



FEE ESTIMATOR II

(Effective 7-08-25 through 6-30-26)

RESIDENTIAL VALUATION for CALCULATING BUILDING PERMIT FEES, FLAT FEES for ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION FEES, SIGNS, TEMPORARY USE, & HOME OCCUPATION

All fees due the City for permits shall be collected in the Building Division and paid thereafter to the City. No building permits shall be issued to any person or company who has fees outstanding, or outstanding violations of the Building Code or any laws or ordinances of the City of West Des Moines.

This form is for estimating fees. The final fee shall be determined and confirmed by the Building Official based on calculated or actual valuation, whichever is higher.

See Project Valuation Table on Fee Estimator I to determine actual fee if based on valuation.

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Residential Valuations		VALUATION per square foot	
		FLAT FEE	VALUATION
	Apartments (Wood construction non-rated, VB only):	\$153.58	ICC- BVD
	Single Family House, Town Home: (new & additions):	\$169.09	ICC- BVD
	Finished Basement for new construction & additions:	\$85.00	
	Finished Basement for existing homes when the project valuation exceeds \$35,000:	\$85.00	
	Unfinished Basement (new construction & additions):	\$31.50	ICC- BVD
	Seasonal Porch (conditioned, insulated, windows, etc.):	\$85.00	

Accessory Structures & Projects	The following FLAT FEES apply to single family & town home projects regardless of project size or valuation. Do not use for multifamily (multiple garage structures).	
	FLAT FEE	VALUATION
	Basement finish or remodel for existing home- with project valuation of less than \$35,000:	\$58 \$85.00 or by applicant
	Covered Porch or Screened Porch	\$58 \$65.00
	Deck	\$46 \$45.00
	Demolition	\$46 \$.00
	Fence	\$46 by applicant
	Garage (single family detached)	\$58 \$66.20
	Solar Energy Systems (single family only)	\$55 by applicant
	Storage Shed	\$47 \$33.10
	Swimming Pool	\$58 by applicant
	On-ground Swim. Pool (no fence or deck)	\$34 by applicant

Investigation fee for work without permit: Equal to, and in addition to, the calculated or flat permit fee. Or, in cases where a permit will not be issued, the actual cost to the jurisdiction (hourly rate, benefits, administration, & overhead).

Rental Housing Inspection		
	Single Family:	\$88.00 per unit
	Multifamily:	\$88.00 for first unit -- + \$28.00 for each additional unit
	First re-inspection of corrections:	No charge
	For each additional re-inspection:	\$88.00 per trip ----- + \$44.00 for each correction list item which has not been corrected, multiplied by the number of applicable units.
	Investigation fee for failure to appear; failure to provide access; failure to pay fees; or failure to have current rental certificate:	Equal to and in addition to the inspection fee.

Home Occupation		
	No Impact Business	\$.00
	Impact Business	\$40.00

Sign Permits		
	Permanent Signs	\$120 + \$1.00 per sq. ft.
	Long Term Temporary	\$150
	Short Term Temp.	\$36 (per 4 day event)

Temporary Use (includes one short term or one long term temporary sign, as applicable)

Short-Term per each Two-Day event (concerts, walks, etc.)	\$75	
Long-Term (food & beverage, etc.)	\$400	+ \$750 deposit
Christmas Tree or Pumpkin Sales	\$100	
Ag Produce Stands	\$100	
Seasonal Garden Centers	\$200	+ \$500 deposit
Temp Concrete & Asphalt Plants	\$700	