



CITY OF APPLETON

Community Development Department

Inspection Division

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CITY OF APPLETON BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE

(Updated January 1, 2026)

One and Two-family dwellings.....	\$ 20.00 per 100 square feet ⁱ (Min. fee is \$75.00)
One and Two-family acc. buildings...	\$ 10.00 per 100 square feet (Min. fee is \$75.00)
Multi-family dwellings.....	\$ 15.00 per 100 square feet ⁱ (Min. fee is \$75.00)
Offices and mercantile buildings.....	\$ 10.00 per 1000 cubic feet of volume ⁱⁱ (Min. fee is \$75.00)
Factories and warehouses.....	\$ 10.00 per 1000 cubic feet of volume ⁱⁱⁱ (Min. fee is \$75.00)
Alterations.....	\$ 10.00 per \$1,000 of estimated cost ^{iv} (Min. fee is \$75.00) (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of estimated cost after \$1,000,000)
Residential Erosion Control Permit.....	\$75.00
Demolition	
Garages.....	\$75.00
Residential structures.....	\$75.00
Commercial/Industrial structures.....	\$100.00
Moving Buildings	
Garages and accessory structures.....	\$75.00
Factory-built housing.....	\$75.00
Other buildings and structures.....	\$100.00
Swimming Pools.....	\$75.00
Fences.....	\$75.00
Paving.....	\$75.00
State Sticker Fee	
One and Two-Family Residential	\$40.00
Plan Exam Fee	
One and Two-Family Residential.....	\$10.00 per 100 sq. feet ⁱ (Min. fee is \$100.00)
Commercial Buildings.....	Table 302.31-2 on State form SBD-118(R09/12) (Min. fee is \$250)
Reinspection Fee.....	\$75.00

i. Based on floor area or fraction thereof including basements, attached garages, carports and any roofed-over deck or porch, not including entrance stoops less than 25 square feet in area. Dimensions shall be measured from exterior surface of outside walls or outside supporting columns.

ii. Based on dimensions measured from the exterior surface of the outside walls, and from the surface of the lowest or basement floor to the surface of the roof of a flat-roofed building or the ceiling line of a pitched-roofed building, except where the structure has a vaulted or cathedral ceiling, the volume shall be calculated to include that space below the roof surface.

iii. Based on dimensions measured from the exterior surface of the outside walls and from the surface of the lowest or basement floor to the surface of a flat roof or to the eave line of a pitched roof.

iv. Based on alterations to all existing buildings and structures, including installation of major equipment; residing of residential structures also included.

Note: The fee for failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work is triple the normal permit fee as prescribed above; penalties may be imposed for violation of this Article per Section 4-161 of the Municipal Code.



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CITY OF APPLETON ELECTRICAL PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE (effective 1/1/2026)

One and Two-Family Dwellings..... \$4.25 per 100 square feet² (\$75.00 min. fee)

Multi-family Dwellings..... \$5.00 per 100 square feet² (\$75.00 min. fee)

Commercial & Industrial Buildings³

For work costing up to \$500, the fee shall be \$75.00.

For work costing \$501 to \$1,000, the fee shall be \$85.00.

For work costing from \$1,001 to \$10,000, the fee shall be \$85.00 plus \$3.25 per \$100 or fraction thereof over \$1,000.

For work costing from \$10,001 to \$50,000, the fee shall be \$375.00 plus \$1.80 per \$100 or fraction thereof over \$10,000.

For work costing from \$50,001 to \$100,000, the fee shall be \$1,110 plus \$1.10 per \$100 or fraction thereof over \$50,000.

For work costing over \$100,000, the fee shall be \$1,670 plus 50¢ per \$100 or fraction thereof over \$100,000.

Change of Service

One- and Two-Family..... Up to 200-amp, the fee shall be \$75.00.

Over 200-amp, the fee shall be \$75.00.

Multi-family, Commercial, Industrial..... Based on Commercial Fee Structure.³

Reinspection Fee \$75.00

1. Permit must be obtained prior to commencing work.
2. Floor areas from building permits shall be used to calculate this fee.
3. This category includes new construction, additions or alterations to existing buildings. The rate is based on the cost of materials and labor.

Note: The fee for failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work is triple the normal permit fee as prescribed above; penalties may be imposed for violation of this Article per Section 4-418 of the Municipal Code.



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CITY OF APPLETON HEATING, VENTILATING AND A/C PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE (effective 1/1/2026)

New one & two family homes (furnace & air conditioners) Existing one & two family additions:

0 to 2,500 square feet.....	\$125.00
2,501 to 4,000 square feet.....	\$140.00

Plus \$15.00 for each 1,000 square foot increment beyond 4,000 square feet or fraction thereof.

Square footage includes house & basement – not garage.

Fee remains the same whether the a/c is installed or not. If a/c is installed after original permit is issued, it will be an additional \$40 fee (see below).

Residential Alterations (Replacement & Conversions).....	\$2.10 per \$100
of estimated cost or fraction thereof.	
Minimum Fee.....	\$75.00
Heated Garages.....	\$75.00
Residential Air Conditioning.....	\$75.00
Stoves/Fireplaces.....	\$75.00
Commercial/Industrial (Based on cost of installation) ⁱ	
\$0 to \$1,500.....	\$90.00
\$1,500 to \$2,000.....	\$100.00
\$2,001 to \$2,500.....	\$115.00
\$2,501 to \$3,000.....	\$120.00
\$3,001 to \$3,500.....	\$130.00
\$3,501 to \$4,000.....	\$135.00
\$4,001 to \$4,500.....	\$140.00
\$4,501 to \$5,000.....	\$145.00
Over \$5,000.....	\$145.00 plus \$4.25 per \$1,000
in excess of \$5,000 (maximum fee is \$1,400)	
Reinspection Fee	\$75.00

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CITY OF APPLETON MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE (effective 1/1/2026)

Sign Permit	\$100.00 per sign
Board of Appeals	\$350.00
Board of Building Inspection	\$200.00



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CITY OF APPLETON PLUMBING/SEWER PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE (effective 1/1/2026)

New Construction – One and Two Family Dwellings:

Plumbing Permit	\$210.00
Sewer Permit - Water Service	\$75.00
Sewer Permit - Sanitary/Stormwater from Main to Property Line	\$75.00
Sewer Permit - Sanitary/Stormwater from Property Line to Building	\$75.00

New Construction – Multi Family, Commercial or Industrial:

Plumbing Permit Fee per Fixture or Appliance Connection	\$10.00 ea.
Sewer Permit - Water Service	\$75.00
Sewer Permit - Sanitary/Stormwater from Main to Property Line	\$75.00
Sewer Permit - Sanitary/Stormwater from Property Line to Building/Terminus	\$75.00

Remodeling – One, Two and Multi Family, Commercial or Industrial

Plumbing Permit Fee per Fixture or Appliance Connection	\$10.00 ea.
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Repair Work on Existing Installations:

In Public Right-of-Way	\$75.00
On Private Property	\$75.00

Septic Tank and Private Disposal System	\$75.00
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Water Well	\$75.00
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Minimum Fee	\$75.00
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Fee per Fixture or Appliance Connection	\$10.00 ea.
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(includes catch basins, manholes, roof drains, and curb inlets)

(Connection to water supply or sewer, including trapped and untrapped openings, in both sanitary and storm sewers.)

Reinspection Fee	\$75.00
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Plumbing Plan ReviewSee State of Wisconsin Dept. Safety and Professional Services website

Plumbing Plan Review by
City of Appleton required for
11 or more fixtures

**DSPS 32.64 Plan Examination Fees for Plumbing Systems
Fee changes effective January, 2017**

Note: The fee for failure to obtain a permit before commencing work is triple the normal permit fee as prescribed above, per Section 4-161(b) of the Municipal Code.



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CITY OF APPLETON EROSION CONTROL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE (effective 1/1/2026)

Residential Erosion Control Fee.....	\$ 75.00
Less than 1 acre	\$ 100.00
1-10 acres	\$ 150.00
More than 10 acres	\$ 200.00
Utilities	\$ 10.00

STORMWATER PERMIT FEE

A non-refundable one hundred dollar (\$100.00) check payable to the “City of Appleton” is due with the permit application. The fee is applied to actual review costs incurred by the city. Actual costs are approximately billed quarterly after projects are approved or when projects have not been resubmitted for ninety (90) days, per Ordinance Section 20-321(b) (4).

MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Chapter 20 Utilities

ARTICLE V. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES

DIVISION 3. PERMITTING AND FEES

Sec. 20-321. Permitting requirements, procedures, and fees.

(a) **Permit required.** No responsible party may undertake a land disturbing construction activity except One- and Two-family residential lots, without receiving a post-construction runoff permit from the City of Appleton prior to commencing the proposed activity.

(b) **Permit application and fee.** Unless specifically excluded by this ordinance, any responsible party desiring a permit (permit holder) shall submit to the City of Appleton a permit application made on a form provided by the City of Appleton for that purpose.

- (1) Unless otherwise excepted by this ordinance, a permit application must be accompanied by a stormwater management plan, grading plan, utility plan, landscape plan, non-refundable permit review fee and an operation and maintenance plan and agreement as set forth in Table 3. The initial submittal and the final approved plan shall be stamped by an engineer licensed in the State of Wisconsin in a hard copy format.

Table 3

Land Development Activity	Permit	Stormwater Mgmnt Plan	Grading & Drainage Plan	Main- tenance Agrm
Agricultural Use	--	--	--	--
Non-Residential	X	X	X	X
1 & 2 Family Residential on 1 acre or greater lots	X	X	X	--
Multi-Family Residential	X	X	X	X
Subdivision Development	X	X	X	X

- (2) The stormwater management plan shall be prepared to meet the requirements of Sec. 20- 313 of this ordinance and the maintenance agreement shall be prepared to meet the requirements of Sec. 20-314 of this ordinance.
- (3) Plan revisions occurring after initial plan approval shall be submitted for review with an application, applicable changes to drawings, calculations, and the Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Fees shall be per
- (4) below.
- (4) Fees for the above-noted permits will include a non-refundable one hundred dollar (\$100) application fee and will be the actual costs incurred by the City. The application fee shall be credited toward the actual costs incurred by the City. Fees shall be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from the City. An invoice will be sent any time an applicant fails to resubmit a plan revision for ninety (90) days or more.

(Ord 66-10, §1, 4-13-10; Ord 157-11, §1, 1-1-12; Ord 42-16, §1, 5-1-16)