



MILAM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
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FEE SCHEDULE



The following fees are hereby established for obtaining permits from the Milam County Fire Marshal's Office. All payments will be submitted via the Milam County Permitting Website.

All fees paid to the Milam County Fire Marshal's Office are non-refundable.

Building Permit Fee Schedule

Step 1: Using the most current version of the International Code Council (ICC) Building Valuation Data (BVD) table, determine the construction cost per square foot of your proposed building. This is based on occupancy type and construction type.

Table 1
International Code Council Building Valuation Data table (August 2024)

Square Foot Construction Costs ^{a, b, c}

Group (2024 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	333.98	322.10	312.59	300.28	280.58	272.46	290.01	261.47	251.46
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	306.63	294.75	285.24	272.92	253.47	245.34	262.66	234.35	224.35
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	264.07	256.33	248.28	238.82	223.69	217.61	230.62	203.42	195.71
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	263.07	255.33	246.28	237.82	221.69	216.61	229.62	201.42	194.71
A-3 Assembly, churches	311.21	299.32	289.82	277.50	258.18	250.05	267.24	239.06	229.06
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	261.35	249.47	238.96	227.64	207.19	200.06	217.38	188.07	179.07
A-4 Assembly, arenas	305.63	293.75	283.24	271.92	251.47	244.34	261.66	232.35	223.35
B Business	292.48	282.09	271.97	260.46	237.85	229.40	250.46	212.56	202.84
E Educational	279.20	269.50	260.98	250.17	233.48	221.55	241.57	204.55	198.00
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	162.52	154.68	144.93	139.48	124.19	118.17	132.99	102.98	95.90
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	161.52	153.68	144.93	138.48	124.19	117.17	131.99	102.98	94.90
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	151.65	143.81	135.05	128.61	114.61	107.60	122.11	93.40	N.P.
H234 High Hazard	151.65	143.81	135.05	128.61	114.61	107.60	122.11	93.40	85.33
H-5 HPM	292.48	282.09	271.97	260.46	237.85	229.40	250.46	212.56	202.84
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	459.84	449.45	439.33	427.82	403.26	N.P.	417.81	377.98	N.P.
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	319.21	306.86	296.74	285.23	264.10	N.P.	275.22	238.82	N.P.
I-3 Institutional, restrained	341.48	331.09	320.97	309.46	288.34	278.89	299.46	263.05	251.33
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
M Mercantile	197.08	189.34	177.79	171.82	156.33	151.25	163.63	136.06	129.35
R-1 Residential, hotels	267.42	258.06	249.33	240.60	220.62	214.60	240.64	198.79	192.64
R-2 Residential, multiple family	223.61	214.25	205.52	196.79	177.77	171.76	196.82	155.95	149.80
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family ^d	211.77	205.84	200.99	197.13	190.36	183.32	193.75	177.67	167.37
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	264.93	255.57	246.84	238.11	217.64	211.63	238.15	195.82	189.67
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	150.65	142.81	133.05	127.61	112.61	106.60	121.11	91.40	84.33
S-2 Storage, low hazard	149.65	141.81	133.05	126.61	112.61	105.60	120.11	91.40	83.33
U Utility, miscellaneous	115.27	108.48	100.93	96.59	86.02	80.36	91.94	68.09	64.85

- a. Private Garages use Utility, miscellaneous
- b. For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent
- c. N.P. = not permitted
- d. Unfinished basements (Group R-3) = \$31.50 per sq. ft.

Step 2: Multiply the construction cost by the square footage of your building.

Step 3: Take the value from step two and multiply it by 0.002 (less than 1/4th of 1%).

Step 4: Add the base permitting fee

Figure 1

Example of permit fee calculation for a 1,500 square foot, A-2 Restaurant, Type VB construction.

<u>Gross Area</u>		<u>ICC BVD Cost</u>		<u>Fee Multiplier</u>		<u>Base Fee</u>		<u>Permit Fee</u>
	X	Per Sq. Ft.	X		+		=	
1,500 Sq. Ft.		144.33		0.002		\$500.00		\$932.99

Square Footage Calculation: Occupancies that are determined by the fire marshal to have significant exterior installations of equipment which may impact fire and emergency response operations outside the horizontal projection of the roof will include these areas in the building area calculation for establishing the permit fee. One example is a data center with multiple diesel generator and lithium-ion energy storage systems as well as extensive mechanical cooling structures.

Note: The building permit fee includes your initial Certificate of Occupancy / Certificate of Compliance. You will be responsible for renewing your Certificate of Occupancy on an annual basis, at which time your annual fire inspection will be conducted.

Duplicate Document Fees & Miscellaneous	
1. <u>Duplicate Document Fee</u>	\$50.00
This fee will be assessed for replacement of required Permits, Certificate of Occupancy, Work Authorizations or Fire Inspection Reports.	
2. <u>Express Permit</u>	\$100.00
An Express Permit covers the addition of small structures to a site with a previously issued permit.	
3. <u>Permit Renewal</u>	\$150.00 + 5% of original permit fee
This fee is for permits that are about to expire and are being renewed for an additional 180-day time period. Permits that have already expired and are being renewed for an additional 180 days, original permit fee will be required	
4. <u>Taxing Entity Discount</u>	Total Permit Fee (less) 25%
New public construction projects funded via ad valorem taxes will receive a 25% discount.	

Other Commercial/Public Access Building Permits and Fees

1. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy \$550.00

If circumstances warrant, the Fire Marshal may grant limited use of a structure or portion of a building under permit, provided the area has been inspected and found to be in compliance with the adopted Fire and Building Codes. A written request (accompanied by a floor plan drawing) must be submitted by the contractor or the owner's representative indicating the area of the building requested to be occupied. All required fire protection systems, as indicated on the original building permit, must be fully operational and tested. This fee must accompany the written request. This TCO is valid for 90 days, and a final Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained within this 90-day period. If a final Certificate of Compliance cannot be obtained within the first 90 days, an additional Temporary Certificate of Occupancy can be obtained for \$550.

**2. Temporary Structure Permits Less than 750 sq. ft. = \$100.00
More than 750 sq. ft. = \$100.00 + \$0.050 per sq. ft. over**

This fee is for registration and inspection of temporary structures (tents, air-supported structures, canopies, construction trailers, etc.). The fee includes inspection of the structure to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements. Valid for up to 365 days (1 yr.). This fee also includes a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Occupancy.

3. Modular/Mobile Structure Installation Permit \$750.00

This fee is for the installation of a mobile or modular structure that will be used for commercial or public access purposes. It will include the plan review of the structure and inspection after installation to ensure the structure meets the intent of the adopted Fire Code. This is for mobile/modular structures that will be used for greater than 365 days (1 yr.). This fee also includes a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Occupancy.

4. Site/Civil Plan Review and Permit \$500.00

The site/civil plan review permits are issued on "phased" construction projects, or where the construction timeline requires immediate start of construction before a building permit can be obtained. This allows the contractor to clear land, grade, set forms, rough-in, and pour foundation, install fire access roads, hydrants, etc prior to the issuance of a building permit. **BECAUSE THIS IS A SPECIAL PERMIT, THE COST OF THIS CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE DEDUCTED FROM THE OVERALL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

Change of Occupancy Use and Substantial Improvement Fees

1. Change of Use or Substantial Improvement (with structural modifications). Refer to building plans review and permit fee

This fee covers the review of structural modification and/or interior finish-out plans and issuing the building permit to modify an existing structure from one occupancy classification to another in order to ensure the building and new occupancy usage complies with the adopted Building and Fire Codes. It includes the associated inspections and issuing of a new Certificate of Occupancy.

2. Change of Occupancy Use Inspection \$200.00

This fee covers the required inspection necessary to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire and Building codes, and issuance of a new Certificate of Occupancy for an occupancy area that has changed from one occupancy/business use to a new occupancy/use.

3. Opening a Business Without a Change of Occupancy Reinspection (if applicable) \$150.00

This fee is assessed if, after an initial Change of Occupancy Inspection with violations, and the violations were not corrected, and the occupancy opens for business without obtaining a reinspection, and without obtaining a **Change of Occupancy Certificate**.

4. Change of Owner/Owner Name \$150.00

This fee applies when the owner name on a Certificate of Occupancy is changed from one owner to a different owner.

Systems & Operational Permits and Fees

1. Vent/Hood Installation \$200.00

This fee covers reviewing plans, witnessing the duct light testing, inspection of kitchen vent hoods and exhaust ducts systems.

2. Vent/Hood Suppression Systems \$200.00

This fee covers the reviewing of plans, witnessing the testing, and inspection of commercial/restaurant vent hood fire suppression systems.

3. Fire Sprinkler System \$350.00 per riser/bldg/floor + plus \$0.50 per sprinkler head

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in inspections, and witnessing the 2-hour hydrostatic testing of fire sprinkler Systems.

4. Fire Alarm System \$250.00 + plus \$0.50 per initiating device

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in inspections, and witnessing the fire alarm acceptance testing. The fee is per initiating and/or alarm signaling device.

Fire Sprinkler Monitoring Systems shall pay a flat fee of **\$350.00.**

5. Fire Alarm Panel Change \$350.00

This fee applies when a fire alarm panel must be changed out due to a system panel malfunction or failure. For emergency panel replacement, the panel can be replaced and the permit fee shall be paid the next business day.

6. Paint/Spray Booth or Mixing Booth System \$250.00 per system

This fee covers the reviewing of plans, witnessing the testing, and inspection of commercial paint/spray booth fire suppression systems.

7. Underground Fire Protection System \$300.00

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting the initial rough-in inspection, and witnessing the 2-hour hydrostatic testing on underground fire protection lines for fire sprinkler systems, fire protection standpipes, and fire hydrants installed on both public and private water systems.

7a. Underground Inspections \$125.00 per inspection

Where an underground fire protection system requires multiple underground inspections, the first inspection is covered in the permit fee, and each separate additional inspection will be charged an additional inspection fee.

8.

Smoke Control System

\$250.00

This fee covers reviewing plans and witnessing the testing of building smoke control systems such as fire dampers, smoke dampers, fire/smoke dampers.
9.

Alternative Protection System

\$350.00

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in inspections, and witnessing the acceptance testing of alternative protection systems and fire suppression systems. This includes Vesda systems and duct smoke detectors required by the Building or Fire Code.
10.

System Retest/Multiple System Test Fee

\$150.00/system

This fee will be assessed when the failure of a required fire protection system requires a retest to ensure operational compliance with the adopted Fire Code and N.F.P.A. requirements. This fee also applies when a fire protection system with a single permit is broken into multiple visual inspections and/or system tests.
11.

Knox Box, Knox Padlock,

\$30.00

This fee is for the registration and processing of a Knox key access box application that is required on all Commercial buildings, public access buildings, multi-family residential buildings, townhomes, or any other structure required to have key access control. The Knox padlock application is for ALL manual gates installed at the above locations.
12.

Siren Operated Sensor Electric Gate Authorization or Knox Keyswitch Authorization

\$30.00

This fee is for registration and processing of a siren operated sensor system and knox key override switch applications on any electrical gate installed at any gated residential communities, multifamily residential community, commercial buildings, public access buildings, town homes, or any other gate required to have an S.O.S. system access control.
13.

Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System

\$350.00

This fee covers Install fees, reviewing plans, conducting rough-in inspections, and witnessing the ERRCS acceptance testing.
14.

Standpipe System

\$250.00

A fire standpipe system. Combination sprinkler/standpipe systems shall be permitted as a fire sprinkler system.
15.

Private Water Supply

\$350.00

A private fire protection water supply system. This permit applies to private fire hydrants and water storage tanks installed for private fire protection. When a commercial or public building is built without a public water supply utilizing dry hydrants, cisterns, tanks, etc. This fee is for reviewing plans for these systems and inspecting the system once the public water supply is installed.
16.

Open Burning

\$50.00

An operational permit for outdoor open burning in accordance with the Texas Outdoor Burning Rule, Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, §§111.201–221. The associated permit is optional, and the fee is waived, for property owners burning for non-commercial purposes on their own property.

17. All other permits as required by Section 105 of the 2024 International Fire Code and adopted amendments **\$200.00**

This fee is for the other required permits that are not individually named herein that are listed in Section 105 of the 2024 IFC and adopted amendments. Additionally, this fee will apply to any other permits not specified.

Flammable/Combustible Liquids and Gas Permits and Fees

1. Underground Fuel Tank Installation/Removal (per tank) **\$400.00**

This fee is for reviewing plans, witnessing tank testing, and inspecting pre and post-underground fuel tank installation or removal to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements.

2. Aboveground Tank Installation/Removal (per tank) **\$400.00**

An aboveground or underground storage tank designed to contain compressed gases, cryogenic fluids, flammable or combustible liquids, hazardous materials or LPG. This fee is for reviewing plans, witnessing the placement, and inspection of aboveground tank installation or removal to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements.

3. Underground Fuel Line/Fuel Dispensing Instal / Test (per fuel line/dispenser) **\$250.00**

This fee will be assessed for witnessing the installation and pressure test of modified or newly installed fueling system supply lines and/or dispensers.

4. Aboveground Fuel Tank Renewal (Annual – per tank) **\$150.00**

This fee is for inspecting each aboveground fuel tank to ensure continued safety and compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements.

5. Fuel Dispensing Facility Inspection and Registration **\$150.00 (annual)**

This fee is applicable for the registration of all facilities in unincorporated Milam County where flammable or combustible liquid or gas are dispensed. This fee includes the annual fire/safety inspection.

6. Hazardous Materials **\$300.00 (annual)**

A Hazardous Materials facility or system operating permit not elsewhere addressed in the fee schedule.

Inspection Fees

1. Fire/Safety Inspection Fee **\$150.00**

This fee will be assessed for all fire inspections conducted by the Milam County Fire Marshal's Office personnel to ensure a building or occupancy is in compliance with the adopted Fire Code, State Laws, and Commissioner's Court Orders. This fee is applicable for each building inspected. This fee includes the annual renewal of the Certificate of Compliance.

2. State Licensed Facility Fire/Safety Inspection **\$180.00 (facility with occupant load <50
\$300.00 (facility with occupant load ≥50)**

This fee will be assessed for all fire inspections conducted by the Milam County Fire Marshal's Office personnel of state licensed or regulated facilities to ensure a building or occupancy is in compliance with the adopted Fire Code, State Laws and Commissioner's Court Orders. This fee is applicable for each building inspected.

3. **Re-inspection Fee (Prevention)** **\$65.00**

This fee will be assessed for each re-inspection required to bring a previously identified fire hazard related problem into compliance with the adopted Fire Code, State Laws and Commissioner's Court Orders. All re-inspection fees shall be paid before the re-inspection will be performed. This fee will also be assessed for failure to show up for a scheduled fire inspection without prior notice or if a scheduled fire inspection is not canceled within four hours of the scheduled time and date. This fee is applicable for each building inspected.

4. **Mobile Vendor Inspection and Registration** **\$75.00 (annual)**

This fee is applicable to all mobile food service vendor vehicles operating in unincorporated Milam County for the registration, and inspection of the fire safety features of the vehicle.

5. **After-Hours Fee** **\$150.00/hr. 2 hr. minimum**

If circumstances warrant, and with prior approval, the Fire Marshal may have an inspector review a plan, conduct an inspection, or witness a test after normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday) when a written request is made by the contractor or the owner's representative at least 3 days in advance of the desired work. The cost of this service is \$150.00 per hour or fraction of an hour, with a minimum 2-hour charge.

6. **Mass Gathering Permit Processing/Inspection** **\$500**

This fee is for the processing of a mass gathering permit application, the required site inspection, and the processing of the associated documents required to obtain the Commissioners Court approval to conduct a Mass Gathering as required by State Law. **If the application for a mass gathering is not submitted 45 days in advance of the event, fees will be doubled.**

7. **Adoption Inspection** **No Cost**

Inspection of a residence when required as a condition for adoption of a child or infant.

8. **Foster Home Inspection** **\$50**

Inspection of a residence when required as a condition for fostering of a child or infant.

Fireworks and Explosives Permits and Fees

1. **Retail Fireworks Site Inspections**

less than 25,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00 (per building)
25,000 – 99,999 sq. ft.	\$200.00 (per building)
100,000 sq. ft. or more	\$300.00 (per building)

2. **Pyrotechnic/Flame Effects Authorization** **\$150.00 (per event)**

The fee is for the review of a proposed pyrotechnics or flame effect display to include Cold Spark systems, inspection of the proposed display site, and to verify the Pyrotechnician or Flame Effect Operators' license. This fee is applicable for any public or private fireworks display utilizing any class of regulated fireworks or flame effects devices. The fee **does not** include the fees for a Fire Watch that may be required by the Fire Marshal.

3. Blasters License

This fee is for the processing, testing, and associated background investigation of a proposed explosive licensee. The fee includes the issuance of a blasters license.

- Basic (quarry blasting operations; blasting in large, isolated areas) **\$200.00 (annual)**
- Intermediate (Basic + septic system blasting, swimming pool blasting (no structures within 500'), and similar small blasts) **\$250.00 (annual)**
- Advanced (Intermediate + specialty blasting close to habitable structures) **\$300.00 (annual)**

4. Explosives Storage Permit **\$250.00 (annual)**

This fee is for the review of a proposed explosives storage building, magazine, or container and site inspection to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code.

5. Special Explosives Storage Permit – **\$500.00 (annual)**

This fee is for items listed in the Fire Code as “Prohibited Explosives – Nitroglycerine, etc.

6. Quarry Operational Permit **\$500.00 (annual)**

This fee is for the authorization of a quarry operation permit requiring the use of explosives, and blasting operations.

7. Explosives Excavation Permit **\$200.00 (valid for 60 days)**

This fee is to evaluate the plans, licenses of contractors, site inspections and authorize the use of explosives for construction related projects. These include swimming pool excavations, utilities installation, site leveling, and all short-term projects requiring explosives use.

Miscellaneous Fees

1. Consultation Fee **\$100.00/hr**

This fee will be required for preliminary review of construction plans or other consultations with architects, engineers, contractors, and sub-contractors. This fee will also be required when an on-site consultation is requested or required. The fee will consider travel time in the calculation.

2. Research Fees **\$100.00 per hr 2 hr. minimum**

This fee shall be required on all written requests made to the Fire Marshal's Office for site assessments that require research of various Milam County records and documents to determine the status of an identified property.

3. Impact Fees **Direct Costs**

An impact fee is required on all projects where the County must incur costs to prepare for a new construction project. This includes costs related to training personnel to conduct both fire prevention and construction related inspections, purchase of new tools and equipment necessary to perform inspections and tests under new standards, and the purchase of new or updated codes and standards necessary to review construction and fire protection system plans.

BOARDING HOME FACILITY FEES

- 1. Permit Fee**
\$1,000.00 per building

This fee is for the initial application review of a Boarding Home Facility permit request in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code §260.004. It includes the review of the boarding home facility floor plan, the initial facility inspection, and the administrative fees for processing and issuing the certificate of occupancy.
- 2. Reinstatement of Suspended Permit Fee**
\$1,000.00 per building

This fee shall be required for the investigation and inspection to reinstate a Boarding Home Facility permit that has been previously suspended.
- 3. Permit Renewal Fee**
\$500.00 (annual) per building

This fee is for the annual renewal of a previously issued Boarding Home Facility permit.
- 4. Inspection Fee**
\$100.00 per building

This fee shall be required for all fire inspections conducted by the Milam County Fire Marshal's Office personnel of a boarding home facility to ensure a building or occupancy is in compliance with the adopted Fire Code, State Laws and Commissioner's Court Orders. This fee is applicable for each building inspected.
- 5. Re-Inspection Fee**
\$65.00 per building

This fee shall be required for each re-inspection required to bring a previously identified fire hazard or health and safety related problem into compliance with the law. This fee is applicable for each building inspected. All re-inspection fees shall be paid before the re-inspection will be performed. This fee may also be assessed if a scheduled inspection is not canceled within four hours of the scheduled time and date.

SERVICE FEES

A. Fire Watch / Public Safety Standby / Crowd Management / HazMat Response / Off Duty Employment Fees

Dispatcher (if required)	\$40.00 to \$70 per hour or fraction thereof
Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator or Firefighter	\$55.00 to \$85 per hour or fraction thereof
Supervisor or Fire Department Officer	\$60.00 to \$90 per hour or fraction thereof
Chief Inspector/Investigator or Chief Officer	\$65.00 to \$95 per hour or fraction thereof
Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator	\$70.00 to \$100 per hour or fraction thereof

B. Equipment Fees

Emergency response equipment and vehicle fees will be charged at the standard FEMA equipment rates.