Fire Protection fees are adopted pursuant to Section 3.101 of the Howard County Code, which authorizes the County Council to adopt a schedule of fees for permits issued by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

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 fire protection permits.

Filing Fee (nonrefundable)........................................................................................................................................ $25

Automatic Sprinkler Systems
The fee for the sprinkler permit is based on the number of sprinkler heads in the building.
Permit fee for:
1 - 20 ................................................................................................................................................................. $75
21 - 100 ................................................................................................................................................................. $100
101 - 200 .............................................................................................................................................................. $200
201 - 300 .............................................................................................................................................................. $300
over 300 .............................................................................................................................................................. $1 per sprinkler head

1 & 2 family dwellings (including townhouses) ................................................................. $75 per dwelling

Sprinkler Main Piping and miscellaneous automatic sprinkler permit fee: for other sprinkler system equipment; valve replacement, PRV’s, water tanks, etc.,
(Not part of potable water supply) ............................................................................................... $100 per system

Standpipe Systems
Standpipe system-each riser ........................................................................................................................ $50

Other Fire Suppression Systems
Includes all engineered and pre-engineered systems utilizing carbon dioxide, halon, wet and dry chemical, and foam per system ................................................................. $75/per system

Fire Alarm and Detection Systems
Each fire alarm or detection system ........................................................................................................ $75 per system
Non-flammable Medical Gas Systems (per system) .................................................................................. $100 per system
FIRE PROTECTION PERMIT REVISION
Applicable To:
1. All revisions after the first revision of a permit application; or
2. Any revision after a permit has been approved for issuance $50/Revision

ANNUAL MASTER FIRE PROTECTION PERMIT
Permit Fee $50
Inspections $75 for 1st hour $50 per additional hour

INSPECTION OUTSIDE BUSINESS HOURS
Overtime fee for inspection outside business hours
1st hour $75
Each additional hour or fraction thereof $50

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

EXTENSION OF A PERMIT OR A PERMIT APPLICATION
Requests to extend a fire protection 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
(Fee is per each 90-day extension; the sum of all extensions shall not exceed 1 year)

TRANSFER OF A PERMIT APPLICATION OR PERMIT
Requests to transfer a fire protection permit application or permit for change of ownership or shall contain written justification for the transfer.
Fee to transfer a permit application or permit $50