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**ORDINANCE 2001-03**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151.27 (BUILDING PERMIT FEES; SCHEDULE) OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY BUILDING CODE.

WHEREAS, La Porte County Council has deemed it necessary to amend 151.27 (Building Permit Fees; Schedule) of the La Porte County Building Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL:

**Section 1.** Chapter 151.27 (Building Permit Fees; Schedule) Ordinance No. 2001-03 of the La Porte County Building Code is hereby amended and is to read as follows:

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

**Single Family Homes-outside dimensions**

Include attached garage and *open* decks when constructed with the new residence.

A. 960 square feet to 2500 square feet	.43 per square foot
B. 2501 square feet thru 5000 square feet	.45 per square foot
C. 5000 square feet	.50 per square foot
D. Finished Basements	.15 per square foot
<b><u>Additions to living quarters</u></b>	.43 per square foot (\$50.00 min.)
<b><u>Alterations, Repairs, Remodeling</u></b>	.15 per square foot (\$50.00 min.)

Fire damage, storm related, kitchen or bathroom remodeling, total house renovations, changing garage or pole barns into living quarters and other related repairs. If an attached open deck is added at this time, no charge.

**Commercial/Industrial**

New Construction	\$300.00 plus .15 per square foot
Hotel-Motel	\$25.00 per unit plus .15 per square foot
Additions/Remodel	\$150.00 plus .15 per square foot

**Multi-Family Units**

Same as single family home fees on total square footage, plus \$50.00 per unit for all units.  
State release on 4 or more units.

**Attached/Detached Garage or Accessory Buildings or Additions to Garages**

	Without Utilities	With Utilities
From 145ft <sup>2</sup> - 500ft <sup>2</sup>	\$30.00	\$45.00
501ft <sup>2</sup> - 1000ft <sup>2</sup>	\$45.00	\$60.00
1001ft <sup>2</sup> - 5000ft <sup>2</sup>	\$70.00	\$95.00
5001ft <sup>2</sup> and over	\$100.00	\$140.00

Other Inspections Required for Post-Frame Buildings (Pole Barns)

- A. Other inspections may be required at the discretion of the Building Inspector.
- B. Any wiring or plumbing that is installed, prior to the covering of walls or floors.
- C. Any post-frame or detached garage used for living quarters will require a single-family home permit and be inspected as such.

**Decks** \$75.00

**Enclosed Decks or Porches** (Without footings or electric) \$75.00

**Re-Roof or Re-Side** \$50.00

**Gas Fireplaces, Wood Burning Stoves, Fireplaces – per flue or Furnaces, Geo- Thermal, Generator** \$50.00

**Outdoor Hydronic Heaters** \$50.00

**Mobile Home Placement** \$150.00

<b><u>Temporary or Construction Mobile Home Placement</u></b>		\$75.00
<b><u>Water Heaters/Water Softeners</u></b>		\$50.00
<b><u>Any Gas Inspections</u></b>		\$50.00 (each)
<b><u>Any Plumbing Inspections</u></b>		\$50.00 (each)
<b><u>Lawn Sprinkling Systems- Residential or Commercial</u></b>		\$50.00
	Each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter including back flow protection devices thereof.	
<b><u>Air Conditioner Placement Inspection for Central Air</u></b>		\$50.00
<b><u>Electrical Alterations, Upgrades or Meter Installation, Low Voltage Electric, Alarms</u></b>		\$50.00
	Access to any panel inside building would be required.	
<b><u>Hot Tubs or Spas</u></b>		\$50.00
<b><u>Pools</u></b>		
	Must be fenced with a 5' security fence unless it has a lockable pool cover.	
	A. In-ground Pool	\$100.00
	B. Above-ground Pool	\$75.00
<b><u>Pond- per acre</u></b>		\$50.00
<b><u>Solar Panels</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 10 KW	\$125.00
	Each additional 10 KW same site add	\$25.00
<b><u>Signs or Billboards</u></b>		
	A. Billboards	\$200.00
	B. Signs	

Size	Cost
0ft <sup>2</sup> - 25ft <sup>2</sup>	\$40.00
26ft <sup>2</sup> - 100ft <sup>2</sup>	\$60.00
101ft <sup>2</sup> - 350ft <sup>2</sup>	\$85.00
351ft <sup>2</sup> and over	\$120.00

\*Extra Electrical Charge \$50.00

**Towers and Site Improvement**

Tower Size and Improvements	Cost
199' and under	\$2000.00
200' and over	\$2500.00
Per each locator on existing tower	\$1000.00
Antenna Upgrade – swap/addition	\$300.00

**Wind Towers (WECS)**

Height	Cost
0' – 99'	\$2.00/ft
100' – 199'	\$2.50/ft
200' plus	\$3.50/ft

**New Driveway Permits** \$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Driveway \$25.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Additional Re-Inspection Fee** \$50.00

**Each Additional Final Inspection** \$50.00

**Mobile Home Park Utility Inspection** \$50.00

Any gas or electric inspections, each

**BZA** Special Exception/Variance Filing Fee & Administrative Subdivision \$100.00

**Plan Commission** Filing Fee \$100.00

Per Lot \$5.00

**Miscellaneous Fees**

Master Plan, each \$50.00

Zoning Maps, set		\$10.00
Copies	Per Regular page or fax	.15¢

**No Permit Needed**

**Door Replacement**

Storm doors

Windows – **same size ONLY**

Garage door **replacement**

Painting and decorating inside and outside

Gutter replacement

Concrete work – Driveways, walks, steps, and patios

All types of fences.

**Additional Fees**

Any person, company or corporation who begins construction or alterations, repairs or remodeling without applying for a permit as provided herein but does obtain one after such beginning of construction, alterations, repairs or remodeling, the cost of such permit shall be tripled. In the event of a special exception or variance in which an individual has made such improvement without first applying for a special exception or variance, the cost of application shall also be tripled.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2012.

Amendment on February 5, 2015.

