doors, fiber optic, satellite, lighting, and similar low voltage systems

up to 50 devices	\$20
each additional 25 devices	\$5

Swimming pools:

Each pool	\$250
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RESIDENTIAL

Residential Flat Rate Schedule (New Construction)

1 or 2 family dwelling (0-200 amp service)	\$150
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 200-400 amp service)	\$200
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 400-600 amp service)	\$300
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 600 amp service)	\$500
Multi-family dwelling (includes service & common area wiring)	\$100 per unit

Residential Service Heavy Up (per service/feeder) \$50

Residential Alteration & Additions

If no more than 10 outlets, **no permit application fee required**

Where there are more than 50 outlets with service change or subpanel installation use the residential flat rate schedule.

Flat Fee	\$50
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Multi-family

Flat Fee	\$50/Apt Unit
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Subject: Testimony in support of Council Resolution No. 131-2018

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
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From: Robert J. Frances, P.E., Director
Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits

Date: August 24, 2018

Council Resolution No. 131-2018 proposes to amend the fee schedule for functions regulated by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits. The Department's fees were initially passed by Council Resolution No. 57-2018. A change to the fee schedule adopted by CR 57 is proposed after it was found that there were inconsistencies in fees for the same type of residential electrical equipment on two different lines of the same document.

The schedule adopted by CR 57 states on page 15 of the Fee Schedule under "Residential elevator or generator; Each elevator/generator \$50". Three items below that line there is an entry that states: "Each Generator \$100".

To amend the fee schedule, Council Resolution No. 131 removes the line on page 15 of the Fee Schedule which states "Each Generator \$100".

To date (since July 1, 2018) no permits requesting the installation of generators has been processed by the Department. There are no fiscal impacts to this change.

Also, this Resolution proposes to correct the effective date of the fees. CR 57 states that fees took effect on July 1, 2017. Fees should have been effective on July 1, 2018."

Cc: Jennifer Sager, County Administration