

Austin County Permitting & Engineering Fee Schedule

Adopted in the Austin County Commissioners Court on 12/22/2025



Residential Single Family Building and Driveway Permit Fees

Type of Improvement	Flood Zone	Non-Flood Zone
Residential	\$200 Permit Fee + (.05) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area (Home & Garage only)	\$100 Permit Fee
Other Appurtenant Structures: Well Houses, Storage Facilities, Barns, Garages, etc.	\$200 Permit Fee + (.05) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area	\$100 Permit Fee (200 Sq. Ft. and Over)
Fill & Lot Grading Permit Only*	\$200 Permit Fee + \$50 Inspection fee	N/A (unless the disturbance is greater than .5acre) \$100 Permit Fee + \$50 Inspection fee
Culvert	\$200 Permit Fee + \$50 Inspection Fee (County Does Not Install)	\$200 Permit Fee + \$50 Inspection Fee (County Does Not Install)

* Does not include mass grading plans. For mass grading plan review, see Engineering Plan Review Fees.

**All culvert pipe is to be provided by the owner/applicant.

Non-Residential, Multi Family, Apartment, Hotel or Commercial Building Permit Fees

Type of Improvement	Flood Zone*	Non-Flood Zone
Development Permits for Projects < \$1M	\$1,000 Permit Fee + \$200 Inspection Fee + (.10) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area	\$1,000 Permit Fee + \$200 Inspection Fee
Development Permits for Projects \$1M to \$5M	\$2,500 Permit Fee + \$500 Inspection Fee + (.10) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area	\$2,500 Permit Fee + \$500 Inspection Fee
Development Permits for Projects > \$5M	\$5,000 Permit Fee + \$500 Inspection Fee + (.10) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area	\$5,000 Permit Fee + \$500 Inspection Fee
Development Permits for Projects > \$10M	\$10,000 Permit Fee + \$1,000 Inspection Fee + (.10) cents per sq. ft. of enclosed area	\$10,000 Permit Fee + \$1,000 Inspection Fee
Fill & Lot Grading Permit Only*	\$500	\$500
Culvert	\$500 Permit Fee + \$100 Inspection Fee (County Does Not Install)	\$500 Permit Fee + \$100 Inspection Fee (County Does Not Install)

* Does not include mass grading plans. For mass grading plan review, see Engineering Plan Review Fees.

Engineering Plan Review, Impact and Inspection Fees

Type of Review	Fee
Drainage Impact Analysis, Traffic Impact Analysis, CLOMR/LOMR, or Mass Grading Plan ...ect	\$1500 + (Additional Fee If Outside Review Is Required)**
General Plan (<= 50 acres)	\$2000
General Plan (> 50 acres)	\$2,000 + \$25/ac (each acre over 50)
Preliminary, Final, Replat or Amending Plat (≤ 50 Lots)	\$3,000
Preliminary, Final, Replat or Amending Plat (> 50 Lots)	\$3,000 + \$50/lot (each lot over 50)
Infrastructure Development Plan***	\$1500 + \$50/space
Subdivision Percentage Fee (General Fund)	3.0% of infrastructure costs (roads and drainage only)
Subdivision Inspection Fee	\$0.50 per linear foot (new construction) \$0.25 per linear foot (existing roads)
Single Family Residential Design Plans	\$2,000 + \$25/lot
Commercial/Industrial Civil Design Plans (<2 acres)	\$5,000
Commercial/Industrial Civil Design Plans (≥2 acres)	\$5,000 + \$75/ac
Plan/Plat	Half the cost of the applicable plat or engineering fee.

* Review fees include initial submittal and one resubmittal. Additional submittals are subject to a resubmittal fee as noted above.

** The applicant is responsible for all outside engineering review costs. Review costs will be quoted before initial review and will be due prior to plan/document approval.

***Applies to RV parks and rental communities.

Other Fees

Item	Fee
Variance Request (Single Family Residential; One-time division)	\$100
Variance Request (Non-Single Family Residential/Commercial, Platting)	\$1,000
Plat Cancellations	\$200 + \$20/lot
Return Check Fee	\$30
Re-Inspection Fee (single-family residential)	\$100.00
Re-Inspection Fee	\$100.00
911 Address sign charge (each)	\$20.00
Private Roadway Sign (each)	\$40.00
Fine for not obtaining a permit	The greater of: permit amount, plus 2x the permit amount penalty or \$25.00/day (every day without a permit is a separate violation) whichever is greater.
Other charges/fines incurred by the County in enforcing County Regulations	\$0.55 per mile / \$50.00 per hour

On-Site Sewage Facility Program Fee Schedule

Type of Improvement	One non-single-family residence or Commercial	One single-family residence
Conventional System/Low Pressure Dosing System/ Gravelless Pipe System/ Mound System/ Evapotranspirative System	\$475.00	\$275.00
Aerobic (All Types)	\$575.00	\$375.00
Design resubmittal fee	\$75.00 System designs returned after initial application due to incomplete, incorrect, or noncompliant information. Fee applies each time design is returned.	\$75.00 System designs returned after initial application due to incomplete, incorrect, or noncompliant information. Fee applies each time design is returned.
Aerobic Systems: Maintenance Provider administrative penalty fee for late inspection (per contract)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Aerobic Systems: Homeowner administrative penalty fee for late Contract (per contract)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Reinspection Fee	\$135.00	\$135.00
System Minor Repairs	\$160.00	\$160.00
System Major repairs	\$475.00	\$275.00
Tank Inspection	\$50	\$50

**** See official Fee schedule adopted on 1-10-11 Commissioners Court Order 11-11 for further description

Pipeline & Utility in ROW

Type of Improvement	Fee
Pipeline Crossing County Road (each crossing)	\$3300.00
Utility in ROW Review (Telecommunications...ect).see depth map	\$100.00

Fees in existing forms and regulations are being updated to reflect the amounts above. This Fee Schedule shall control.