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Land Use Department
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Boulder County Building Permit Fees

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Building Permits can be applied for
and issued until 4 p.m.

Boulder County Building Permit Fees

Boulder County Building Permit Fees effective February 9, 2017.

Total Cost of the Building Permit

Add the following numbered fees 1-5 for the total cost of the building permit (plus any applicable Defensible Space, Grading Permit, or Other Fees).

1. Building Permit Fee
2. Plan Check Fee
3. Use Taxes
4. Zoning and Public Health Permit Review Fees
5. Technology Fee

1. Building Permit Fees Valuation Table 1-A

Total Valuation* of Project	Building Permit Fee
\$1.00 to \$800.00	\$38.95.
More than \$800.00, but not more than \$2,000.00	\$38.95 for the first \$800.00, plus \$4.19 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, up to and including \$2,000.00.
More than \$2,000.00, but not more than \$25,000.00	\$89.24 for the first \$2,000.00, plus \$15.35 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, up to and including \$25,000.00.
More than \$25,000.00, but not more than \$50,000.00	\$442.20 for the first \$25,000.00, plus \$11.61 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, up to and including \$50,000.00.
More than \$50,000.00, but not more than \$100,000.00	\$732.35 for the first \$50,000.00, plus \$10.25 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, up to and including \$100,000.00.
More than \$100,000.00, but not more than \$200,000.00	\$1,245.08 for the first \$100,000.00, plus \$13.34 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, up to and including \$200,000.00.
More than \$200,000.00, but not more than \$500,000.00	\$2,579.71 for the first \$200,000.00, plus \$9.29 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, up to and including \$500,000.00.
More than \$500,000.00, but not more than \$1,000,000.00	\$5,365.24 for the first \$500,000.00, plus \$7.99 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, up to and including \$1,000,000.00.
More than \$1,000,000.00	\$9,362.89 for the first \$1,000,000.00, plus \$5.16 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof.

* Valuation shall be determined in accordance with Section 109.3 of the Boulder County Building Code. Where the valuation that is calculated based upon standard building valuation data and the actual total contract construction cost differ, the higher of the two valuation figures shall be used to determine the building permit fee. The County may require information to verify valuation estimates and collect any additional money owed.

Residential Building Valuation Data

Type of Structure	Cost Per Sq. Ft.
Dwellings: Type VB Wood Frame	\$180.00
Basement: Unfinished	\$34.48
Basement: Finished	\$45.19
Private Garages: Wood Frame	\$47.33
Misc. Structures: Carports, Pole Barns, Decks, Loafing Sheds, Covers	\$32.34

2. Plan Check Fee

The plan review fee is determined by multiplying the building permit fee by 65%.

3. Use Taxes

1994 Open Space Use Tax	½ of the valuation X .0035
Boulder County Transportation Sales and Use Tax	½ of the valuation X .0010
Non Profit Human Services Tax	½ of the valuation X .0005
Jail Improvement & Operation Tax	½ of the valuation X .0005
2005 Open Space Tax	½ of the valuation X .0010
2011 Open Space Tax	½ of the valuation X .0015
Flood Recovery Tax	½ of the valuation X .00185

4. Zoning and Public Health Permit Review Fees (does not apply to EZBP permits)

Residential	No Land Use Code Process required	Land Use Code process required (SPR, SPRW, LU, SU, etc.)
Total project valuation <= \$25,000	\$25.00	\$31.25
Valuation >\$25,000-<=\$100,000	\$80.00	\$100.00
Valuation >\$100,00-<=\$500,000	\$225.00	\$292.50
Valuation >\$500,000	\$600.00	\$780.00
Commercial, Institutional		
Change in Use (no structural alteration)	\$100.00 or based on valuation of project, whichever is greater.	\$125.00
Total project valuation <= \$25,000	\$40.00	\$50.00
Valuation >\$25,000-<=\$100,000	\$130.00	\$162.50
Valuation >\$100,00-<=\$500,000	\$275.00	\$357.50
Valuation >\$500,000	\$750.00	\$975.00
Grading Permit		
50-500 cubic yards	N/A	\$50.00
>500 cubic yards	N/A	\$105.00

5. Technology Fee

EZBP	\$8.00
Permit valuation less than \$25,000	\$10.00
Permit valuation equal to or greater than \$25,000	\$50.00

Application Deposit Fees

The application deposit is based on the stated valuation shown on the building permit application in accordance with the following schedule:

Project Valuation	Deposit
\$0.00 — \$25,000.00	\$25.00
\$25,001.00 — \$50,000.00	\$100.00
\$50,001.00 — \$200,000.00	\$200.00
\$200,001.00 and up	\$500.00

Defensible Space Fees

The Defensible Space Fee is applicable to Building Permits issued in mountainous portions of Boulder County, for new and additions to residence, commercial, building, institutional, and utility building.

Wildfire Partners	\$100.00
Regulatory Wildfire Mitigation	\$350.00
Regulatory Wildfire Mitigation - Deck Only	\$250.00

Other Fees

Calculated fees are to be rounded to the nearest whole dollar figure, with amounts of \$0.50 or less rounded down and amounts of \$0.51 or more to be rounded up.

Manufactured Home Setup Permit Fee	\$131.00
Manufactured homes installed upon permanent foundations — use the Building Permit Fees Valuation Table 1-A with valuation of foundation and other associated work performed on the site.	See Valuation Table (Page 1)
Inspections outside of normal business hours	\$77.00 per hour‡
Appeals to the Board of Review	\$298.00
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$160.00
Oil and gas Development Plan Review Construction Permit	\$857.00
Additional plan review required due to plan changes, additions or revisions	\$77.00 per hour‡
For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both	Actual costs⌘
Grading Fees	See Grading Permit Fee Table (Page 4)
Renewable Energy Permit	\$400.00 plus tax (based on materials only at \$3.50 per watt)
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
Credit/Debit Card Convenience Fee	2.5% applied to all credit card or debit card charges

‡ Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is the greatest. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

⌘ Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.

Note: Building materials purchased in Boulder County are tax-exempt for County Taxes when you present your building permit to the materials vendor at time of purchase.

Zoning Enforcement Fees

For projects constructed without permits, land use application fees and building permit fees may be doubled as a means to recover the cost incurred to retroactively process and permit the violation.

Grading Permit Fees

For grading less than 50 cubic yards, no permit required.

Total Earthwork in Cubic Yards	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	Total Fee
Agricultural Pond (minimum building permit fee)	\$38.95	\$25.31	\$64.27
50 - 100	\$62.55	\$40.66	\$103.21
101 - 200	\$92.98	\$60.44	\$153.43
201 - 300	\$123.41	\$80.22	\$203.63
301 - 400	\$152.15	\$98.90	\$251.05
401 - 500	\$182.58	\$118.68	\$301.27
501 - 600	\$211.33	\$137.37	\$348.69
601 - 700	\$241.76	\$157.14	\$398.90
701 - 800	\$270.50	\$175.82	\$446.32
801 - 900	\$300.93	\$195.61	\$496.53
901 - 1,000	\$329.67	\$214.29	\$543.96
1,001 - 2,000	\$353.34	\$229.66	\$583.00
2,001 - 3,000	\$378.69	\$246.15	\$624.85
3,000 - 4,000	\$402.36	\$261.54	\$663.90
4,001 - 5,000	\$427.72	\$278.02	\$705.74
5,001 - 6,000	\$451.39	\$293.40	\$744.79
6,001 - 7,000	\$476.75	\$309.88	\$786.63
7,001 - 8,000	\$500.42	\$325.27	\$825.69
8,001 - 9,000	\$525.78	\$341.76	\$867.53
9,001 - 10,000	\$549.45	\$357.14	\$906.59
10,001 - 20,000	\$661.02	\$429.67	\$1,090.69
20,001 - 30,000	\$772.60	\$502.19	\$1,274.80
30,001 - 40,000	\$884.18	\$574.72	\$1,458.90
40,001 - 50,000	\$995.76	\$647.25	\$1,643.01
50,001 - 60,000	\$1,107.34	\$719.78	\$1,827.12
60,001 - 70,000	\$1,218.92	\$792.30	\$2,011.23
70,001 - 80,000	\$1,330.50	\$864.83	\$2,195.33
80,001 - 90,000	\$1,442.08	\$937.35	\$2,379.43
90,001 - 100,000	\$1,553.66	\$1,009.88	\$2,563.54

Note: Taxes are not associated with grading permits, as there are no taxable materials.

Reduced Building Permit Fee Program for Disasters

Building permits for structures undergoing major repair work or being rebuilt after receiving verified damage from a declared disaster may have the building permit fee calculated in accordance with Table 1-A reduced by 25% if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The structures are the same size or smaller than the structures that existed prior to the disaster, and;
2. The total floor area is not larger than 2,500 sq. ft. in floor area for dwellings or not larger than 530 sq. ft. in floor area for accessory buildings, and;
3. The property owner benefiting from the fee reduction must be the property owner of record at the time that the disaster occurred, and;
4. The fee reduction applies only to structures damaged or destroyed in the declared local disaster. Proof that the damage or loss is a result of the disaster, including such items as photographs, insurance claims, etc., must be submitted to the Chief Building Official for verification.

Under the local disaster declaration for the flood and rain events beginning on September 11, 2013, the reduced fees, along with the waiver of application deposit fees and rebates for third party inspections as further described below, may be applied to building permit applications completed and accepted on or before September 11, 2016.

Building permit applicants for structures being rebuilt after being severely damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster are not required to pay an application deposit at the time of building permit application.

Where structures are being rebuilt after being severely damaged or destroyed by a declared local disaster, and qualified third party inspectors satisfactorily perform required inspections that would otherwise need to be performed by county building inspectors, rebates of \$150.00 per such required inspection may be paid to the holder of the building permit.