

**The Department of Inspectional Services  
Worcester, Massachusetts**

**Fees and Charges**

**Electrical/Wiring Permits and Inspections**



# **General Department Policies**

## **Authority**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 22 F, the Department of Inspectional Services in the City of Worcester, Massachusetts has adopted the attached fee schedule. The effective date of this schedule is June 1, 2011. This schedule supersedes all previous schedules.

## **After Hours Inspection Fees**

Any requests for inspections to be conducted at all times other than normal working hours will be subject to a additional charge to cover overtime costs of the inspector. This cost is in addition to the normal permit fee. The minimum charge for this service is \$220.00 and may increase depending on the actual inspection hours.

## **Fee Waivers**

All requests for fee waivers are to be processed through the City Manager's Office for approval by the Worcester City Council with the exception of the following:

- (1) In-house maintenance of city owned buildings by city forces.
- (2) Renewal Certifications of City owned buildings required by Massachusetts Building Code.

All requested fee waivers by the Worcester Housing Authority will require approval and processing by the City Manager's Office.

## **Interpretation of Fees**

All interpretations of the attached fee structure will be made by the appropriate division director of the Department of Inspectional Services. The interpretation of the Director will be final. Any fee for an item not specifically listed in the manual will be determined by the division director and will be an official interpretation.

## **Late Charges**

There shall be a charge levied for any renewal license, permit, or certification issued by this department, when the renewal application has not been received by the Department prior to the date of expiration and a second notification issued. The late charge is \$85.00 and will be charged in addition to the original fee. This charge reflects departmental costs incurred.

## **Payment of Fees**

All permits, certificates, licenses, inspectional charges, or services provided by the department for a fee must be paid for in advance. Payment may be made by cash, money order, or check, made payable to the City of Worcester. Credit card payments should also be accepted in the near future. Any check returned due to a lack of funds will be subject to a penalty as determined by the City Treasurer in addition to a revocation of the applicable service until all fees have been paid.

## **Re-instatement Fee**

Any permit or certification which has been suspended, revoked, or invalidated, or any facility which has been closed due to violations of local, state or federal regulations will be required to pay a \$110.00 reinstatement fee. This fee is required to cover all inspectional, clerical and administrative costs incurred by the Department. The inspections and/or administrative actions to reinstate revoked permits will only be conducted during normal business days and hours.

## **Working or Operating without Permits**

Any contractor, owner, lessee, or operator failing to obtain a required permit in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations will be subject to a \$110.00 surcharge. This surcharge will cover additional Department costs incurred in addition to the normal fee.

# Electrical Wiring Permit Fees

## RESIDENTIAL

New Construction	Fee
Each dwelling unit up to 5 units. . . . .	\$ 140.00
Alterations, repairs, additions, change of service	
First meter . . . . .	\$ 85.00
Additional meters (each) . . . . .	\$ 30.00
All other work, including temporary service (per unit) . . . . .	\$ 85.00

## COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Includes residential structures 6 or more dwelling units

First \$10,000.00 Electrical Fair Valuation \$10.00 per \$1,000.00. . . . .	\$ 100.00 minimum fee
Each \$1,000.00 Additional Fair Valuation over \$10,000.00. . . . .	\$ 8.00 per \$1,000.00

Temporary Service . . . . .	\$ 110.00
Main switch per amp . . . . .	\$ 1.00
Sub panel per amp . . . . .	\$ 1.00

Equipment wiring including motors, transformers, pumps, signs, air conditioners, elevators or equipment of a similar nature. Also parking lot lighting (per pole).

First unit . . . . .	\$ 85.00
Each additional . . . . .	\$ 35.00

Temporary show permit . . . . .	\$ 110.00
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Low voltage wiring (per outlet or device)	
First five (5) . . . . .	\$ 85.00
Each additional . . . . .	1.00

Annual maintenance permits . . . . .	\$ 550.00
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**Re-inspection fee for defective or not complying work - \$ 85.00**

**Working without a permit - \$ 110.00**