

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

**Fees and Charges
Gas/Plumbing 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 has adopted the attached fee schedule. The effective date of this schedule is May 1, 2009. 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 Division of Building and Zoning. 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.

Gas and Plumbing Permit Fees

Residential

Including all residential buildings up to three dwelling units.

Fee

Plumbing Permits	
First fixture	\$ 85.00
Each additional fixture	\$ 15.00
Replacement hot water tank, including gas fitting	\$ 55.00
Miscellaneous repairs or piping	\$ 55.00
Gas Permits	
First Fixture	\$85.00
Each additional fixture	\$15.00
Miscellaneous repairs or piping	\$55.00
Inspection after fire (each)	\$55.00

Commercial

Includes residential structures in excess of three dwelling units.

Fee

Plumbing Permits	
First fixture	\$110.00
Each additional fixture	\$ 15.00
Replacement hot water tank including gas fitting	\$ 55.00
Miscellaneous repairs or piping	\$110.00
Gas Permits	
First fixture	\$110.00
Each additional fixture	\$ 15.00
Miscellaneous repairs or piping	\$110.00
Inspection after fire (each)	\$110.00
Re inspection fee for defective or not complying work	\$110.00