

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 09-0310**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)  
Introduced and read first time: March 23, 2009  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 4, 2009

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Building, Fire, and Related Codes – Service Charges and Permit Fees**

FOR the purpose of modifying certain service charges and permit fees, their amounts, the bases on which they are computed, and the dates on which they are due; and generally relating to the imposition of charges and fees under the Building, Fire, and Related Codes.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

Section(s) 2-103 (BC § 108.5.8, 108.5.10, and 108.6.1a, b, c, and l)

Baltimore City Revised Code

(Edition 2000)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Revised Code**

**Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

**Part II. International Building Code**

**§ 2-103. City modifications.**

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

**Chapter 1**  
**Administration**

**Section 108 Fees**

**108.5 Service charges.**

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1       **108.5.8 Application fee.** Before an application for any permit or certificate is processed,  
2 the applicant must pay a nonrefundable application fee [of \$25] AS FOLLOWS:

- 3           1. 1- AND 2-FAMILY DWELLINGS                                 \$25
- 4           2. ALL OTHERS   \$50.

5       **108.5.10 Penalty surcharge.** A surcharge [is] MAY BE assessed on any permit that is issued  
6 for work begun or completed:

- 7           1. without a permit,
- 8           2. beyond the scope of a permit or in a manner inconsistent with plans or drawings  
9             approved as part of a permit application, or
- 10          3. during the suspension or after the revocation of a permit for that work.

11       **108.6 Fee schedules.**

12           **108.6.1 Permit fees for construction work.**

13           **a. New buildings and additions. [(Fee must be paid in full with application)]**

14           **1. 1- and 2-family dwellings**

15                                 [\$10 for each 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) or fraction of 1,000 cubic feet (28.31  
16                                 cu. m.) of gross volume] ~~\$.20 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT~~  
17                                 ~~OF GROSS FLOOR AREA~~, including all basements and cellars.

18                                 Minimums –

19                                 New building	[\$100] \$150
20                                 Additions	\$75

21           **2. All others**

22                                 [\$20 for each 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) or fraction of 1,000 cubic feet (28.31  
23                                 cu. m.) of gross volume] ~~\$.35 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT~~  
24                                 ~~OF GROSS FLOOR AREA~~, including all basements and cellars.

25                                 Minimums –

26                                 New building	[\$200] \$250
27                                 Additions	[\$100] \$150

28           **b. Structures accessory to a principal occupancy.**

29                                 Each structure of 100 square feet (9.29 sq. m.) or less OF GROSS FLOOR AREA	\$25
30                                 Each structure over 100 square feet (9.29 sq. m.) OF GROSS FLOOR AREA	\$50

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**c. Alterations and repairs. [(Fee must be paid in full with application)]**

**1. 1- and 2-family dwellings**

[\$10 for each \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 estimated cost] \$0.30 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF AFFECTED GROSS FLOOR AREA

Minimum \$50

EXCEPTION: FOR ALTERATIONS LIMITED TO THE EXTERIOR, THE FEE IS \$10 FOR EACH \$1,000 OR FRACTION OF \$1,000 ESTIMATED COST

MINIMUM \$50

**2. All others**

[\$12 for each \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 estimated cost] \$0.35 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF AFFECTED GROSS FLOOR AREA

Minimum \$150

EXCEPTION: FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF WORK, THE FEE IS \$12 FOR EACH \$1,000 OR FRACTION OF \$1,000 ESTIMATED COST:

ALTERATIONS LIMITED TO THE EXTERIOR.

ALTERATIONS LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW-TENANT DEMISING WALL.

ALTERATIONS LIMITED TO CREATION OF NEW-TENANT SHELL SPACE.

MINIMUM \$50

**l. Temporary structures.**

For each temporary structure, the fee is \$20 a year for each [5,000 cubic feet (141.58 cu. m.) or fraction of 5,000 cubic feet (141.58 cu. m.) of volume] 500 SQUARE FEET OR FRACTION OF 500 SQUARE FEET OF GROSS FLOOR AREA.

Minimum \$35  
Maximum \$800

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City