

# City of Watertown, Electrical Inspection Fee Schedule Guidelines

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### Section A. Schedule.

The City electrical inspection fees shall be paid according to Sections B - I.

### Section B. Fee for each separate inspection.

1. The minimum fee for each separate inspection of an installation, replacement, alteration, or repair, up to 4 circuits is \$40.00.
2. The fee for each separate inspection of the bonding for a swimming pool, spa, foundation, an equipotential plane for an agricultural confinement area, or similar installation shall be \$40.00. *Bonding conductors and connections require an inspection before being concealed.*

**Section C. Fee for services, temporary services, generators, other power supply sources, or feeders to separate structures.** The inspection fee for the installation, addition, alteration, or repair of each service, change of service, temporary service, generator, other power supply source, or feeder to a separate structure is:

1. 0 ampere to and including 200 ampere capacity, \$50.00
2. 201 ampere to and including 400 ampere capacity, \$100.00
3. 401 ampere to and including 800 ampere capacity, \$200.00
4. 801 ampere and above, \$300.00

Where multiple disconnects are grouped at a single location and are supplied by a single set of supply conductors the cumulative rating of the overcurrent devices shall be used to determine the supply ampere capacity.

### Section D. Fee for circuits, feeders, feeder taps, sets of transformer secondary conductors & Transformers.

The inspection fee for the installation, addition, alteration, or repair of each circuit, feeder, feeder tap, or set of transformer secondary conductors, including the equipment served, is:

1. 0 ampere to and including 200 ampere capacity, \$10.00
2. Ampere capacity above 200, \$15.00

The fee for transformers for light, heat, and power is:

1. Transformers up to 10 KVA, \$20.00
2. Transformers over 10 KVA, \$30.00

### Section E. Limitations to fees of Sections C and D.

1. New One and Two Family Dwellings:

**Fees include up to three inspection trips per dwelling.**

- a. The fee for a new one-family dwelling and each dwelling unit of a new two-family dwelling with a supply of up to 200 amperes is \$125.00.
- b. The fee for a new one-family dwelling and each dwelling unit of a new two-family dwelling with a supply of 201-400 amperes is \$175.00.
- c. The fee for a new one-family dwelling and each dwelling unit of a new two-family dwelling with a supply of 401amps or above will be priced as above in sections C & D. *Does not have the three inspection trip limitation.*

2. Existing One and Two Family Dwellings:

**Maximum fees include up to three inspection trips per dwelling.**

- a. The fee for additions, alterations, or repairs to an existing dwelling up to and including a 200 amp service is priced as above in sections C & D but not to exceed \$ 125.00.
- b. The fee for additions, alterations, or repairs to a existing dwelling with a 201 amp to 400 amp service is priced as above in sections C & D but not to exceed \$ 175.00
- c. The fee for additions, alterations, or repairs to a existing dwelling with a 401 amp service or above is priced as above in sections C & D.  
*Does not have the three inspection trip limitation*

These fees apply to each separate dwelling unit. The fee for additional inspections or other installations is that specified in Sections B, C, and D. The installer may submit more than the minimum fee if it is known in advance there will be more inspection trips than covered by the required minimum fees.

**EXAMPLE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Trip** - Rough in main level of new house  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Trip** - Rough in lower level of new house  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Trip** - Rough in floor heat in bathroom  
**3 Trips @ 200 amp service = \$125.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> Trip** - Final new house = 1 - Extra trip at \$40.00

**Total Fee = \$165.00**

**3. Multi Family Dwellings:**

The fee for each dwelling unit of a multifamily dwelling is \$50. This fee includes only the inspection of the wiring within individual dwelling units and the final feeder to that unit. This limitation is subject to the following conditions:

- a. The multifamily dwelling is provided with common service equipment and each dwelling unit is supplied by a separate feeder. The fee for multifamily dwelling services or other power source supplies and all other circuits is that specified in Sections C and D; and
- b. This limitation applied only to new installations for multifamily dwellings where the majority of the individual dwelling units are available for inspection during each inspection trip.
- c. A separate electrical permit must be filed for each dwelling unit that is supplied with an individual set of service entrance conductors. These fees are the one-family dwelling rate specified in Section E paragraph 1. of this section.

**Section F. Work without permit.**

Whenever any work for which an electrical permit is required by the City has begun without the permit being filed with the City, a special investigation shall be made before an electrical permit form is accepted by the inspection department.

1. An investigation fee, in addition to the full fee required by Sections B-E, shall be paid before an inspection is made. The investigation fee is two times the permit fee. The payment of the investigation fee does not exempt any person from compliance with all other provisions of the City Electrical Ordinance or statutes nor from any penalty prescribed by law.
2. When re-inspection is necessary to determine whether unsafe conditions have been corrected and the conditions are not the subject of a pending appeal a reinspection fee of \$40.00 may be assessed in writing by the inspector.
3. When inspections scheduled by the installer are preempted, obstructed, prevented, or otherwise not able to be completed as scheduled due to circumstances beyond the control of the inspector, a supplemental inspection fee of \$40.00 may be assessed in writing by the inspector.

**Section G. Inspection of transitory projects.**

For inspection of transitory projects including but not limited to festivals, fairs, carnivals, circuses shows production sites, and portable road construction plants. The inspection procedures & fees shall be as specified in paragraphs 1 to 3.

1. The fee for services, generators, and other sources of supply and all feeders, circuits & transformers is as specified in Section C & D.
2. Amusement rides, devices, concessions, attractions, or other units must be inspected at their first appearance of the year. The inspection fee is \$ 20.00 per unit with a supply of up to 60 amps & \$ 30.00 per unit with a supply above 60 amps.
3. An owner, operator, or appointed representative of a transitory enterprise shall notify the AHJ of its itinerary and schedule an inspection at least 14 days prior to setup.

**Section H. Commercial Plan Review Fees.**

An electrical plan review fee will be assessed on all commercial projects that involve the installation of a new or upgraded service, the installation of a new or relocated panel board (sub panel), or if a plan review is requested by the AHJ.

- Items needed for Commercial Electrical Plan Review:**
1. Electrical plans and all related documents, 3 copies.
  2. Electrical specifications manuals, 3 copies.
  3. Any additional information requested by the AHJ.

**Section I. Fees for work not covered in above sections.**

1. The fee for alarm, communication, signaling circuits, of less than 50 volts is \$.50 for each device or apparatus.
2. The fee for inspections not covered in this fee schedule or for requested special inspections is \$ 57.00 per hour.

**Section J. National Electrical Code used for interpretation of provisions.** For purposes of interpretation of this section and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 3800, the most recently adopted edition of the National Electrical Code shall be prima-facie evidence of the definitions, interpretations, and scope of words and terms used.