

FY 2026-27 Approved
Durham County Fire Prevention and Protection Code
Fee Schedule for Inspection, Permit Services, and Violations

Violation Description	FY 2025-26 Approved Amount	FY 2026-27 Approved Amount
Lines Highlighted in Yellow in this Table are proposed new and updated fees for FY 2026-27		
Blocked egress	\$250	\$750
Out of service Exit/Emergency Light	\$50 per unit	\$0
Failure to obtain permits required by code - 1st violation	\$1,000	\$1,000
Failure to obtain permits required by code - 2nd violation	\$3,000	\$3,000
Stop work order	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fire Prevention Permit Fees		
Activities Requiring Permits	FY 2025-26 Approved Amount	FY 2026-27 Approved Amount
Construction Permits		
Alternative Fire Extinguishing Systems	\$150	\$150
Battery Systems	\$150	\$150
Compressed Gases	\$150	\$150
Cryogenic Fluids	\$150	\$150
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System	\$200	\$200
Fire Alarm & Detection System	1 - 10,000 sq. feet = \$150 \$0.015 per sq. ft. gross floor area for each system above 10,000 sq. ft.	1 - 10,000 sq. feet = \$150 \$0.015 per sq. ft. gross floor area for each system above 10,000 sq. ft.
Fire Pumps and related equipment	\$500	\$200
Flammable & Combustible Liquids	\$175 per pipeline, tank or system.	\$175 per pipeline, tank or system.
Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads	\$150	\$150
Hazardous Materials	\$150	\$150
Industrial Ovens	\$150	\$150
Private Fire Hydrants	\$150	\$150
Smoke control or smoke exhaust system	\$200	\$200
Solar photovoltaic power systems	\$150	\$150
Spraying & Dipping Operations	\$150	\$150
Sprinkler System	1 - 10,000 sq. feet = \$150 \$0.015 per sq. ft. gross floor area for each system above 10,000 sq. ft.	1 - 10,000 sq. feet = \$150 \$0.015 per sq. ft. gross floor area for each system above 10,000 sq. ft.
Standpipe Systems	\$200	\$200
Temporary membrane structure, tents, and air supported structure	\$150	\$150
Operational Permits		
Aerosol Products	\$75	\$75
Amusement Buildings	\$150	\$150
Aviation Facilities	\$75	\$75
Carbon Dioxide Systems - beverage dispensing applications	\$50	\$50
Carnivals and Fairs	\$250	\$250
Cellulose Nitrate Film	\$150	\$150
Combustible Dust-Producing Operations	\$75	\$75
Combustible Fibers	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Corrosive	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Flammable	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Highly Toxic	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Inert & Simple Asphyxiant	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Oxidizing	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Pyrophoric	\$75	\$75
Compressed Gases - Toxic	\$75	\$75
Covered Malls, Buildings	\$150	\$150
Cryogenic Fluids	\$75	\$75
Cutting and Welding	\$75	\$75
Dry Cleaning	\$150	\$150
Exhibits and Trade Shows	\$150	\$150
Blasting, Explosives (30-day permit for blasting) <i>*change from 90-day permit</i>	\$400	\$400
Fire Hydrants and Valves	\$75	\$75
Flammable and Combustible Liquids	\$150	\$75
Floor Finishing	\$150	\$150
Fruit and Crop Ripening	\$150	\$150
Fumigation & Thermal Insecticide Fogging	\$150	\$150
Hazardous Materials	\$150	\$150
HPM Facilities	\$150	\$200
High-Piled Storage	\$75	\$200
Hot Work Operations	\$75	\$75
Industrial Ovens	\$75	\$75
Lumber Yards and Woodworking Plants	\$150	\$150
Liquid- or Gas-fueled Vehicles in Assembly Buildings	\$150	\$150
Magnesium	\$150	\$150
Miscellaneous Combustible Storage	\$150	\$150
Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles	\$150	\$150

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Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities	\$150	\$150
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Open Burning	\$150	\$150
Open Flames and Torches	\$75	\$75
Open Flames and Candles	\$75	\$75
Organic Coatings	\$75	\$75
Places of Assembly	\$75	\$75
Private Fire Hydrants	\$75	\$75
Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material	\$175/location	\$175/location
Pyroxylin Plastics	\$75	\$75
Refrigeration Equipment	\$75	\$75
Repair Garages	\$150	\$150
Rooftop Heliports	\$150	\$150
Spraying or Dipping	\$150	\$150
Storage of Scrap Tires & Tire Byproducts	\$75	\$75
Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents	\$75	\$75
Tire-Rebuilding Plants	\$150	\$150
Waste Handling, Junk Yard, Wrecking Yard	\$150	\$150
Wood Products	\$150	\$150
Inspection Fee Schedule		
All owners or tenants of buildings in Durham County, which are required to be inspected by the Durham County Fire Marshal's Division are subject to the following inspection fee schedule:		
Inspection	FY 2025-26 Approved Amount	FY 2026-27 Approved Amount
Fire Inspection Fees		
Up to 999 sf	\$30	\$30
1,000 to 2,499 sf	\$45	\$45
2,500 to 10,000 sf	\$100	\$100
10,001 to 25,000 sf	\$140	\$140
25,001 to 50,000 sf	\$180	\$180
50,001 to 75,000 sf	\$225	\$225
75,001 to 100,000 sf	\$300	\$300
100,001 to 200,000 sf	\$425	\$425
200,001 to 300,000 sf	\$475	\$475
300,001 to 400,000 sf	\$525	\$525
400,001 to 500,000 sf	\$600	\$600
500,001 to 600,000 sf	\$675	\$675
600,001 to 700,000 sf	\$750	\$750
700,001 to 800,000 sf	\$825	\$825
800,001 to 900,000 sf	\$900	\$900
900,001 to 1,000,000 sf	\$975	\$975
1,000,000 and greater	\$1,200	\$1,200
Fire Re-Inspection Fees		
First re-inspection	\$50	\$50
Second re-inspection	\$100	\$150
Third re-inspection	\$200	\$300
Life Safety Plan Review		
Life Safety Review - New Construction: Building less than 5,000 sq.ft.	\$100	\$100
Life Safety Review - New Construction: Building 5,000-10,000 sq.ft.	\$150	\$150
Life Safety Review - New Construction: Building over 10,000 sq. ft. (plus \$25/5,000 sq. ft. over 10,000 sq ft.)	\$175	\$175
Site Plan Review	\$150	\$150
Before and After Hours Inspections	\$300/hr	\$300/hr plus sf fee
Expedited Review	\$300/hr	\$300/hr