

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 93,
"CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM," SECTION 3, "FEES," OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG TO UPDATE THE BUILDING, PLUMBING,
ELECTRICAL AND FIRE SUBCODE FEES.**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that Chapter 93, "Construction Codes, Uniform," Section 3, "Fees," of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented to Update the Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Subcode fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 93, "Construction Codes, Uniform," Section 3, "Fees," of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

Section 1:

- A. The building subcode fees shall be as follows, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$90.00:
- (1) For new construction:
 - (a) Use Groups B,H,I-1,I-3,M,E,R-1,R-2,R-3,R-4,R-5,U:
\$0.050 x cubic foot of volume.
 - (b) Use Groups A-1,A-2,A-3,A-4,F-1,F-2,S-1,S-2
\$0.025 x cubic foot of volume.
 - (c) Farm use building, exclusively used for storage of food, grain, or the sheltering of livestock: \$0.0010 x cubic foot of volume.
The maximum fee shall be \$1,060.00
 - (2) For renovations, alterations and repairs:
 - (a) Estimated cost up to and including \$50,000: \$50.00 per \$1,000.

- (b) Estimated cost of \$50,001 up to and including \$100,000: \$35.00 per \$1,000.
- (c) Estimated cost above \$100,000: \$25.00 per \$1,000

Section 2:

A (4) Flat Fees:

Structure or Improvement	Fee
Pool	
Aboveground	\$100.00
In-ground	\$250.00
Fence (greater than six feet and/or fences for public or private swimming pools)	\$105.00
Sheds (Greater than 100 square feet or Over 10 ft high)	\$105.00
Gazebo	\$105.00
Roof	
Residential	\$105.00
All other use groups	\$125.00
Siding	\$105.00
Windmill	\$150.00
Towers	\$125.00

Section 3:

B. Plumbing subcode fees shall be as follows:

- (1) The minimum plumbing fee shall be \$90.00 for the first four fixtures or gas appliances, each thereafter shall be \$25.00 Special devices shall be \$125.00

Section 4:

C. Electrical subcode fees.

(1) The minimum electrical fee shall be \$90.00.

(2) Electrical Fixtures & Devices

(a) Receptacles, fixtures or switches.

[1] Fee

[a] From 1 to 50 receptacles, fixtures, or switches
(15 – 20 amp only):\$100.00

[b] Increments of 25 additional items: \$25.00

[c] For each receptacle (30-50 amp only): \$50.00

[d] Greater than 50 amp: \$75.00

[2] For the purposes of computing this fee, the term
“receptacles, fixtures or switches” shall include: lighting
outlets, thermostats, telephone outlets, CRT outlets,
fluorescent fixtures, burglar alarm and intercom devices.

(b) For each light standard greater than 8 ft. in height, including
luminaries, and for each communications emergency lights,
electric signs, exit lights or similar electric fixtures and devices
rated 10 amperes or less including motors or equipment rated
less than one horsepower (hp) or one kilowatt (kw): \$25.00

(3) Motors.

Number of Horsepower	Fee
1 or less than or equal to 10	\$50.00
Greater than 10 or less than or equal to 50	\$100.00
Greater than 50 or less than or equal to 100	\$150.00
Greater than 100	\$850.00

(4) Electrical Devices, includes transformers and generators.

(a) Based on kilowatts (kw).

[1] One kw or less than or equal to 10 kw: \$50.00

[2] Greater than 10 kw or less than or equal to 45 kw: \$75.00

[3] Greater than 45 kw or less than or equal to 112.5 kw:\$150.00

[4] Greater than 112.5 kw \$850.00

Note: Actual nameplate kw rating must be noted on application to assure no delay in permit issuance.

(b) Average field ratings:

Device	Rating(kw)
Electric Dryer	5.0
Electric Range	10.8
Surface Units	5.1
Geo-Thermal	KW range of 3.8 to 19.2 + heat Pump 2.6 to 7.4

Electric baseboard heat, 4 ft. length 1.0

Hard-wired microwave ovens 1.44

Hot water heater 4.5

Central air (per ton) 1.4

Dishwasher 1.2

(5) Service Equipment; term includes: service panel, service entrance & subpanels; each equipment piece priced as follows:

Number of Amps	Fee
Greater than 0 but less than or equal to 225	\$100.00
Greater than 225 but less than or equal to 1,000	\$150.00
Greater than 1,000	\$850.00

(6) Pools

(a) Aboveground pool: \$100.00

(b) Inground pool \$150.00

(7) Smoke detectors & heat detectors/residential: \$50.00

(8) Light standards, less than eight feet in height: refer to Subsection C(1)(b) above.

- (9) Hydro Massage Tub: \$100.00
- (10) Communications closet: Price does not include devices; refer to Subsection C(1) above: \$50.00
- (11) Common Miscalculations:
 - (a) Temporary pole construction: average service panel 1 GFI Rec 21.00: \$75.00
 - (b) Central air: typical reside: fractional air handler or attic fan, attic lighting and receptacle outlet: \$75.00
 - (c) Annual Inspection of public swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs: \$150.00

Section 6:

G. Fire subcode fees shall be as follows:

- (1) Sprinkler heads

Number of Sprinkler Heads	Fee
1 to 20	\$150.00
21 to 100	\$250.00
101 to 200	\$350.00
201 to 400	\$950.00
401 to 1,000	\$1,500.00
Over 1,000	\$2,000.00

- (2) Heat/smoke detectors.

Alarm/Supervisory/Signaling	Fee
1 to 20	\$100.00
21 to 100	\$150.00
101 to 200	\$250.00
201 to 400	\$1,000.00
401 to 1,000	\$1,500.00
Over 1,000	\$2,000.00

- (3) Each Standpipe: \$450.00

- (4) Each Independent Pre-Engineered System: \$200.00
- (5) Each Gas- or Oil-Fired Appliance which is not connected to the plumbing system: \$100.00
- (6) Each Kitchen Exhaust System: \$100.00
- (7) Each Incinerator/Crematorium: \$550.00
- (8) Minimum fee: \$100.00

Section 7:

I. Combination Fee Schedule for Special Individual Replacement Devices

- 1). Boiler, Furnace, Water Heater & Air Conditioner: Plumbing, Fire, Electrical Subcode: \$150.00
- 2). Air Conditioning: Plumbing & Electrical Subcode: \$150.00
- 3). Air Conditioning with ductwork: Plumbing, Electrical, Building Subcode: \$150.00

Section 8:

All sections of the Chapter that are unchanged shall remain as is.

Section 9:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 10:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 11:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on March 1, 2023, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on April 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

ORDINANCE NO. 23-05

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

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Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC