

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0310
(First Reader)**

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

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

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

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

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

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

9 Baltimore City Revised Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

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

15 **Part II. International Building Code**

16 **§ 2-103. City modifications.**

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

19 **Chapter 1**
20 **Administration**

21 **Section 108 Fees**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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108.5 Service charges.

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

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

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

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

108.6 Fee schedules.

108.6.1 Permit fees for construction work.

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

1. 1- and 2-family dwellings

[\$10 for each 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) or fraction of 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) of gross volume] \$0.20 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, including all basements and cellars.

Minimums –

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

2. All others

[\$20 for each 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) or fraction of 1,000 cubic feet (28.31 cu. m.) of gross volume] \$0.35 PER SQUARE FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, including all basements and cellars.

Minimums –

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

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

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

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

5 **1. 1- and 2-family dwellings**

6 [\$10 for each \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 estimated cost] \$0.30 PER SQUARE
7 FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF AFFECTED GROSS FLOOR AREA

8 Minimum \$50

9 **2. All others**

10 [\$12 for each \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 estimated cost] \$0.35 PER SQUARE
11 FOOT OR FRACTION OF A SQUARE FOOT OF AFFECTED GROSS FLOOR AREA

12 Minimum \$150

13 **l. Temporary structures.**

14 For each temporary structure, the fee is \$20 a year for each [5,000 cubic feet
15 (141.58 cu. m.) or fraction of 5,000 cubic feet (141.58 cu. m.) of volume] 500
16 SQUARE FEET OR FRACTION OF 500 SQUARE FEET OF GROSS FLOOR AREA.

17 Minimum \$35

18 Maximum \$800

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

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