HOWARD COUNTY
Electrical Permit Fee Schedule
Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043
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Howard County Council Resolution #64-2022 Effective July 1, 2022

Electrical permit fees are adopted pursuant to Section 3.222 of the Howard County Code which requires the County Council to adopt, by Resolution, a schedule of fees for electrical permits, permit applications and inspections.

Electrical license fees are adopted pursuant to Section 3.210 of the Howard County Code which requires the County Council to adopt, by Resolution, a schedule of license fees for electricians.

No Permit Fees Required
A permit is required but there shall be no permit fees for work on buildings and structures owned and operated by the following groups or organizations: Howard County, Maryland; the Howard County Board of Education; the Howard Community College; the Howard County Fair Association; and an incorporated volunteer fire department.

TECHNOLOGY FEE
A 10% technology fee will be collected on all permits and electrician license fees (does not apply to application fee or to base fee for amendments)

PERMIT APPLICATION FEE (Non-Refundable) ........................................... $50

AMENDMENT FEE .... $50 per permit plus the fee difference based upon the new permit total. (Technology fee only applies to the permit fee difference not to the base $50 amendment fee)

COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LIST
All electrical permit applications must include a detailed equipment list including a count of outlets, switches, and specifying all equipment to be installed. Permits which include new service, feeders, and/or equipment 200 AMPS or less, and not associated with a building permit, may not require plans. Also, additional electrical plans are not required when they have been submitted as part of an approved building permit. All others must be accompanied by 2 sets of plans, prepared and sealed by a Maryland professional engineer, or licensed Master Electrician in accordance with the Howard County Building Code.

Outlets
Includes receptacles, luminaires, switches, motors 5 HP or less, vav boxes with no electric heat, 120-volt smoke detectors, emergency/exit lights, sign (circuit only), solar panels, 120 volt plug in equipment, or similar equipment

- 25 or less .................................................................................................................. $50
- 26 to 100 ................................................................................................................. $100
- Over 100 ................................................................................................................. $150

Or portion thereof, over 100

Equipment/Appliances
Includes HVAC, transformers, UPS, motors above 5 HP, water heaters, inverters, medical equipment, elevator feeder only, or similar equipment

- 1st piece of equipment .......................................................................................... $50
- 2 or more equipment pieces ................................................................................. $5 each additional piece of equipment

Transfer Switch ........................................................................................................ $50 each

Service-List each service separately
- Up to 200 amps .................................................................................................... $50 each
- 201-400 amps ...................................................................................................... $150 each
- 401-800 amps ..................................................................................................... $200 each
- Over 800 amps .................................................................................................... $200 plus $25 for each 100 amps over 800

Panel Feeders and sub-panels-does not include transformer secondary panels
- Up to 200 amps .................................................................................................... $50 each
- 201-400 amps ...................................................................................................... $75 each
- 401-800 ................................................................................................................ $100 each
- Over 800 amps .................................................................................................... $100 plus $20 for each 100 amps above 800
**Elevators/Escalators**—does not include plug in chair lifts

1st elevator/escalator .......................................................... $200
Each additional elevator/escalator ........................................ $50

**Generators**

0-50 KW ........................................................................... $100 each
51-500KW ........................................................................ $300 each
Over 500KW ....................................................................... $500 each

**Swimming Pools**

Each Pool .............................................................................. $250

**Low Voltage Systems**

Includes telephone, television, alarm systems, intercoms, magnetic doors, fiber optic, satellite, lighting, and similar low voltage systems

Up to 50 devices ...................................................................... $20
Each additional 25 devices .................................................... $5

**RESIDENTIAL EQUIPMENT LIST**

All electrical permit applications must be accompanied by a detailed equipment list including a count of outlets, switches, and specifying all equipment to be installed.

**Residential Flat Rate Schedule (New Construction)**

1 or 2 family dwelling (0-200-amp service)............................ $150
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 200-400-amp service) ............ $200
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 400-600-amp service) ........... $300
1 or 2 family dwelling (over 600-amp service) .................. $500
Multi-family dwelling
(includes service & common area wiring) ............................ $100 per unit

**Residential Service Heavy Up (per service/feeder)** ............ $50

**Residential Alteration & Additions**

Flat fee ................................................................................ $50
Multi-Family Flat Fee .......................................................... $50/Apt unit

If no more than 10 outlets, **no permit application fee required**

Where there are more than 50 outlets with service change or subpanel installation use the residential flat rate schedule.

**Telephones, Alarm Systems, Central Vacuums, Intercoms & Similar Low Voltage Systems**

No charge for telephone wiring when it is completed and ready for inspection at the same time as contractor’s wiring

Flat fee ................................................................................ $20

**BGE Green Express Permit**

Flat fee—no application fee .................................................. $35

**Generator**

Each Generator ...................................................................... $100

**Residential Elevator**

Each elevator ......................................................................... $50

**Residential Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs**

Flat fee Swimming Pool ....................................................... $100
Flat Fee Hot Tub ................................................................... $50

**Special Permits and Fee**

**Illuminated Signs**

First sign ............................................................................... $20
Each additional sign ............................................................. $5

**Demolition**

Permit required for demolition ............................................... $50

**Pole or Temporary Construction Services**

Flat fee ................................................................................ $50

**Mobile Homes & Construction Trailers**

Flat Fee ................................................................................ $50

**Carnival & Fairs**

Per inspection installation on grounds ................................... $50

**Annual Master Electrical Permit**

Permit fee ............................................................................ $50
Inspections (billed quarterly) .............................................. $75 1st hour/$50 each additional hour
Reinspection Fee
2 failures of the same inspection......................................................... $50
3 failures of the same inspection........................................................ $75
4 or more failures of the same inspection ......................................... $125

Inspection Outside Business Hours
1st hour ................................................................................................. $75
Each additional hour or fraction thereof ............................................. $50

Extension of a Permit Application or a Permit
Requests to extend an electrical permit application or permit shall contain
written justification for the extension.
Fee to extend a permit application or permit.... $25 per each 90-day extension
(Sum of all extensions shall not exceed 1 year)

Permit Fee For Work Commenced Without a Permit....................... $100

Electrician Licenses or Registrations
Type of Licenses (Active or Inactive)-License valid for 2 years
   Master Electrician General*......................................................... $100
   Master Electrician Restricted*................................................... $100
   Master Electrician Limited*......................................................... $100
Late Fee/License or Registration Restoration Fee............ $50 plus the license fee
Local Jurisdiction Reciprocity Administration Fee.............................. $50
Examination Fee ........................................................................ $25

*Note: A Master Electrician General, Master Electrician Restricted and Master
Electrician Limited license or registration is valid for 2 years. An individual
who applies for a license or registration between December 1 and November
30 of the 2nd year of the licensing term shall pay ½ of the established fee.

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