


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES HARTMAN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 58 : A LIST OF PLANNING FEES BY JURISDICTION

This budget memorandum is in response to Vice Mayor Macdonald's request: *Provide a list of fees and how they compare to other jurisdictions.*

The attached table shows a 2007 jurisdictional survey of planning fees compiled by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission in February 2007. It should be noted that planning fees vary considerably across jurisdictions. The City's planning fees are comparable, particularly, with Arlington and Fairfax counties when computed out. One major difference is that the City has a fee cap of \$20,000 for site plans, while other jurisdictions do not. The Planning Department will be considering the pros and cons of elimination of this limit in the future.

The following abbreviations used on the survey, are explained for the reader's convenience:

ac	Acre
BAR	Board of Architectural Review
CO	Certificate of Occupancy
CUP	Conditional Use Permit
DMV	Division Motor Vehicles
ECR	Environment Compliance Review
ESC	Erosion and Sediment Control
MF	Multi-Family Dwelling
PUD	Planned Unit Development
SFD	Single Family Dwelling
SP	Site Plan
SF	Single Family
TH	Townhouse
Res	Residential
NA	Not Applicable

# 2007 Survey of Municipal Planning and Zoning Fees

Compiled by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
For the Northern Virginia Planning Directors Committee  
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## 2007 Survey of Planning Fees

					NA	\$1000 plus \$50/unit		\$1,000	\$2,000 plus \$250 per .25 acre			
Site plan * <25 units	\$2,500 plus \$20/unit	\$1,000 plus \$2/100 sq. ft. maximum \$20,000	\$2,400	\$4,800 + \$95 per acre	NA			\$1,500 plus \$100 per lot	\$1,000 plus \$250 per .25 acre		\$2,000 plus ECR cost (not to exceed \$2,500)	\$400 plus \$15.00 for each s.f. of gross f.a.
All Other Site Plans	\$8,000 plus \$20/100 sq. ft. off and \$20/unit	\$1,000 plus \$2/100 sq. ft. maximum \$20,000	\$2,400		NA					\$3,000		\$400 plus \$15.00 for each s.f. of gross f.a.
Commercial						\$1,000 + \$50 per unit or per 1,000 sq ft						
Preliminary Site Plan								\$400 plus \$100 per lot/unit	\$750-\$1,500 plus \$30 per lot/parcel			
Major Amendments	\$8,000 plus \$20/100 sq. ft. off and \$20/unit	\$1,000 plus \$2/100 sq. ft. maximum \$20,000	\$2,400	\$1,200	NA	\$400		\$1,000				
Minor Amendments	\$2,000 plus \$20/100 sq. ft. off and \$20/unit		\$1,400		NA	\$250						
Administrative Change	\$500 per request				NA			\$400	\$200 per plan sheet			\$150.00
Lot Consolidation						\$300			\$250 per plat			
Lot Line Adjustment						\$250			\$250 per plat			
Proffer Amendment								\$2,000				
Final Plan Review (Administrative review of final plan against approved plan (not for building permit))	\$1,000 plus \$20/100 sq. ft. off and \$20/unit	\$2,000 plus \$8/100 sq. ft.			NA						\$2,500 + 2% of public improvements value + ECR cost (ECR cost not to exceed \$2,500)	
Site Development Permit								\$500 plus \$500/lot-SFD, \$300/unit-MF, plus \$0.45 per gross sq. ft of proposed buildings (non-residential, not to exceed \$25,000)				
Creative Development						\$1,500 (\$750 for outline/concept review)						
Landscape Plan Review	\$250				NA	\$150 - \$400						Same as S.P.
Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (no charge if submitted with site plan)								\$500				
Public Improvement Plan - serving any site/subdivision plan, submitted separately								\$400 plus 2% of bond				
Zoning Text Amendment								\$500				

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Floodplain Review (Staff)						\$100 - \$300			\$1,000 plus .5 of town consultant fee if required			
Chesapeake Bay Review (Staff)						\$100 - \$400			\$50 - \$500			
Traffic Impact Study									\$500 plus .5 of town consultant fee if required			
Revised Site Plans beyond first acceptance	n/a	\$1,000			NA	\$150 - \$350			\$200 per plan sheet		\$500 + ECR cost (ECR cost not to exceed \$1,500)	\$300.00
Revised application	n/a	\$150			NA			\$500				
		\$3,000 plus \$300 per acre each 1/2 acre of 1 acre for all	\$8,820 plus \$195-\$435/acre	\$15,730 per acre for first 200 plus \$80 for each acre over	\$1,982 plus \$100 - 105/ac			\$2,500 plus \$250 per acre	\$5,000 plus \$250 per .25 acre	\$5000 plus \$100/ac.	0-5 ac: \$2,500 5-10 ac: \$3,500 10-25 ac: \$6,500 25-100 ac: \$7,500 >100 ac: \$8,500 + \$25 each add	
SF of TH <25,000 sq. ft.	\$3,520	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		\$1,982 plus \$0-\$95 / acre		\$500 plus \$15/acre	\$2000 plus \$200/acre				\$1200 for all
SF or TH >25,000 sq. ft.	\$4,675	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3,270 plus \$110 - 140 / acre		\$500 plus \$15/acre	\$2000 plus \$200/acre				
High Density Res	\$8,000	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3,270 plus \$110 - 140 / acre		\$300 plus 15/acre	\$2000 plus \$200/acre				
< 25,000 sq. ft.												
High Density Res	\$12,000	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3,270 plus 110-140/acre		\$500 plus \$30/acre	\$2,500 plus \$250 per acre				
> 25,000 sq. ft.												
Low Commercial <25,000	\$5,830	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3,270 plus 110-140/acre		\$500 plus \$30/acre	\$2000 plus \$200/acre				
Low Commercial >25,000	\$8,140	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3,270 plus 110-140/acre		\$600 plus \$30/acre	\$2000 plus \$200/acre				
High Density Office/Mixed	\$12,000	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3270 plus 135-175/acre		\$600 plus \$30/acre	\$2,500 plus \$250 per acre				
< 25,000 sq. ft.												
High Density Office/Mixed	\$12,000	\$3,000 plus	\$8,820 plus		3270 plus 135-175/acre		\$600 plus \$30/acre	\$2,500 plus \$250 per acre				
> 25,000 sq. ft.												
Planned Development									\$2,500 plus \$250 per .25 acre			

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							\$2000 plus \$200/acre				
Industrial											
With General Land Use Plan Amendment - plus	\$2,555	\$3,000 plus \$300 per acre each ½ acre of 1 acre	\$0	\$0					\$2000 plus ad cost		
Zoning Map Amendment						\$1,200		\$300 per section			
Land Use Plan Map/Zoning Map						\$1,850					
Land Use Map Only						\$750		\$1,000 per request			
Zoning Appeals						\$200 per code section					
Amendment to Application	n/a	n/a		\$3,270		\$500				\$2,500	
		\$1,000	\$460 - \$7,360						\$3000 or \$1000 for non-profit		\$300.00; called conditional use permits in Vienna
Family Home Day Care	\$100	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100					\$100	\$50.00
Residential in Business Districts					\$1,200						
Single Story Commercial > 1,000 sq. ft.					\$1,200						
Single Story Commercial < 1,000 sq. ft.					\$600						
Private schools, child care centers etc w/ less than 100 students	\$125	\$250	\$100		\$100	\$500					CUP; then cert. of occp.
Private schools, child care centers etc w/ more than 100 students	\$275	\$250	\$3,565	\$2,530	200 or 1,000	\$500					CUP; then cert. of occp.
Other commercial or non commercial uses except drive-thrus, gas stations, food delivery and new construction	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,565	\$2,530	1,500	\$400	\$500				Certificate of occupancy only \$50.00
Live entertainment, auto repair garages and food delivery	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,295	400 - 7,500		\$250					CUP; then cert. of occp.
Commercial with substantial alteration, drive-thrus and gas stations	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$5,295	4,500 or 7,500		\$1,000					CUP; then cert. of occp.
New construction use permits	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$5,295								Comm: \$80 + .10 per s.f.
Residential new construction use permits	\$2,020 + \$5 per unit	\$1,000	\$5,295	1,500	\$300						\$40 + .05 per s.f.
Form Based Code and Unified Commercial use permits	\$1 per sq. ft. not to exceed \$5,000	\$1,000	\$5,295								
Comprehensive Sign Plan	\$1,500	\$1,000		1,000 or 1,500	\$25+\$5 per add sign			\$25			\$50-BAR; \$100.00 signs
					\$200 plus \$25 per additional code section		\$300	\$350			
Additions to single-family	\$285 + \$57 for each add'l section	\$300		285							\$200.00
New single-family	\$2,260 + \$452 per add'l section	\$300		285	300						\$200.00
Building location errors	\$3,400	n/a		285							\$200.00
High density town houses, apartments office buildings and other commercial	\$2,820 + \$564 per add'l section	\$750 - \$1,000		285	\$600 - \$1,200						\$200.00
Non-profits	\$235	n/a		285							\$200.00
Appeals	\$340	\$350		425	\$200	\$200	\$400	\$350			\$200.00
Waive request							\$750				

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Dance Hall Permits	\$800 per year				NA		\$250					CUP; then cert. of occp.
Home Occupation Permits	No fee				No Fee		\$10.00			\$30		\$50.00
Sign Permits	\$55 + \$1/sq.ft. for signs greater than 100 sq. ft.				\$25 New = 44 plus 1.10 per sq. ft Deposit - 50 Reface 22 plus 1.00 per sq ft			\$100		\$40		\$50.00 plus \$50.00 for Board of Arch. Review
Zoning Compliance Letters	\$275	\$500			20		\$50.00		\$50 - \$300	\$150		\$100.00
DMV Letters	\$200				20							N/A
Special Agreement Letters	\$980				20							\$100.00
Grading Permit (Land Disturbing)						\$350 - \$500		\$500 plus 3% of erosion control escrow				
Zoning Ordinance	\$10				50		\$5.00	\$50		\$12		\$100.00
New multi-family, commercial, office, industrial and hotel with elevators	\$540				45.79							\$50.00
New commercial, office and industrial without elevators	\$310				23.4							\$50.00
New multi-family without elevators	\$275 + \$12 per unit				23.4							\$50.00
New motels, tourist homes, bed and breakfasts, rooming houses and boarding houses	\$275 + \$12 per unit				45.79							\$50.00
One and two-family dwellings	\$235				23.4							\$50.00
New townhouse projects < 20 units	\$310				na							\$50.00
New townhouse projects > 20 units	\$540				na							\$50.00
Change of ownership office/commercial	\$310				45.79							\$50.00
Change of ownership multi-family	\$275 + \$12 per unit				na							\$50.00
Change in ownership motels	\$235 + \$12 per unit				na							\$50.00
Multi-family with elevators converting to condo	\$540				na							\$50.00
Multi-family without elevators converting to condo	\$275 + \$12 per unit				na							
					na							
< 150,000 sq. ft.	\$1,222				na							\$50.00
> 150,000 sq. ft.	\$1,980				na							\$50.00
					na							
Commercial/Office <150 sq. ft. (Desk Space)	\$121				na							\$50.00
Commercial/Office >150 sq. ft.	\$171				na							\$50.00
Commercial/Office >2,000 sq. ft. (Desk Space)	\$275 per 10,000 sq. ft.				na							\$50.00
Multi-family, hotels and town house	\$235 + \$12 per unit				na							\$50.00
Other												
Parking structures	\$310 per 20,000 sq. ft.				99.72							

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Family home day care	\$24				30.53				\$30		\$50.00
Swimming Pools	\$195				50.88						
Parking lots	\$180				na						
Motor vehicle dealership (used, new and rental)	\$815				na						
Public Improvement Permit (infrastructure) serving a residential, non-residential project or both, but submitted separately								\$500 plus 2% of total bond			
Temporary Use Permit								\$100	\$75		
Other uses not specified	\$160				65 (home inspection license (new))						
Subdivision plat	\$132 + \$72 per lot	\$350 < 10 lots \$1,000 > 10 lots Plus \$250 for each review beyond the second			450 application plus 85 per plat plus 22 per lot	\$750+\$50 per lot	\$40/lot	\$500 (no fee if submitted w/ site plan)	\$300 plus \$30 per lot		Preliminary: \$350.00 plus \$15.00 per lot. Final: \$125.00 plus \$15.00 per lot.
Residential/commercial condo plats < 9 units	\$132				NA						
Residential/commercial condo plats > 9 units	\$264				NA						
Building construction permit									\$30-50 additions \$300-350 new construction		See construction permit fees above.