

**ORDINANCE NO. #02:03-23
BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN FEES
WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bellmawr (“Borough”) is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Borough by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-28, municipalities under the general law of the State of New Jersey may employ services and facilities for more effective, efficient, and adequate provision of services if and when municipalities may deem it desirable to do so and municipalities are and shall remain the broad repository of local police power in terms of the right and power to legislate for the general health, safety and welfare of their residents.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bellmawr desire to implement and supplement certain fees with the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 210, entitled “Fees”, § 210-10. Emergency services shall be amended to add section B. as follows:

- B. Fire & Rescue Fees (See, § 196-4)
- (1) Level 1 Motor vehicle accident (MVA) incidentals: batteries, fluids, stabilization. Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. Operations such as stabilizing a vehicle, use of hand tools, hazard control, and other scene-related light rescue operations: \$600.
 - (2) Level 2 Motor vehicle accident (MVA): Includes Level 1 services as well as clean-up and materials used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean-up and disposal. Clean-up of any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of an accident/incident: \$800.
 - (3) Level 3 Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) extrications: Operations that include the use of power tools and hydraulic tools to perform operations such as opening or removing doors to provide access to patients as well as stabilizing vehicles and performing hazardous assessments: \$1650.
 - (4) Malicious fire alarms: \$500. A malicious fire alarm is defined as any false alarm that is transmitted by an alarm system due to improper operation, poor maintenance, or malfunction of the alarm system. Alarms will be defined as malicious after the receipt of the third false alarm within any one-hundred-eighty-day

period.

- (5) Vehicle Fire: \$800.00. Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection and clean-up of gasoline or other automotive fluids that are leaked or spilled as a result of the incident.
- (6) Water Recovery Incident: \$510.00 hr. per response vehicle, and \$630.00 hr. per diver. Deployment of the Bellmawr Fire Department Underwater Search & Rescue Team for the recovery of non-emergent property such as articles, equipment and/or vehicles.

SECTION 2: This is an amendment to Chapter 170, Construction Fees, §170-4 entitled "Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

170-4. Fees.

The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the sub code fees listed below and shall be paid before the permit is issued.

- A. The basic construction permit fee shall be the sum of the parts computed on the basis of the volume or cost of construction, the number of plumbing fixtures and pieces of equipment, the number of electrical fixtures and devices and the number of sprinklers, standpipes and detectors (smoke and heat) at the unit rates provided herein plus any special fees and shall be paid before the permit is issued.
 - (1) Plan review fee. The fee for plan review shall be 25% of the amount to be charged for a new construction permit. This fee shall be paid before the plans are reviewed.
 - (2) Building Sub code fees shall be as follows:
 - (a) The minimum fee shall be \$75.
 - (b) Fees for new construction shall be based upon the volume of the structure. Volume shall be computed in the amount of \$0.034 per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures of all use groups and types of construction as classified in Articles 3 and 4 of the Building Subcode.
 - (c) Fees for renovations, alterations and repairs and/or site construction on private property shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be in the amount of \$30 per \$1,000. A bona fide contractor's bid, if available, shall be submitted. The Construction Official shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.
 - (d) Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis for new construction for the added portion.
 - (e) Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be computed separately in accordance with Subsection A(2)(c) and (d) above.
 - (f) The fee for tents in excess of 900 square feet in any dimension shall be \$150.
 - (g) The fee for roofing work on Use Group R-3 and R-5 structures shall be \$75.
 - (h) The fee for siding work on Use Group R-3 and R-4 structures shall be \$75.
 - (i) The fee for any zoning permits which are for sheds (10 feet x 10 feet and under only), any flat concrete work,

driveways, slabs, sidewalks, and fences six feet tall and under is a flat fee of \$65.

- (3) Plumbing Subcode fees shall be as follows:
- (a) The minimum fee shall be \$75.
 - (b) The fee shall be in the amount of \$15 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system and for each appliance connected to the gas or oil piping system as indicated in Subsection A(3)(c) below.
 - (c) Additional fees shall apply to the following devices: the fee shall be \$92 per special device for the following: grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventors equipped with test ports (double check valve assembly, reduced pressure zone and pressure vacuum breaker backflow preventors), steam boilers, hot-water boilers (excluding those for domestic heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.
- (4) Electrical Subcode fees shall be as follows:
- (a) Minimum fee: \$75. For from one to 50 receptacles or fixtures, the fee shall be \$65; for each 25 receptacles or fixtures in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$15. For the purpose of computing this fee, receptacles or fixtures shall include lighting outlets, convenience receptacles, smoke and heat detectors or similar fixtures and motors or devices of less than or equal to one horsepower or one kilowatt.
 - (b) For each motor or electrical device greater than one horsepower and less than or equal to 10 horsepower, and for transformers and generators greater than one kilowatt and less than or equal to 10 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$15.
 - (c) For each motor or electrical device greater than 10 horsepower and less than or equal to 50 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel less than or equal to 200 amperes; for each transformer and generator greater than 10 kilowatts and less than or equal to 45 kilowatts; and for each utility load management device, the fee shall be \$75.
 - (d) For each motor or electrical device greater than 50 horsepower and less than or equal to 100 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 200 amperes and less than or equal to 1,000 amperes; and for transformers and generators greater than 45 kilowatts and less than or equal to 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$92.
 - (e) For each motor or electrical device greater than 100 horsepower; for each service panel, service entrance or subpanel greater than 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator greater than 112.5 kilowatts, the fee shall be \$457.
 - (f) For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors except those in plug-in appliances shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming electrical current.
 - (g) The fee for heater replacement shall be \$75.
 - (h) The fee for aboveground swimming pools shall be \$75. & inground \$100.

- (5) Fire Subcode fees shall be as follows:
- (a) Minimum fee of \$75.
 - (b) Fire protection and other hazardous equipment: sprinklers, standpipes, detectors (smoke and heat), pre-engineered suppression systems, gas- and oil-fired appliances not connected to the plumbing system, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators, and crematoriums.
 - [1] The fee for 20 or fewer heads shall be \$82; for 21 to and including 100 heads the fee shall be \$151; for 101 to and including 200 heads the fee shall be \$289; for 201 to and including 400 heads the fee shall be \$748; for 401 to and including 1,000 heads the fee shall be \$1,036; the fee for over 1,000 heads shall be \$1,323.
 - [2] The fee for each standpipe shall be \$289.
 - [3] The fee for one to 12 detectors shall be \$65; for each 25 detectors in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$15.
 - [4] The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be \$116.
 - [5] The fee for each gas- or oil-fired appliance that is not connected to the plumbing system shall be \$75.
 - [6] The fee for each kitchen exhaust system shall be \$75.
 - [7] The fee for each incinerator shall be \$460.
 - [8] The fee for each crematorium shall be \$460.
- (6) Fees for certificates and other permits are as follows:
- (a) The fee for a demolition or removal permit shall be \$82 for Use Groups R-3 and R-5; the fee for all other use groups shall be \$151.
 - (b) The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be in the amount of \$2.50 per square foot surface area of the sign, computed on one side only for double-faced signs. The minimum fee shall be \$75.
 - (c) The fee for a certificate of occupancy for Use Group R-3 and R-5 structures shall be \$75.
 - (d) The fee for a certificate of occupancy for all other use groups shall be 10% of the total permit fee, with a minimum charge of \$75.
 - (e) The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to a change of use group shall be \$120.
 - (f) The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy issued under N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(c) shall be \$120.
 - (g) The fee for a plan review of a building for compliance under the alternate systems and nondepletable energy source provisions of the Energy Sub code shall be \$274 for one- and two-family homes (Use Group R-3 of the Building Sub code) and for light commercial structures having the temperature controlled from a single point and \$1,369 for all other structures.
 - (h) The fee for an application for a variation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-10 shall be \$594 for Class I structures and \$120 for Class II and Class III structures. The fee for

resubmission of an application for a variation shall be \$229 for Class I structures and \$75 for Class II and Class III structures.

- (i) The fee for lead hazard abatement work is \$140. The fee for a lead abatement clearance certificate shall be \$65.
 - (j) For cross-connections and backflow preventers that are subject to testing, requiring reinspection annually, the fee shall be \$92.
 - (k) Mechanical systems. The fee for a mechanical inspection in a Use Group R-3 or R-4 structure by a mechanical inspector shall be \$75 for the first device and \$35 for each additional device. No separate fee shall be charged for gas, fuel oil, or water piping connections associated with the mechanical equipment inspected.
 - (l) Tanks, in-ground or aboveground. On-site inspection fee shall be \$82.
 - (m) The Building Subcode permit fee for construction and installation of an aboveground swimming pool shall be \$75.
 - (n) The fee for a bonding/grounding inspection and certificate as required for public swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs by P.L. 1998, c. 137, shall be \$75.
- (7) Minimum fee. In any case, the minimum fee for construction permit in part or total shall be \$65.
 - (8) Third-party agencies. In the event that a third-party agency is used for any one of the sub codes, an administrative surcharge fee of 15% shall be added per sub code.
 - (9) Discontinuance of building project. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.27, in case of a discontinuance of a building project, plan review fees are not refundable.
 - (10) Exemptions. The only exemptions to fees are for municipal building or use of buildings for municipal business and buildings of Group A-4.

B. Fees for certificate of occupancy inspections.

- (1) Single-family dwelling: \$100.
- (2) Duplex rental dwelling unit: \$100 per unit.
- (3) Commercial use: \$125.
- (4) Multiple-family rental unit (apartment): \$60.
- (5) Re-inspection fee: \$75 third and subsequent re-inspection.

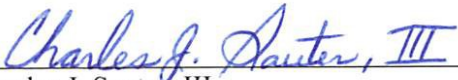
SECTION 3: A copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted upon adoption to the State Treasurer, along with a list of the names and addresses of all hotels located within the Borough.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

Introduction; February 23, 2023
Adoption: March 23, 2023

BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR



Charles J. Sauter, III
Mayor


ATTEST:



Francine M. Wright, RMC
Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Francine M. Wright, Clerk of the Borough of Bellmawr, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council at their meeting of March 23, 2023, in the Municipal Building, 21 East Browning Road, Bellmawr, New Jersey.



Francine M. Wright, RMC, Borough Clerk