



## CITY OF DUNWOODY

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Nier, Chief Building Official

Date: January 25, 2010

**Subject: Fire Suppression System Permit Fees**

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Based on continuing input from construction practitioners, staff agrees that at this time it would be prudent for the City of Dunwoody Community Development department to examine and potentially amend its current policy related to permitting and fees for fire suppression systems in new structures.

Much of the discussion thus far has centered on the permit fees imposed on the installation of fire suppression systems (i.e. sprinkler systems). Staff has reviewed our current policy, compared that to local jurisdictions, and recommends a change in our current procedure.

Currently, sprinkler installation permits in Dunwoody are assigned fees based on the square footage of the project, in conjunction with a percentage of the construction value of the project. This is the same procedure that is used to calculate general plumbing permit fees. Staff's review of neighboring jurisdictions' typical fees has indicated the common practice elsewhere is to assign either a flat fee for sprinklers, or a fee based on a sprinkler head count. Neighboring jurisdictions sprinkler systems are typically permitted separately from the rest of the building, and not normally calculated on a square foot basis.

Staff recommends amending the component plumbing permit application to include a separate section for sprinkler systems, and further recommends utilizing this permit form for all sprinkler installations. Dunwoody utilizes International Code Council tables for construction costs to determine the value of construction within the city. To maintain consistency of our fee schedule, the fees on the amended sprinkler permit application form have been chosen from a standard fee schedule published by the International Code Council in their code supplement, Basic Budget and Financial Administration for Building Officials.

# Component Plumbing Permit Application

Not to be used for new construction  
or remodeling projects.



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<b>Applicant Information</b>	Permit #:		Issue Date:			
	Name:					
	Contact Name:					
	Address:					
	Phone:		Fax:	Email:		
<b>Property Owner</b>	Owner's Name:					
	Owner's Address:					
	Phone:		Fax:	Email:		
<b>Contractor Information</b>	Company Name:		License No.:			
	Contact Name:		License Expiration Date:			
	Address:					
	Phone:		Fax:	Email:		
<b>Fee Chart</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Fee</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Application Fee (Includes up to 2 inspections) Non-Refundable			\$50.00	1	\$50.00
	Stacks, Waste or Vent, Backwater Valve			\$5.00		
	Bath Tub / Shower, Water Closet			\$5.00		
	Water Heater: Up to 50 Gallons			\$5.00		
	Over 50 Gallons			\$10.00		
	Sink, Service Sinks, Garbage Disposal, Dishwasher, Floor Drains, Drinking Fountain			\$5.00		
	Refrigerator, Ice Machine, Water Connection Appliances, Lavatory			\$5.00		
	Water Distribution System (¾" = \$5.00, 1" = \$10.00, 1 ¼" = \$15.00, 2" = \$20.00, Over 2" = \$30.00)					
	<b>Sprinkler Systems (Fire Suppression) Based on number of heads</b>					
	1-100 heads			\$250.00		
	101-200 heads			\$275.00		
	201-300 heads			\$300.00		
	301-400 heads			\$325.00		
	401-500 heads			\$375.00		
	Over 500 heads (fee for 401-500 then add \$0.33 per head)					
	Re-inspections or Additional Inspections ~ after initial 2 (each)			\$25.00		
Written Report			\$75.00			
Permit Revision – Administrative Fee			\$50.00			
Special Inspection (not identified)			\$50.00			
<b>Total Fee (including \$50.00 Application Fee)</b>						
<b>Authorized Signatures</b>	I hereby certify the Plumbing work described above is accurate. Variations or deviations from this list without prior notification may result in cancellation of this permit. Homeowner or "day labor" permit must be accompanied by a "Homeowner Declaration" form.					
	Applicant's Name:					
	Applicant's Signature:			Date:		
	Property Owner's Name:					
	Property Owner's Signature:			Date:		
Fee Received By:		Date:		Receipt #:		