

Fees for some types of building permits for based on the valuation of the proposed construction. The Community Development Services Department figures building valuation based on the occupancy and construction type of the project, and obtains nationwide averages for building valuation from the International Code Council (ICC). The ICC updates these average every six months, usually in February and August. Current and past building valuation data can be found at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/codes-tech-support/codes/code-development-process/building-valuation-data/>.

As an example, a permit application may contemplate constructing an 1,800 square foot single family home that is wood frame construction. In the valuation table, single family homes are classified as “R3” and wood frame construction is classified as “VB”.

Group (2012 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
R-2 Residential, multiple family	154.38	147.73	142.82	134.58	123.25	119.18	134.58	107.72	103.42
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family	143.93	139.97	136.51	132.83	127.95	124.61	130.57	119.73	112.65
U Utility, miscellaneous	77.82	73.48	69.04	65.52	59.23	55.31	62.58	46.83	44.63

The average square footage cost of single family homes using wood frame construction would be \$112.65 per square foot. This amount is then multiplied by the proposed square footage to derive \$202,770 in building permit valuation.

To determine the permit fee, the sliding scale of permit fees is utilized:

Total Valuation	Fee
\$3,000 or Less	\$25.00
\$3,001 - \$15,000	\$25.00 for the first \$3,000 plus \$5 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof rounded up to the nearest thousand.
\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$85.00 for the first \$15,000 plus \$5 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof. rounded up to the nearest thousand.
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$260.00 for the first \$50,000 plus \$4 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof. rounded up to the nearest thousand.
\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$460.00 for the first \$100,000 plus \$3 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof. rounded up to the nearest thousand.
\$500,001 and up	\$1660.00 for the first \$500,000 plus \$2 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof. rounded up to the nearest thousand.

Since the project has \$202,000 in valuation, there would be a \$460 cost for the first \$100,000 in valuation. There is an additional \$102,770 in valuation leftover that would be charged \$3 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, or \$103,000. So, the remainder would be charged an additional \$309 in permit costs. The total for the building permit would be \$769.00.

Building permit fees will vary significantly depending on what is proposed with each project. If you have questions about permit fees, please contact the Community Development Services Department, 479-268-4980.