

# BY-LAW #61

## MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND

### 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 Richmond;
  - (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 (\$20) plus: \$0.14 per square foot, per floor;**
  - (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 (\$1000) 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 hereof 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.