

BOROUGH OF ROCKLEDGE

ORDINANCE NO. 610

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEDGE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 518 AND THOSE SECTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEDGE WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED RATES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND FEES, PERMITS FOR ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS, DEMOLITIONS, INSTALLATIONS OF ROOFING AND SIDING, SWIMMING POOLS, FENCES, ACCESSORY BUILDING FOR RESIDENTIAL USES, PLUMBING PERMITS, PLUMBING INSTALLATION FEES, PLUMBER’S REGISTRATION, ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FEES, REGISTRATION FOR ELECTRICIANS AND BUILDERS, MECHANICAL PERMITS AND FEES, STREET OPENING PERMITS, CURB PERMITS, SIDEWALK PERMITS, SIGN PERMITS, FIRECODE FEES, ZONING FEES, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES, FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PERMITS, AND REQUESTS FOR BUILDING OR FIRE INSPECTOR SERVICES FOR FIRE INVESTIGATION OR WIND DAMAGE, AND PROVIDING FOR NEW FEES OR CHANGED FEES FOR SAME; ALLOWING SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO FEES BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL; EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION.

BE IT ORDINANED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rockledge, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of same:

SECTION 1. Those prior Ordinances of the Borough of Rockledge which relate to the above fees are hereby amended as follows, to include, inter alia, new or additional fees for same which are as follows. Henceforth, this Ordinance shall be treated as a new Part “4” to Chapter 13 of the Borough codified ordinances, and shall be entitled “Master list of permit fees.” Such master list shall be considered controlling over numbers set forth in other ordinances in the event of any inconsistency. It is ordained that, in the event that Borough Council wishes to amend any fee herein at any future time, such amendment of the amount may be accomplished from time to time by resolution of Council. However, in the event of any creation of a new permit or transaction or event for which the Borough charges a fee, such new permit fee may only be created by amending this ordinance, by ordinance.

BUILDING PERMITS AND FEES

Residential – New construction, additions, alterations & renovations

Applications fee	\$75.00 (up to \$2,000.00)
\$2,001.00 to \$20,000.00	2.0% of the construction cost
\$20,001.00 and above	1.5% of the construction cost

Minor work not more than \$250.00	\$35.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$60.00

Commercial – New construction, additions, alterations & renovations

Application fee	\$75.00 (up to \$2,000.00)
\$2,001.00 to \$100,000.00	4.0% of the construction cost
\$100,001.00 to \$200,000.00	2.0% of the construction cost
\$200,001.00 and above	1.5% of the construction cost

Certificate of Occupancy	\$60.00
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#### PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL PERMITS AND FEES

First \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof	\$60.00
Each additional \$1,000.00	\$10.00

#### ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FEES

Application fee	\$35.00
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#### ACCESSIBILITY PERMITS AND FEES

Commercial plan review and inspections	
First floor	\$150.00
Each additional floor	\$100.00

#### ADDITIONAL PERMITS AND FEES

Rental units (annual inspection)	\$75.00
Resale inspections	
Residential	\$65.00
Commercial	\$115.00
Fire Marshall	
Residential	\$75.00
Commercial	\$100.00

Registration for Plumbers, Electricians, Contractors and Builders - \$50.00 per annual license

Curb permits	
Residential	\$25.00
Commercial	\$40.00

Sidewalk and step permits	
Residential	\$35.00 per property
Commercial	\$40.00 per property

Sign permits	
Up to 10 square feet	\$20.00
Up to 40 square feet	\$60.00
Over 40 square feet	\$100.00
Temporary signs (30 day maximum)	\$15.00
Annual sign maintenance inspection	\$45.00

#### FIRE CODE PERMITS AND FEES

a) outdoor burning	no charge
b) fire suppression in cooking operations	\$25.00
c) application of flammable finish	\$50.00
d) dry cleaning plants	\$50.00 yearly
e) Dust explosion plants	\$50.00 yearly

f) crop ripening or color processes	\$50.00 yearly
g) fumigation and thermal insecticide fogging	five day limit
h) lumber yards and woodworking plants	\$50.00 yearly
i) ovens and furnaces (industrial)	\$50.00 yearly
j) places of education, assembly & day care centers	\$50.00 yearly
k) services stations and garages	\$50.00 yearly
l) tents and air supported structures	\$25.00 five day permit
m) vehicle tire rebuilding plants	\$50.00 yearly
n) vehicle wrecking yards and junk yards	\$50.00 yearly
o) welding and cutting	\$50.00 yearly
p) cellulose nitrate motion picture film	\$25.00 five day permit
q) cellulose nitrate plastics	\$50.00 yearly
r) combustible fibers	\$50.00 yearly
s) compressed gases	\$50.00 yearly
t) cryogenic liquids	\$50.00 yearly
u) explosives, ammunition and blasting agents	\$25.00 five day permit
v) fireworks	\$25.00 five day permit
w) flammable and combustible liquids	\$75.00
x) hazardous materials and chemicals	\$75.00 yearly
y) organic coatings	\$50.00 yearly
z) request for fire inspection	\$50.00
aa) periodic fire inspection	\$30.00
bb) fire sprinkler permit application	(See Attached)
cc) fire alarm permit application	(See Attached)

Zoning fees (required by Zoning Hearing Board)

- a) residential including single family and all other residential buildings:
  - \$900.00 application fee to cover the cost of application and one zoning hearing; subsequent hearings are \$250.00 each, payable in advance, except there is no additional cost when such hearing is the result of prior hearing being continued by the Zoning Hearing Board due to the lack of a quorum. In the event the applicant withdraws the application prior to a first hearing, the Borough will refund any difference between the \$900.00 paid and actual costs incurred by the Borough.
- b) non residential - \$1100.00
- c) zoning classification change on the zoning map - \$400.00
- d) sale of zoning codes - \$20.00
- e) use and occupancy for zoning approval prior to issuance of building permit - \$50.00
- f) zoning and use certification from the zoning officer - \$50.00

Subdivision & Land Development Review Fees

- a) all applications submitted for a proposed subdivision shall, at the time of submission and in addition to the application fee, pay a fee to establish an Escrow Account, from which all costs of review of the plans by the Borough Engineer will be paid. The Borough shall bill to the applicants for payment, Any costs which shall exceed the aforementioned Escrow Account's Initial balance.
- b) Schedule of minimum review fees:
  - 1) where public improvements are provided, the minimum fee shall be \$500.00
  - 2) where no public improvements are provided, the minimum filing fee shall be \$500.00

- 3) review of commercial/industrial office plans involving only one building or land parcel shall be \$500.00

Fire alarm systems for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family:  
annual and six month per fee - \$50.00

Request for building/fire inspectors' services for fire investigations or wind damage:

- a) residential - \$35.00 single family; \$50.00 per unit for more than one family unit
- b) non residential - \$75.00

Street Opening Permit

Require four (4) inches of crushed stone, four (4) inches of concrete and two (2) inches of hot blacktop sealed at the seams with hot tar. Alternative method is eight (8) inches of B.C.B.C., two (2) inches of hot blacktop, sealed at the seams with hot tar. Fee is \$60.00 per square yard for the first 3 square yards, \$30.00 per square yard for each additional square yard, and must be maintained a period of one (1) year after the completion of work.

SECTION 2. If it should be the case that a person, firm or corporation or any servant, agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor shall fail to apply for and pay the appropriate fee, as required by this Ordinance, except for emergency repairs as herein defined, then said person, firm corporation, contractor or subcontractor shall be liable to pay double the appropriate amount of the fee which is stated in this ordinance. The only exception to having to pay double the amount of the fee, is for emergency repairs performed as the result of some immediate unforeseen event, for which sufficient time does not allow obtaining a permit prior to the start of said emergency repairs, and where said emergency repairs are being performed to secure the premises, to prevent further damage or to protect personal property, provided that the appropriate permit is obtained within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence of the event for which emergency repairs are required and the appropriate fee is paid to the appropriate Borough Official within said seventy-two (72) hour period.

SECTION 3. To the extent that the Ordinances previously enacted do not deal with the Setting of fees, as amended herein, said Ordinances or parts thereof, which are not in conflict And do not refer to specific fee setting, remain in full force and effect and are not affected by this Ordinance.

ORDINANDED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rockledge this 12th day of January, 2009. Effective upon adoption.

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James Caffrey, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grace Metzinger, Borough Secretary