

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.....	\$150
Over 100.....	\$150 plus \$25 for each 100 outlets 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

Includes 1 st 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

1 st 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
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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
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BGE Green Express Permit

Flat fee-no application fee	\$35
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Generator

Each Generator	\$100
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Residential Elevator

Each elevator.....	\$50
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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
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Pole or Temporary Construction Services

Flat fee	\$50
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Mobile Homes & Construction Trailers

Flat Fee	\$50
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Carnival & Fairs

Per inspection installation on grounds.....	\$50
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Annual Master Electrical Permit

Permit fee	\$50
Inspections (billed quarterly).....	\$75 1 st 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

1 st 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.