

ORDINANCE NO. 3851

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 146, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 146-2, FEES, SUBSECTION (D), FEES.

SUMMARY

An ordinance amending the Construction Codes, Uniform Fees, establishing a more equitable and uniform process in connection with fees for the installation of Photovoltaic Systems or Structures.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Township of Franklin be and it is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 146, Construction Codes, Uniform, Section 146-2, Fees, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 146-2. Fees. [Amended 3-24-1977 by Ord. No. 844; 4-23-1981 by Ord. No. 1051; 8-13-1981 by Ord. No. 1065; 8-12-2008 by Ord. No. 3766]

D. Fees. [Amended 11-26-1991 by Ord. No. 1682; 5-28-1996 by Ord. No. 1956; 9-9-2002 by Ord. No. 3319; 8-12-2003 by Ord. No. 3392; 8-12-2008 by Ord. No. 3766]

(1) The building subcode fees shall be as follows:

(a) New construction:

[1] Up to 100,000 cubic feet, the fee shall be computed by volume multiplied by 0.0370.

(b) New construction: Over 100,000 cubic feet, the fee shall be computed by volume multiplied by 0.037 for the first 100,000 cubic feet and 0.015 for all cubic footage 100,001 and over.

(c) New construction: commercial farm buildings and structures on farms, the fee shall be computed by volume multiplied by 0.0008 to a maximum of \$1,145.

(d) Alterations, renovations and repairs:

[1] Minimum fee: \$50.

[2] All other uses, multiplied by estimated cost of construction.

[a] Minimum fee: \$50.

[b] \$23 per \$1,000 up to \$50,000.

[c] \$18 per \$1,000 for \$50,001 to \$100,000.

[d] \$15 per \$1,000 over \$100,000.

(e) Photovoltaic systems shall be charged a flat fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Use Groups R3, R4 and R5. All other Use Groups shall be charged fees based on the designated kilowatt rating of the solar photovoltaic systems as follows:

[1] One to 50 kilowatts, the fee shall be two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

[2] Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts, the fee shall be five-hundred dollars (\$500.00).

[3] Greater than 100 kilowatts shall be seven-hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

Any Structural work required to facilitate installation of the system (ie: increasing the capacity of load bearing components) will be permitted on a fee based upon the cost of work for alterations as per our current fee schedule.

- (11) Electrical subcode fees shall be as follows:
- (a) For the purpose of computing these fees, devices, outlets, fixtures and switches shall include but not be limited to burglar alarms, intercom panels, smoke detectors, thermostats, motors, photocells, level probes, temperature sensors and similar items:
 - [1] For the first 50 devices: \$50.00.
 - [2] Each additional 25 devices or fraction thereof: add \$25.00.
 - (b) For the purpose of computing these fees, the term service, service panel, subpanels, feeders, switches, switchboards, motor control centers, alarm panels, signs, disconnects:
 - [1] Up to 200 amps: \$75.00
 - [2] 201 amps up to 1,000 amps: \$150.00
 - [3] 1,000 amps and above: \$600.00
 - (c) For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors including ranges, ovens, surface units, dryers, air-conditioning units, water heaters, central heat, (oil, gas, electric) baseboard heat units, generators, transformers or other devices consuming, generating or altering electricity:
 - [1] Motors and electrical devices:
 - [a] Fractional Hp. Up to 10 hp: \$25.00.
 - [b] Eleven hp up to 50 hp: \$75.00.
 - [c] Fifty-one hp up to 100 hp: \$150.00.
 - [d] One hundred one hp up to 500 hp: \$600.00.
 - [e] Each increment of 50 hp or part thereof: add \$50.00.
 - [2] Transformers and generators:
 - [a] Fractional Hp. Up to 10 kw: \$25.00.
 - [b] Eleven kw up to 50 kw: \$75.00.
 - [c] Fifty-one kw up to 100 kw: \$150.00.
 - [d] One hundred one kw up to 500 kw: \$600.00.
 - [e] Each increment of 50 kw or part thereof, add \$50.00.
 - (d) Pools, fountains and similar installations (includes bonding, motor, two outlets and a switch):
 - [1] Aboveground: \$75.00.
 - [2] In-ground: \$150.00.
 - (e) Light standards (each): \$25.00.
 - (f) Trailers (based on fee scheduled): \$75.00.

- (g) Modular office cubicles (each unit): \$25.00.
- (h) Branch circuits (all): \$35.
- (i) Reinspection or reintroduction of service: \$35.
- (j) Minimum fee: \$50.
- (k) All other work requiring review and inspections: Fees are to be based on \$23.00 per \$1,000 of estimated cost (i.e., grounding grids, underground conduits, etc.). For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall submit to the Division cost data produced by the architect or engineer of record, or by a recognized estimating firm or by the contractor.
- (l) Residential alarms shall be charged the minimum fee: \$50.00.
- (m) Photovoltaic Systems: The Fee shall be based on the designated kilowatt rating of the solar photovoltaic system as follows:**
 - [1] One to 50 kilowatts, the fee shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).**
 - [2] Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts, the fee shall be two-hundred dollars (\$200.00).**
 - [3] Greater than 100 kilowatts shall be four-hundred dollars (\$400.00).**

SECTION II

Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey.

Introduced: September 8, 2009
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Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk