

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES

New Commercial

Type of Occupancy	Charge Per Square Foot
Churches and Other Religious	\$0.78
Apartments	\$0.86
Hotels/Motels	\$0.77
Industrial/Warehouse to 5000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.69
Industrial/Warehouse 5001-10000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.45
Industrial/Warehouse 10001-40000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.39
Industrial/Warehouse 40001-50000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.32
Industrial/Warehouse 50001 Sq. Ft. and up	\$0.26
Offices/Professional to 5000 Sq. Ft.	\$1.12
Offices/Professional 5001 – 10000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.95
Offices/Professional 10001 – 40000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.83
Offices/Professional 40001 – 50000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.68
Offices/Professional 50001 Sq. Ft. and over	\$0.48
Restaurants – All Square Footages	\$1.92
Shell Building to 4999 Sq. Ft.	\$0.63
Shell Building 5000-25000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.59
Shell Building 25001 Sq. Ft. and up	\$0.50

***There will be an additional \$.06 per square foot multiplier for the entire square footage of buildings 2 stories or more.**

***\$28.00 for \$100,000.00 of valuation for Commercial SMI**

***The Building Official shall classify commercial buildings not listed above in the category most nearly resembling the use.**

Commercial Tenant Improvements

Type of Occupancy	Charge Per Square Foot
Up to 2000 Sq. Ft.	\$1.06
2001-3000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.94
3001-5000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.72
5001-20000 Sq. Ft.	\$0.62
20001 Sq. Ft. and up	\$0.54
Restaurants – All square footages	\$1.93

***THE PLAN CHECK FEE FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE 65% OF THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE.**

***PLANNING DEPT. PERMIT REVIEW FEE OF \$75.00 (RESIDENTIAL) \$277 (COMMERCIAL) WILL BE ADDED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS REQUIRING REVIEW**

***ADD \$1.00 FOR STATE BP FEE FOR EACH PERMIT**

***ALL OSHPD III CERTIFICATIONS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$0.40 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION**

***AN ADDITIONAL \$0.15 PER SQUARE FOOT MULTIPLIER WILL BE ADDED TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL OCCUPANCIES NOT REQUIRING OSHPD CERTIFICATION**

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***UNUSUAL OR UNFORSEEN PROJECTS SHALL BE CHARGED FEES ON A PER-HOUR BASIS FOR PLAN REVIEW \$118.00 PER HOUR, CONSULTATION \$115.00 PER HOUR, AND INSPECTION AT 124.00 PER HOUR**

****The Chief Building Official shall have the authority to increase the fee in any individual case, not to exceed the actual cost to process the permit**

*****The amount of the fees shall be adjusted annually, at the beginning of each calendar year, to account for inflation by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the region closest to the City of Merced. In no event shall the fees in any year be less than in the preceding year.**

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)

Swimming Pools

Type	Fees *Includes \$1.00 SBP fee and \$75.00 Planning Department review
Residential – Pool only	\$936.00 – (\$42.00 x 1.5 intake/processing + \$124.00 x 5 inspection hours + \$118 x 1.5 plan review hours)
Residential – Pool & Spa	\$1,308 – (\$42.00 x 1.5 intake/processing + \$124.00 x 8 inspection hours + \$118 x 1.5 plan review hours)
Commercial-Pool only	\$1,916.00 – (42.00 x 1.5 intake/processing + \$124.00 x 11 inspection hours + \$118 x 3.5 plan review hours)

Reroof Permits

Type	Fees *Includes \$1.00 SBP fee
Residential	\$303 – (\$42.00 x .25 + \$291.00 Base +CPI Inspection Hours)
Commercial	1-20000 sq. ft. \$385.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 3 inspection hours)
	20001-40000 sq. ft. \$633.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 5 inspection hours)
	40001-60000 sq. ft. \$757.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 6 inspection hours)
	60001-80000 sq. ft. \$1,005.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 8 inspection hours)
	80001-100000 sq. ft. \$1,253.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 10 inspection hours)
	100001-120000 sq. ft. \$1,501.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 12 inspection hours)
	120001+ sq. ft. \$1,749.00 (\$42.00 x .25 intake /processing + \$124.00 x 14 inspection hours)

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)

Residential Additions

Square Footages

All square footages	Minimum \$124.00 x 2 hour inspection time + Minimum \$115.00 x 1 hour plan review + .91 per sq. ft. tax on construction + \$13.00 each \$100,000 of valuation for residential state tax <p align="center">OR</p> \$1.51 per sq. ft. for inspection and 65% of inspection fee for plan review + .91 per sq. ft. tax on construction + \$13.00 each \$100,000 of valuation for residential state tax
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The Plan check fee will be 65% of the building permit fee.

***PLANNING DEPT. PERMIT REVIEW FEE OF \$75.00 WILL BE ADDED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS REQUIRING REVIEW**

***ADD \$1.00 FOR STATE BP FEE FOR EACH PERMIT**

There will be an additional \$.06 per square foot multiplier for the entire square footage of buildings 2 stories or more.

Residential Remodels

Square Footages

Fees

All square footages	\$442.00 minimum – (Residential alteration, remodel and repair fee calculation worksheet shall be used)
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Fire Damage Repair Permits

Square Footages

Fees

All square footages	\$367.00 minimum – (For residential or commercial, the fire damage repair fee calculation worksheet shall be used)
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Sign Permits

Wall Sign/ Monument Sign	Wall-\$318.00 minimum – (Commercial sign fee calculation worksheet shall be used) Monument-\$566.00 minimum – (Commercial sign fee calculation worksheet shall be used)
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2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)

**New Single Family Dwellings and Duplexes Permit Fees
(One Story)**

Square Footage	Charge Per Square Foot
0-1580	\$1.51
1581-3350	\$1.43
3351-5000	\$1.28

***There will be an additional \$.06 per square foot multiplier for the entire square footage of buildings 2 stories or more.**

***The Plan check fee for custom homes will be 65% of the building permit fee.**

***\$.91 tax on construction fee per square foot**

***\$13.00 for \$100,000.00 of valuation for Residential SMI**

***\$1.00 per permit for State BP fee**

***\$75.00 Planning review fee**

***124.00 Inspection fee added for Solar installed**

****MASTER PLAN process requires Chief Building official approval**

Plan review fees for initial master plan submittals will be 97% of the building permit fee.

Plan review fee for subsequent permits per lot will be 15% of the building permit fee and will include Planning (Impact) and Engineering fees be paid

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Miscellaneous Permits	Fee*includes \$1.00 State BP fee
Gas line replacement	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Domestic water line replacement	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Temporary power	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Backflow prevention device installation (2” or smaller)	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Backflow prevention device installation (Larger than 2”)	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
HVAC change-outs (Jobs more complicated than simple replacements will be subject to additional inspection fees)	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Water heater change-outs/basic mechanical permit	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Electrical panel change-outs/replacements (200 amp and smaller)	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Electrical panel change-outs/replacements (Larger than 200 amp)	Cost recovery – use commercial or residential fee worksheet
Inspections outside of regular business hours	Actual inspection hours \$124.00 x minimum of 2 inspection hours
Re-inspection fees	Actual inspection hours at \$124.00 per inspection hour (2 Hour minimum)
Additional plan review	Actual plan review hours at \$118.00 per hour
Commercial signs	Cost recovery – use commercial sign fee calculation worksheet
Photovoltaic System up to 2 inverters/80 micro-inverters	\$375.00 (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1.5 insp. hr. + 118.00 x 1.5 plan review hour)

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES
(CONTINUED)

Photovoltaic System 3 to 5 inverters 81 to 160 micro-inverters	\$499.00 (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 2.5 insp. hr. + 118.00 x 1.5 plan review hour)
Photovoltaic System 6 or more inverters/161 + micro-inverters	\$623.00 (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 3.5 insp. hr. + 118.00 x 1.5 plan review hour)

Miscellaneous Permits (continued)

Fee*includes \$1.00 State BP fee

Sewer line replacement/repair	\$136.00 – (42.00 x .25 processing + 124.00 x 1 inspection hour)
Fences, Block walls, and retaining walls requiring permit	\$318.00 minimum (1 hour plan review at \$118.00 + 1 hour minimum inspection hour at \$124.00 per hour \$75.00 Planning Department review) Use residential or commercial alteration, remodel and repair fee calculation worksheet.
Carports, patio covers, and enclosing patio covers	Residential: \$442.00 minimum Commercial: (1 hour plan review at \$118.00 + 2 hours minimum inspection hours at \$124.00 per hour + \$75.00 Planning Review fee) Use residential alteration, remodel and repair fee calculation worksheet

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2024 ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FEES

PROJECT TYPE	FEE*includes \$1.00 State BP fee
NEW DRIVEWAY APPROACH	\$212.00 -Based on 2 Inspection hours at \$98.00 per inspection + \$15.00 Base encroachment fee
SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT	\$212.00 -Based on 2 Inspection hours at \$98.00 per inspection + \$15.00 Base encroachment fee
REPLACE WATER LINE	\$212.00 -Based on 2 Inspection hours at \$98.00 per inspection + \$15.00 Base encroachment fee
NEW SIDEWALK AND REPAIR	\$212.00 -Based on 2 Inspection hours at \$98.00 per inspection + \$15.00 Base encroachment fee

***Project beyond the scope of basic permit requirements shall be charged additional plan review and inspection fee based on 1 hour increments at \$98.00 per hour.**

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)

**Commercial Alteration, Remodel, and Repair Fee Calculation
Worksheet**

NOTE: 6 OR MORE INSPECTIONS REQUIRED CONSTITUTES A TENANT IMPROVEMENT, AND FEES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE PER SQ. Ft. RATES.

*****All figures are estimates, and may be adjusted prior to permit issuance*****

Type of Inspection Required	YES	NO	HOW MANY?
PLAN REVIEW - HOURS			
Under-Floor Plumbing Insp.			
Foundation Inspection			
Frame Inspection			
Mechanical Inspection			
Electrical inspection			
Basic Plumbing Inspection			
Drywall Inspection			
T-Bar Ceiling Installation Inspection			
Insulation Inspection			
Miscellaneous Inspections _____			
FINAL INSPECTION			
SUB-TOTALS	TOTAL PLAN REVIEW HOURS REQUIRED X \$118.00*		
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED X \$124.00*		
TOTAL	*****		

FOR ALTERATIONS, REMODELS AND REPAIRS; THESE INSPECTIONS WILL TYPICALLY BE ACCOMPLISHED ON ONE FRAME INSPECTION VISIT.

*A minimum charge of 1 hour plan review at \$118.00 + 2 hours minimum inspection hours at \$124.00 per hour + \$1.00 State BP fee + \$75.00 Planning review fee if required

2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)

**Residential Alteration, Remodel, and Repair Fee Calculation
Worksheet**

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Type of Inspection Required	YES	NO	HOW MANY?
PLAN REVIEW - HOURS			
Under-Floor Plumbing Insp.			
*Plumbing Top-Out Insp.			
Foundation Inspection			
*Frame Inspection			
*Mechanical Inspection			
*Electrical Inspection			
*Basic Plumbing Inspection			
Drywall Inspection			
Lath/Plaster Inspection			
Roof Nail Inspection			
Insulation Inspection			
Miscellaneous Inspections _____			
FINAL INSPECTION			
SUB-TOTALS	TOTAL PLAN REVIEW HOURS REQUIRED X \$118.00*		
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED X \$124.00*		
TOTAL	*****		

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2024 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (CONTINUED)
Fire Damage Repair Fee Calculation Worksheet

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Type of Inspection Required	YES	NO	HOW MANY?
PLAN REVIEW - HOURS			
Pre-Work Inspection			
Fire Place Inspection/Verification of Recertification			
* Frame Inspection			
* Mechanical Inspection			
* Electrical Inspection			
* Basic Electrical Inspection			
Drywall Inspection			
Roof Nail inspection			
Insulation Inspection			
Miscellaneous Inspections _____			
FINAL INSPECTION			
SUB-TOTALS	TOTAL PLAN REVIEW HOURS REQUIRED X \$118.00*		
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED X \$124.00*		
TOTAL	*****		

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Commercial Sign Fee Calculation Worksheet

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Type of Inspection Required	YES	NO	HOW MANY?
PLAN REVIEW - HOURS			
Foundation Inspection			
Electrical inspection			
Miscellaneous Inspections			
FINAL INSPECTION			
SUB-TOTALS	TOTAL PLAN REVIEW HOURS REQUIRED X \$118.00*		
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED X \$124.00*		
TOTAL	*****		

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