

ORDINANCE NO. 8919 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO  
HEALTH AND SANITATION AND LAND USE FEES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that fees imposed on business owners for building permits can be reduced and still achieve full cost recovery. The amendments made by the ordinance are intended to reduce or eliminate specific fees paid by business owners for building permits.

Section 2: Section 65.107 (1) (3) of the County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) Other Miscellaneous Fees:

Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge--two hours)  
. . . . \$50.00 per hour

Reinspection fee assessed under provisions of Section 108.8 . . . . \$40.00 each

Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge--one-half hour) . . . . \$50.00 per hour

Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans (minimum charge--one-half hour) . . . . \$58.00 per hour

Permit Research Verification Fee . . . . \$12.00

Fee for filing an appeal to Building Construction Appeals Advisory Board .  
. . . \$200.00

Pre-Application Conference Fee . . . . Time & Materials

**SURFACE MINING INSPECTION DEPOSIT.** The deposit for conducting annual inspections of surface mining operations to review compliance with the Major Use Permit, Reclamation Plan and Interim Management Plan shall be \$2,000. The deposit shall be due within 60 days after the adoption of this ordinance and on July 1 of each year thereafter. The \$2,000 amount shall apply to all existing surface mining operations for the first year and for the first year of each new surface mining operation. Thereafter, the Director shall determine the appropriate amount of the deposit for each surface mining operation. Approval and inspections of an Interim Management Plan shall be an expense of the inspection deposit.

**HOMEOWNER AND BUSINESS OWNERS RELIEF EXEMPTIONS.** Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Section 65.107(1) and Section 51.0107(107.2), the plan check review fee and the permit fee shall not be charged for the following improvements: .

Cargo containers of 320 square feet or less, when used for storage.

Exterior siding or plastering.

Non-masonry fencing and free-standing walls.  
Re-roofs.

Skylights that are ICBO approved.

Window replacements with the same net openable area.

Door replacements that are not required to be fire-rated.

Replacement or repair of interior drywall when on a wall or ceiling which is not required to be fire rated.

Electric heat pump and air conditioner replacements provided there is no alteration to the electrical system which supplies power to the heat pump or air conditioning unit.

Replacement hot water heater installation when there is no modification or alteration of the electrical or gas system which supplies the water heater.

Emergency repair of gas lines .

HOMEOWNER RELIEF EXEMPTIONS. Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Section 65.107(l) no fee shall be charged for the plan check review of the following improvements if the improvement is accessory to a single-family dwelling, a duplex, or a mobilehome built pursuant to county standard plans.

Carports over 300 square feet.

Patio covers over 300 square feet.

Fireplaces.

Retaining walls built to County standards.

HOMEOWNER RELIEF EXEMPTION FOR SEISMIC RETROFITS. Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Section 65.107(l), Section 51.0107(107.3), and Section 51.0107(107.23), the application fee and the plan check review fee shall not be charged for a permit for the following improvement to a single-family dwelling, a duplex or a mobilehome built pursuant to County standard plans:

Seismic retrofit.

Section 3: Section 65.107 (n) of the County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(n) PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

(1) For issuing each permit . . . . \$12.00

IN ADDITION:

For each plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures on one trap (including water, drainage piping and backflow protection therefor) . . . . \$2.60

For each building sewer . . . . \$6.60

For each water heater and/or vent (including heaters for swimming pools and spas) . . . . \$2.60

For each gas piping system--outlets @ \$0.80 each, minimum 4 . . . . \$2.60

Over 4, each . . . . \$ .75

For each Solar Array . . . . \$11.00

For each industrial waste pre-treatment interceptor, including its trap and vent, except in kitchen-type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps . . . . \$2.60

For installation, alteration or repair of water piping and/or water treating equipment . . . . \$2.60

For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping . . . . \$2.60

For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter, including backflow protection devices therefor . . . . \$2.60

For vacuum breakers or backflow protective devices on tanks, vats, etc., or for installation on unprotected plumbing fixtures including necessary water piping, 1 to 4 . . . . \$2.60

Over 4, each . . . . \$ .80

Sewer Connections County Sanitation District . . . . \$2.40

(2) For plumbing permits in single-family and duplexes when applied in conjunction with Building Permit, the fee will be calculated in accordance with the following fee schedule.

PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

TOTAL VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$2.60
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$2.60 for the first \$500.00 plus \$0.16 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00.
\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$4.98 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$0.72 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00.
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$22.12 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$0.47 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$33.67 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$0.36 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$51.62 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$0.15 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$111.62 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$0.10 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00.
\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$161.62 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$0.05 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

REINSPECTION FEE . . . . \$40.00

**HOMEOWNER AND BUSINESS OWNERS RELIEF EXEMPTION.**  
 Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Section 65.107(n) and Section 53.109, no fee shall be charged for a permit for the following improvements:

Lawn sprinkler systems.

Septic to sewer connections.

Section 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, a summary hereof shall be published once with the names of the members of this Board voting for and against it in the San Diego Daily Transcript, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 1998