

## **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA**

### **A By-Law Respecting Fees in Regard to Building Permits**

#### **Short Title**

1. This by-law shall be known and may be cited as the “***Building Permit Fees By-Law***”.

#### **Interpretation**

2. In this by-law:
  - (a) “**Act**” means the *Building Code Act*;
  - (b) “**Accessory Building**” is a Building which is Accessory, and less than 55 square metres in area, and only one storey in height;
  - (c) “**Building Official**” means the authority having jurisdiction in the Municipality under the *Act* and the *Building Code Regulations* of the Province of Nova Scotia;
  - (d) “**Council**” means the Council of the Municipality;
  - (e) “**Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Construction**” means construction governed by Part 3 of the *National Building Code*;
  - (f) “**Municipality**” means the Municipality of the County of Victoria;
  - (g) “**Policy**” means a policy adopted by Council pursuant to Part III of the *Municipal Government Act*’
  - (h) “**Residential Construction**” means construction governed by Part 9 of the *National Building Code*, and includes modular homes.

#### **Fees**

3. (1) The fees for an application for and the issuance of a building permit shall be as follows:
  - (a) For residential construction, including modular homes:

**Twenty Dollars (420) plus: \$0.14 per square foot, per floor;  
and \$0.08 per square foot for basements, finished or unfinished**
  - (b) For mobile homes:

**Seventy Five Dollars (\$75)**

- (c) For commercial, industrial or institutional construction:

**Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$0.18 per square foot**

- (d) For agricultural buildings:

**Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$0.08 per square foot**

- (e) For accessory buildings:

**Fifty Dollars (\$50) flat fee**

- (f) For additions to, or alterations of, existing buildings:

**Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$2.50 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) value of the construction.**

- (2) Where any construction, repairs or alterations are commenced without issuance of a building permit, as required by the *Act* and the *Building Code Regulations*, the fee for issuance of a permit shall be double the amounts set out in subsection (1).
- (3) The fee for issuance of a renewal of a building permit, a development permit, or a demolition permit shall be \$20.00. No fee shall be charged for issuance of an occupancy permit.
- (4) Where a permit issued under this section is not used, and an application for a refund is made in writing to the building official within 30 days of issuance of the permit, the applicant shall receive a refund of 50% of the fee paid.

**Effective Date**

4. The fees prescribed in section 3 thereof shall be in effect in regard to all applications filed with the building official of the Municipality from and after the date upon which this by-law comes into force.

**Amendment of Fees**

5. (1) Council may amend the fees fixed under section 3 by a policy adopted pursuant to paragraph 49(1)(c)(iii) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

- (2) A certified copy of a policy adopted under subsection (1) hereof shall be appended to the copy of this by-law maintained by the Municipality, and shall include the effective date of the amendment.

### **Repeal**

- (6) That part of any previous by-law or policy of the Municipality respecting those fees fixed under section 3 is hereby repealed and of no further force.

**I CERTIFY** this to be a true copy of "*A By-Law Respecting Fees in Regard to Applications for and Issuance of Building Permits*" as adopted on second reading by Council of the Municipality of the County of Victoria at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

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**Clerk's Annotation For Official By-Law Book**

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