

DUPLIN COUNTY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

**ARTICLE I. ADOPTION OF REGULATORY CODES BY REFERENCE**  
(Authority: G. S. 153A-350-375; 143-138(d), (e))

Section 1-1 SCOPE OF ORDINANCE AND CODES.

The provision of this ordinance and of the regulatory codes herein adopted shall apply to the following:

- (a) The location, design, materials, equipment, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance, moving demolition, removal, use, and occupancy of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure;
- (b) The installation, erection, alteration, repair, use and maintenance of plumbing systems consisting of house sewers, building drains, waste and vent systems, hot and cold water supply systems, and all fixtures and appurtenances thereof;
- (c) The installation, erection, alteration, repair, use and maintenance of electrical systems and appurtenances thereof;

The adoption of this ordinance and the codes herein adopted by reference shall constitute a resolution within the meaning of G. S. 143-138 making the regulatory codes herein adopted applicable to dwellings and out buildings used in connection therewith and to apartment buildings and all commercial structures wherever situated in the county.

Section 1-2 BUILDING CODE ADOPTED

The North Carolina State Building Code, Volume I, General Construction, as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Building Code of Duplin County to the extent such Code is applicable for safe and stable design, methods of construction, minimum standards, and use of materials in buildings or structures hereafter erected, enlarged, altered, repaired, or otherwise constructed or reconstructed.

Section 1-3 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE

The North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code, Vol. 1B, as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Residential Building Code for one and two family residential buildings in Duplin County.

Section 1-4 PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED

The North Carolina Plumbing Code, Volume II) as adopted and published by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Plumbing Code for Duplin County.

Section 1-5 HEATING CODE ADOPTED

The North Carolina Heating Code (Volume III) as adopted and published by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Heating Code for Duplin County.

Section 1-6 ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED

The National Electric Code, Volume IV of the National Fire Protection Association, as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Electrical Code for Duplin County.

Section 1-7 MOBILE AND MODULAR HOME REGULATIONS ADOPTED

The North Carolina State Regulations for Mobile Homes and Modular Housing as adopted and published by the North Carolina Department of Insurance and as amended is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Mobile Home and Modular Housing Code for Duplin County.

Section 1-8 COMPLIANCE WITH CODES

- (a) All buildings or structures which are hereafter constructed, reconstructed, erected, altered, extended, enlarged, repaired, demolished, or moved shall conform to the requirements, minimum standards, and other provisions of either the North Carolina State Building Code, General Construction Volume I, or the North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code, whichever is applicable, or of both if both are applicable.
- (b) Every building or structure intended for human habitation, occupancy, or use shall have plumbing, plumbing systems, or plumbing fixtures installed, constructed, altered, extended, repaired or reconstructed in accordance with the minimum standards, requirements, and other provisions of the North Carolina Plumbing Code, (Volume II).
- (c) All mechanical systems consisting of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems, fuel burning equipment, and appurtenances shall be installed, erected, altered, repaired, used and maintained in accordance with the minimum standards, requirements, and other provisions of the North Carolina Heating Code (Volume III).
- (d) All electrical wiring, installations, and appurtenances shall be erected, altered, repaired, used and maintained in accordance with the minimum standards, requirements, and other provisions of the North Carolina Electrical Code (Volume IV).

Section 1-9 COPIES OF CODES FILED WITH THE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

An official copy of each regulatory code adopted herein, and official copies of all amendments thereto, shall be kept on file in the office of the County Building Inspector. Such copies shall be the official copies of the codes and the amendments.

**ARTICLE II. INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

Section 2-1 ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

The Inspection Department shall consist of a Chief Inspector and such other Inspectors or positions as may be authorized by the Governing Body.

Section 2-2 GENERAL DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT AND INSPECTORS

It shall be the duty of the Inspection Department to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance and of the regulatory codes adopted herein, and to make all inspections necessary to determine whether or not the provisions of this ordinance and such codes are being met.

Section 2-3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officer or employee of the Inspection Department shall be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material, or appliances for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or any part thereof, or in the making of plans or specifications therefore, unless he is the owner of such building. No officer or employee of the Inspection Department shall engage in any work which is inconsistent with his duties or with the interests of the County.

Section 2-4 REPORTS AND RECORDS

The Inspection Department, and each Inspector, shall keep complete, permanent, and accurate records in convenient form of all applications received, permits issued, inspections, and reinspections made, and all other work and activities of the Inspection Department. Periodic reports shall be submitted to the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, and to other agencies, as required.

Section 2-5 INSPECTION PROCEDURE

- (a) Inspections. The Inspection Department shall inspect all buildings and structures and work therein for which a permit of any kind has been issued as often as necessary in order to determine whether the work complies with this ordinance and the appropriate codes.

When deemed necessary by the appropriate Inspector, materials and assemblies may be inspected at the point of manufacture or fabrication, or inspections may be made by approved and recognized inspection organizations; provided, no approval shall be based upon reports of such organizations unless the same are in writing and certified by a responsible officer of such organization.

- (1) Footing Inspection. To be made after trenches are excavated and the necessary reinforcement and forms are in place, and before concrete is placed. Drilled footings, piles, and similar types of foundation shall be inspected as installed.
- (2) Foundation Wall Inspection: To be made after concrete placed in footing trenches, and piers have been placed and before wood members have been attached.

- (3) Floor Inspection: To be made before any subfloor is placed on system.
  - (4) Framing Inspection. To be made after all structural framing is in place and all roughing-in of plumbing, electrical and heating has been installed, after all fire blocking, chimneys, bracing and vents are installed, but before any of the structure is enclosed or covered. Poured in place concrete structural elements shall be inspected before each pour of any structural member.
  - (5) Insulation Inspection. To be made after all insulation which will be rendered inaccessible by wall or ceiling coverings is in place with required vapor barrier.
  - (6) Final Inspection. To be made after building or structure has all doors hung, fixtures set, and ready for occupancy, but before the building is occupied.
- (b) Calls for Inspection. Request for inspections may be made to the office of the Inspection Department. The Inspection Department shall make inspections as soon as practicable after request is made.

Reinspections may be made at the convenience of the Inspector. No work shall be inspected until it is in proper and completed condition ready for inspection. All work which has been concealed before the inspection and approval shall be uncovered at the request of the Inspector and placed in condition for proper inspection. Approval or rejection of the work shall be furnished by the appropriate Inspector in the form of a notice posted on the building or given to the permit holder or his agent. Failure to call for inspections or proceedings without approval at each state of construction shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

- (c) Certificate of Occupancy. No new building or part thereof shall be occupied, and no addition or enlargement of any existing building shall be occupied, and no existing building after being altered or moved shall be occupied, and no change of occupancy shall be made in any existing building or part thereof, until the Inspection Department has issued a certificate of occupancy therefore. A temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for a portion or portions of a building which may safely be occupied prior to final completion and occupancy of the entire building. Application for a certificate of occupancy may be made by the owner or his agent after all final inspections have been made for new buildings, or, in the case of existing buildings, after supplying the information and data necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance, the appropriate regulatory codes and the zoning ordinance for the occupancy intended. The Inspection Department shall issue a certificate of occupancy when, after examination and inspection, it is found that the building in all respects conforms to the provisions of this ordinance, the regulatory codes, and the zoning ordinance for the occupancy intended.

#### Section 2-6 OVERSIGHT NOT TO LEGALIZE VIOLATION

No oversight or dereliction of duty on the part of any Inspector or other official or employee of the Inspection Department shall be deemed to legalize the violation of any provision of this ordinance or any provision of any regulatory code herein adopted.

#### Section 2-7 POWERS OF INSPECTION OFFICIALS

- (a) Authority. Inspectors are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enforce all the provisions of this ordinance and the regulatory codes herein adopted.
- (b) Right-of-Entry. Inspectors shall have the right-of-entry on any premises within the jurisdiction of the regulatory codes herein adopted at reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection or enforcement of the requirements of this ordinance and the regulatory codes, upon presentation of proper credentials.
- (c) Stop Orders. Whenever any building or structure or part thereof is being demolished, constructed, reconstructed, altered, or repaired in a hazardous manner, or in violation of any provision of this ordinance or any other Duplin County ordinance or in violation of any provision of any regulatory code herein adopted, or in violation of the terms of the permit or permits issued therefore, or in such manner as to endanger life or property, the appropriate Inspector may order such work to be immediately stopped. Such order shall be in writing to the owner of the property or to his agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the reasons therefore and the conditions under which the work may be resumed.

### ARTICLE III. ENFORCEMENT

#### Section 3-1 REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

Every person carrying on the business of building contractor, plumbing contractor, heating-air conditioning contractor, electrical contractor, or insulation contractor within Duplin County shall register at the office of the Inspection Department, giving name and place of business.

## Section 3-2 PERMITS REQUIRED

- (a) Building Permit. No person shall commence or proceed with the construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of any building or other structure or any part thereof, without a written permit therefore from the Inspection Department; provided, however, that no building permit shall be required for work the total cost of which does not exceed \$5,000 and which does not involve any change of the structural parts or the stairways, elevators, fire escapes or other means of egress of the building or the structure in question. Duplin County Health Department approval of property for septic tank usage shall be required where the sewage system will not be connected to a city system.
- (b) Plumbing permit. No person shall commence or proceed with the installation, extension, or general repair of any plumbing system without a written permit therefore from the Inspection Department; provided, however, no permit shall be required for minor repairs or replacements on the house side of a trap to an installed system of plumbing if such repairs or replacements do not disrupt the original water supply or waste or ventilating systems. Duplin County Health Department approval of property for septic tank usage shall be required where the sewage system cannot be connected to city sewer.
- (c) Heating-Air Conditioning Permit. No person shall commence or proceed with the installation, extension, alteration or general repair of any heating or cooling equipment system without a written permit from the Inspection Department; provided, however, no permit shall be required for minor repairs or minor burner services or filter replacements of warm air furnaces or cooling system.
- (d) Electrical Permit. No person shall commence or proceed with the installation, extension, alteration, or general repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment without a written permit therefore from the Inspection Department; provided further, no permit shall be required for the installation, alteration, or repair of the electrical wiring, devices, appliances, and equipment installed by or for an electrical public utility corporation for the use of such corporation in the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electrical energy, or for the use of such corporation in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence.

## Section 3-4 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Written applications shall be made for all permits required by this ordinance, and shall be made on forms provided by the Inspection Department. Such application shall be made by the owner of the building or structure affected or by his authorized agent or representative, and, in addition to such other information as may be required by the appropriate Inspector to enable him to determine whether the permit applied for should be issued, shall show the following:

- (a) Name, residence, and business address of owners;
- (b) Name, residence, and business of authorized representative or agent, if any;
- (c) Name and address of the contractor, if any, together with evidence that he has obtained a certificate from the appropriate state licensing board for such contractors, if such be required for the work involved in the permit for which application is made.

## Section 3-5 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed plans and specifications shall accompany each application for permit when the estimated total cost of the building or structure is in excess of \$90,000, and for any other building or structure where plans and specifications are deemed necessary by the appropriate Inspector in order for him to determine whether the proposed work complies with the appropriate regulatory codes. Plans shall be drawn to scale with sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and extent of the work proposed, and the plans and specifications together shall contain information sufficient to indicate that the work proposed will conform to the provisions of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes. Where plans and specifications are required, a copy of the same shall be kept at the work until all authorized operations have been completed and approved by the appropriate Inspector.

## Section 3-6 LIMITATIONS ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

- (a) No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure the estimated total cost of which is more than \$40,000 unless the work is to be performed by a licensed general contractor.
- (b) No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure, other than a one or two family dwelling, of 2500 sq. ft. or more or the total cost of which is more than \$90,000, unless the plans bear the North Carolina seal of a registered architect or a registered engineer.
- (c) Where any provision of the General Statutes of North Carolina or of any ordinance requires that work be done by a licensed specialty contractor of any kind, no permit for such work shall be issued unless it is to be performed by such licensed specialty contractor.

- (d) Where detailed plans and specifications are required under this ordinance, no building permit shall be issued unless such plans and specifications have been provided.

#### Section 3-7 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

When permit application for a permit has been made, and the appropriate Inspector is satisfied that the application and the proposed work comply with the provisions of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes, he shall issue such permit, upon payment of the proper fee or fees as hereinafter provided in Section 3-11.

#### Section 3-8 REVOCATION OF PERMITS

The appropriate Inspector may revoke and require the return of any permit by notifying the permit holder in writing stating the reason for such revocation. Permits shall be revoked for any material departure from the approved application, plans or specifications; for refusal or failure to comply with proper orders of the Inspector; for refusal or failure to comply with requirements of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes; or for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing such permit.

#### Section 3-9 TIME LIMITATIONS ON VALIDITY OF PERMITS

All permits issued under this ordinance shall expire by limitation six (6) months after the date of issuance if the work authorized by the permit has not been commenced. If after commencement the work is discontinued for a period of twelve (12) months, the permit; therefore shall immediately expire. No work authorized by any permit which has been expired shall thereafter be performed until a new permit therefore has been secured.

#### Section 3-10 CHANGES IN WORK

After a permit has been issued, changes or deviations from the terms of the application and permit, or changes or deviations from the plans or specifications involving any work under the jurisdiction of this ordinance or of any regulatory code adopted herein, shall not be made until specific written approval of such changes or deviations has been obtained from the appropriate Inspector.

#### Section 3-11 PERMIT FEES

Permit fees shall be as specified in Appendix A.

### ARTICLE IV. CONDEMNATION, REPAIR, AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

#### Section 4-1 DUTY OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Any building or structure or part thereof, partially destroyed or otherwise, which is found by the Building Inspector to be in such a dilapidated state of disrepair or other substandard condition as to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or to constitute a fire or safety hazard or a public nuisance shall be declared by the Building Inspector to be unsafe.

Such unsafe condition may be caused by defective construction, overloaded structural parts, decay, susceptibility to fire, exits, or any other hazardous conditions or circumstances. The Building Inspector shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to declare all such buildings or structures unsafe and to take appropriate action to have such conditions corrected or removed. Such declaration by the Building Inspector shall constitute an order of condemnation for the purposes of this Article.

#### Section 4-2 DUTY OF OWNER: PROCEDURE

Whenever any building or structure has been condemned by the Building Inspector, and the existence of such building or structure in a dilapidated state of disrepair or other substandard condition is found and determined by the Building Inspector or, upon appeal from or report by the Building Inspector as hereafter provided, by the Board of Commissioners to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or is in such condition as to constitute a fire or safety hazard or a public nuisance, the owner or owners of such building or structure shall be required to demolish and remove the same and remedy such conditions under the regulations and procedures herein provided; and in the event such owner fails or refuses to do so within the time directed by the Building Inspector or by the Board of Commissioners, as hereinafter provided, the Board of Commissioners may, in its judgment, cause the same to be demolished and removed or such other steps taken as it may find to be necessary to suppress and abate the nuisance and remove the fire or safety hazard and the danger to life, health, or other property found to exist, and specially assess the cost and expense of doing said work against the lot or parcel of land on which the said building or structure is located.

## Section 4-3 NOTICE AND HEARING

Before any building or structure may be ordered to be demolished and removed as provided in Section 4-2 herein, the Building Inspector shall notify the owner or owners thereof, in writing by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such owner, or by personal service of such notice by said Building Inspector or his assistant or by posting notice as hereinafter; provided, that said building or structure is in such condition as appears to constitute a fire or safety hazard or dangerous to life, health, or other property, or to be a public nuisance, and that a hearing will be held before said Building Inspector at such written notice, at a designated place at a time not less than ten (10) days after the notice of such written notice, at which time and place the owner shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel upon all legal or factual questions relating to the matter and shall be entitled to offer such evidence as he may desire which is relevant or material to the questions sought to be determined or the remedies sought to be effected. If the name or whereabouts of the owner cannot, after due diligence, be discovered, the notice herein referred to shall be considered properly and adequately serviced if a copy thereof is posted on the outside of the building or structure in question at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing and a notice of the hearing is published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the County at least one week prior to the date fixed for such hearing. Such notice shall state the address or location of the building or structure and the time, place and purpose of the hearing.

## Section 4-4 ORDER TO REMEDY OR DEMOLISH

If, upon such hearing, the Building Inspector shall find that the building or structure in question is in such a dilapidated or substandard state of disrepair as to constitute a fire or safety hazard or to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or is a public nuisance, he shall make an order in writing, directed to the owner of said building or structure, requiring the owner to remedy such conditions so found to exist by demolishing and removing said buildings or structure or taking such other steps as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, within such period, not less than sixty (60) days, as the Building Inspector may prescribe.

## Section 4-5 APPEAL: FINALITY OF ORDER IF NOT APPEALED

The owner of any building or structure ordered by the Building Inspector to be demolished and removed, or who is directed by the Building Inspector to take any other steps to abate a nuisance or remove hazards found by the Building Inspector to exist, shall have the right of appeal from such orders to the Board of Commissioners; provided, such owner gives notice of appeal to the Building Inspector at the time of the hearing at which the order is made, or within ten (10) days after such order is made and filed with the Building Inspector a written notice of such appeal. Notice of appeal shall state the grounds therefore. Unless an appeal is taken within the time and in the manner herein prescribed, the action of the Building Inspector shall be deemed final, subject only to such action as the Board of Commissioners may take as herein elsewhere provided. Where an appeal has been properly taken and notice thereof given in accordance with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to report the same to the County Manager who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for action by the Board of Commissioners at its next ensuing regular meeting. The Board of Commissioners shall have the right to continue the hearing of the appeal from time to time, at its discretion.

## Section 4-6 REPORT WHEN OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY

In the event the owner does not appeal from the final order or direction of the Building Inspector requiring that the building or structure be demolished and removed or the taking of such other steps as may be required to abate such nuisance and remove the hazards, and fails or refuses to comply with such order and direction, it shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to file a written report thereof with the Duplin County Manager who shall cause such report to be placed on the agenda for action by the Board of Commissioners at its next ensuing regular meeting or to some subsequent meeting to which the Board of Commissioners may continue the same. The Building Inspector shall mail a copy of said report by certified or registered mail to the owner at his last known address, or have a copy of said report delivered to said owner. Said report shall specify the date of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners for which the matter will be docketed for action.

## Section 4-7 ORDER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

In all cases referred to in this ordinance which reach the Board of Commissioners for action, either upon appeal of the owner from the ruling of the Building Inspector or upon report of the Building Inspector that the owner fails or refuses to comply with his order or direction, the Board of Commissioners shall hear the matter, and if it finds and determines that the building or structure in question is in such a dilapidated or substandard state of disrepair as to constitute a fire or safety hazard, or to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or is a public nuisance, and that the owner of said building or structure has failed or refused to abate the nuisance and has failed or refused to take such other steps as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards found to exist, to be done, or effect such other remedies as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, and specially assess the cost of such work against the lot or parcel of land on which the building or a structure was situated; and such assessment shall constitute a specific lien upon said lot or parcel of land, which may be enforced by an action instituted in the name of Duplin County in the nature of an action to foreclose a mortgage as provided by G.S. 105-414 in the case of Ad Valorem taxes and local improvement assessments.

**Section 4-8 WHEN NOTICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING REQUIRED**

In cases in which the Building Inspector has been unable to give the owner actual notice of hearing in the manner hereinabove provided, and has given such notice by posting and publishing the same as authorized in Section 4-3, and the owner has failed or refused to comply with the order or direction of the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the building or structure, or take such other remedial action as will remove the hazards and such case is referred to the Board of Commissioners for action, the Board of Commissioners shall before taking such action, cause to be posted on the outside of the building or structure in question at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing, and published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the County at least one week prior to the date fixed for such hearing, a written notice stating the address or location of the building or structure involved and the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and such other information as the Board of Commissioners deem advisable.

**Section 4-9 PRESUMPTION OF DANGER TO PUBLIC**

In all cases in which the Board of Commissioners, under authority of this Article, causes the demolition and removal of any building or structure to be carried out, or directs such other remedial steps to be taken as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, it shall be conclusively presumed that the public nuisance and the fire and safety hazard and danger to life, health or other property, created and maintained by the continued presence of said building or structure in such condition as is found to exist, constitute a clear as present danger amounting to a situation of emergency involving the public health, safety and general welfare, which requires entry upon private property for the summary statement and removal of such danger, in the public interest.

**Section 4-10 WILLFUL FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH ORDER**

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully fail or refuse to comply with any final order or direction of the Building Inspector or Board of Commissioners made by virtue and in pursuance of this Article, and any person violating this Article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by G.S. 14-4 for the violation of local ordinances, and every day such person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any final order or direction of the Building Inspector or the Board of Commissioners made by virtue and in pursuance of this Article shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

**Section 4-11 CONSTRUCTION OF ARTICLE**

It is the legislative intent of the Board of Commissioners in enacting this Article that each section and subdivision is separate and divisible from any other section, and if any provision hereof should be held or declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such decision or holding shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision hereof.

This Article is an addition to, and not in substitution for, any other ordinance affecting the same subject matter.

**ARTICLE V. ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSING CODE****Section 5-1 DUTY OF INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

The Inspection Department shall be responsible for the enforcement of any ordinances or codes adopted by the Board of Commissioners relating to the repair, closing, and demolition of dwellings unfit for human habitation, pursuant to Article 15, Chapter 160, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

## APPENDIX

## PERMIT FEES

## A. BUILDING PERMITS

## 1. New dwellings

(a)	Up to 1200 sq. ft.	\$ 125.00
(b)	1201 to 2500 sq. ft.	\$ 150.00
(c)	Over 2500 sq. ft.	\$ 200.00

## 2. Dwelling additions

(a)	0 to 400 sq. ft.	\$ 20.00
(b)	Over 400 sq. ft.	\$ 50.00

## 3. Multi-family dwellings

(a)	2 to 4 units	\$150.00
(b)	Next 5 to 10 units	\$ 50.00 each
(c)	All over 10 units	\$ 40.00 each

## 4. Mobile, modular and relocated homes permit fee to include set-up, tie down and plumbing connections, but not electrical.

(a)	Mobile homes	\$ 50.00
(b)	Modular and relocated homes	\$ 50.00

## 5. Reinspection shall be \$20.00 per trip.

## 6. Nonresidential construction, and residential renovations.

(a)	Up to 2500	No fee required*
(b)	2501 to 50,000	\$20.00 + 1.50 per 1,000 over 1,000 or fraction thereof
(c)	50,001 to 75,000	\$ 95.00 + \$1.25 per 1,000 over 50,000 or fraction thereof
(d)	75,001 to 100,000	\$125.00 + \$1.00 per 1,000 over 75,000 or fraction thereof
(e)	Over 100,000	\$200.00 plus \$1.50 per 1,000 over 100,000

\*Not involving changes in load bearing structure.

## B. INSULATION INSPECTIONS

existing dwellings \$10.00  
- New \$20.00

## C. ELECTRICAL PERMITS

1. Permanent service poles  
and service changes

25.00

## 2. Temporary service pole, service change, wire addition, sign

25.00

## 3. New dwellings

(a)	100 to 175 amp	\$ 30.00
(b)	200 to 350 amp	\$ 50.00
(c)	400 amp and over	\$ 60.00

## 4. Multi-family dwellings

(a)	No. of units	SIZE OF SERVICE		
		100 to 175	200 to 300	400 and over
(b)	First 2 to 4	20	30	35
(c)	Next 5 to 10	15	25	30
(d)	All over 10	10	15	25

- 5. Nonresidential
  - (a) 100 to 175 amp \$ 30.00
  - (b) 200 to 350 amp \$ 50.00
  - (c) 400 to 500 amp \$ 60.00
  - (d) 600 amp and over \$ 10.00 per 100 amp

6. Farm buildings

Farm buildings shall be based on the nonresidential fee for size of service. Bulk barns shall be \$20.00 for 1 barn, \$10.00 for the second barn and \$5.00 for each additional barn inspected at the same time and location.

D. PLUMBING PERMITS

- 1. New dwellings
  - (a) Up to 1200 sq. ft. \$ 30.00
  - (b) 1201 to 2500 sq. ft. \$ 45.00
  - (c) Over 2500 sq. ft. \$ 50.00

2. Nonresidential buildings and residential additions

Each of the following and all similar items shall have a \$3.00 permit fee:

Soil or Vent Stack	Floor Drain
House or building sewer	Sand trap or bar connection
Water closet	Bath tub
Soda Fountain	Shower bath
Wash rack	Drinking fountain
Water distribution pipes	Refrigeration w/water connection
Washer drain	Urinal
Dishwasher	Slop sink
Garbage disposal	Wash basin or sink
Water heater	
Laundry equipment, etc.	

A minimum fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for each plumbing inspection not in conjunction with other trade inspections.

E. HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING PERMIT FEES

- 1. For each air conditioning unit up to 3 ton capacity \$ 30.00
  - 2. For each air conditioning unit 3 to 10 ton capacity \$ 40.00
  - 3. For each air conditioning unit over 10 ton capacity \$ 50.00
- For each space heating unit (dry) \$ 30.00  
 For each central heating unit \$ 30.00

Heat pumps (combination units) shall be charged at the air conditioning rate.

In the case of multi-units at one location the permit fee for all units over 4, the inspection fee shall be 1/2 the individual fee.

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective on and after July 1, 2001.

DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Arliss Albertson  
 Chairman

ATTEST: James W. Barnhardt, Jr.  
 Clerk