

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-12-092

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.16.060 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE, REVISING TABLE 1A, SECTION 404.2 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PROVISIONS OF THE 1999 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, REGARDING ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.16 of the Bellingham Municipal Code was adopted by the City as part of the Administrative Code Provisions of the 1999 Edition of the National Electrical Code by Ordinance 1999-09-056; and,

WHEREAS, Municipal Code Section 17.16.060 amends the Section 404.2 of the Administrative Code Provisions of the 1999 Edition of the National Electrical Code, NEC Table 1A and prescribes fees for electrical permits; and,

WHEREAS, electrical permit fees as set forth in BMC 17.16.060 have remained unchanged since 1989; and,

WHEREAS, the Building Services Division of the Bellingham Fire Department commissioned a cost of services study to determine actual costs incurred by the City with regard to issuing electrical permits; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of services study indicates that the current electrical permit fee schedule produces revenues that only recover approximately 50% of the total costs incurred in the review, processing, and inspections necessary for the issuance of electrical permits; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has approved the cost recovery targets established by the Fire Department for electrical permit fees,

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 17.16.060 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

17.16.060 - Administrative Code Provisions, Section 404 Amended - Electrical Permit Fees

Section 404.2 of the Administrative Code Provisions to the National Electrical Code is amended and supplemented to establish electrical permit fees as follows:

NEC TABLE 1A ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

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| 1. | For the issuance of each permit | \$25.00 |
| 2. | Temporary service pole | \$20.00 |
| 3. | Mobile home - existing service pedestal | \$25.00 |

4. Single family residence or duplex service, circuits and wiring. Includes attached garage, garage door opener, doorbell and single unit 2-station HVAC control.

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Fee Per Meter</u>	<u>Subpanels/Feeders</u>	<u>Additional Feeders</u>
Up to 100 amps	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
101 to 200 amps	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
Over 200 amps	\$100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00

5. Each separate installation (hot tub, pool, pump, etc.) and each detached accessory building, including detached garages

Inspected with SFR or Duplex	\$ 30.00
Inspected separately	\$ 60.00

6. Residential Alterations

Altered service/feeder		Additional feeder
Up to 100 amp	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
100 to 200 amp	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
Over 200 amp	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00

6. New circuits or devices - no service change

1-4 circuits	\$ 40.00
Each additional circuit	\$ 8.00
Relocation or change of devices, no new circuitry	\$ 30.00
Each additional GFI outlet	\$ 10.00

7. Residential low voltage system, up to 2 stations \$ 30.00
Each additional station or control \$ 10.00

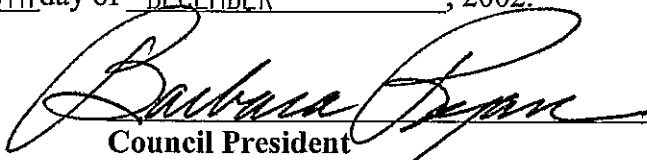
8. Commercial work. New or alteration/addition to existing: includes multi-family residential (three or more units), and accessory buildings thereto, commercial alarm, low voltage security and controls systems, and signs.

<u>Value of Work</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Up to \$1,000	\$60
\$1,001 to \$5,000	\$60 plus 3.0% of amount over \$1,000 (.03)
\$5,001 to \$10,000	\$180 plus 1.5% of amount over \$5,000 (.015)
\$10,001 to \$25,000	\$255 plus 1.0% of amount over \$10,000 (.01)
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$405 plus .75% of amount over \$25,000 (.0075)
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$593 plus .50% of amount over \$50,000 (.005)
\$100,001 to \$250,000	\$843 plus .25% of amount over \$100,000 (.0025)
\$250,001+	\$1,218 plus .15% of amount over \$250,000 (.0015)


8. Plan Review Fee. When plan review is required by 17.16.050, or when submittal documents are incomplete or changed so as to require additional plan review or when the project involves deferred submittal items, a plan review fee shall be charged at the rate of \$50 plus 35% of the permit fee.
9. Inspection and Reinspection Fees.
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| a. Inspections on a single project in excess of the maximum number required on the permit | \$ 75.00 |
| b. Owner or contractor requested inspections on existing installations | \$ 50.00 |
| c. Reinspection due to work not being ready or not access provided | \$ 50.00 |
| d. Reinspection of same work more than two times | \$ 75.00 |
| e. Reinspection due to repeated neglect, carelessness or improper correction or installation | \$ 75.00 |
| f. Installation or work covered or concealed before inspection | \$ 75.00 |
| g. Partial inspection | \$ 50.00 |
| h. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (1/2 hour minimum charge) per hour | \$ 75.00 |

Section 2: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2003.

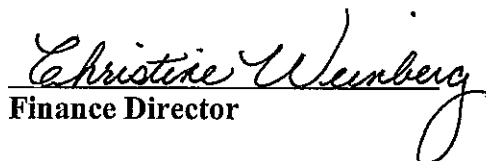
PASSED by Council this 9TH day of DECEMBER, 2002.


Council President

APPROVED by me this 30th day of December, 2002

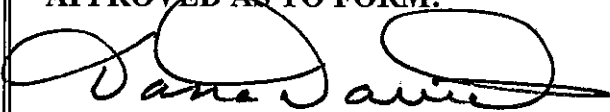

Mayor

ATTEST:


Finance Director

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Dana J. Davis

Office of the City Attorney

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