

Chapter 82

MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEES

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§ 82-1. **Policy on service fees.** It shall be the policy of the Town of Franklin to provide service fee rates that best estimate and reflect the cost to the Town of providing service.

§ 82-2. **Late fee.** All fees must be paid within 30 days of receipt. Late payments will be charged fourteen-percent interest per annum from the due date and the license or permit will be held in abeyance until fee and penalties are paid in full.

§ 82-3. **Fees enforcement action.** Service fees shall be charged triple the permit or license fee rate for activity begun before first obtaining a permit or license within the time required by the applicable code. Service fees are not a substitute for any other enforcement remedy available to the Town and in no way limit or preclude the Town from pursuing such other available remedies.

§ 82-4. **Community assistance program.** Under the Community Assistance Program, qualifying residents are eligible to receive discounted rates for certain town services. Participating town departments shall establish application and eligibility verification processes using tax returns as verification of income, dependents or other information to verify eligibility. The program is available to residential households for the following town services:

- A. **Water, sewer and trash discount credits.** Residential water, sewer and trash customers are eligible to receive a twenty-percent credit, per quarter, on their water, sewer and trash bills. Where a bill has been issued prior to an eligibility determination, no abatement will be made unless the amount to be abated amounts to \$10 or more. Discounts are not eligible on penalties for late payment.
- B. **Recreation Department program discount.** Residents of Franklin are eligible for up to a 100% discount on registration or program fees for qualifying residents who meet certain income eligibility guidelines.

§ 82-5. **Service fee definitions.**

- A. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

i. Sewer inflow/infiltration removal fee:

Fee charged to allow continuation of new sewer connections or increases in existing connections to the sewer system. Funds raised through this fee shall be dedicated to the sewer fund, to be used to assist in the removal of inflow and infiltration from the sewer system. Said fee shall be in addition to any applicable sewer entry, connection or main tap fees. Existing single-family residential structures or existing sewer system users, for which building permits were issued prior to October 24, 2001, shall be exempt from this sewer inflow/infiltration removal fee. Fees for users proposing to increase their flow, whether through increased discharge from the existing use or a change in use shall be calculated on the basis of the increased discharge amount, provided the existing use had not been inactive for more than two years prior to the date of the sewer permit application. Said fee shall be based on average daily flow capacity used, as calculated in accordance with Title V of the State Sanitary Code guidelines.

ii. Sewer main tap fee:

Fee charged to extend the sewer main from the Town sewer distribution system. The fee is designed to recover the Town's cost of labor to inspect sewer line installations, engineering review and the application process. The fee shall not cover materials or labor to tap the sewer main, which shall be the cost and responsibility of the owner to arrange with a private contractor; the Town will not provide such services. This fee is in addition to the required sewer service connection fee for individual services. Such a fee shall be payable prior to the time of issuance of a building permit or application for services, if a building permit is not required.

iii. Sewer system entry fee:

Fee charged to recover the Town's share of the costs of building replacement capacity at the sewage treatment plant, as well as the lines and pump stations leading to the plant which are necessitated by the new user's connection to the system. The fee shall be placed in the Town's sewer enterprise fund for construction, operating and equipment costs to improve, maintain and develop the municipal wastewater system capacity. Such fee shall be payable for each new service at time of issuance of a building permit. Any person who is legally responsible for paying a betterment assessment for the extension of sewer to their property shall be credited the amount of the paid or to be paid assessment towards the sewer system entry fee, up to but not exceeding the full amount of this fee.

iv. Sewer service renewal fee:

Fee charged to upgrade or replace an existing service. The fee is designed to recover the expenses for the Town to process the application, perform the engineering reviews, and inspect the sewer service installation. This fee is in addition to the cost of materials or

labor to install sewer lines and tap the sewer main, which shall be the cost and responsibility of the owner to arrange with a private contractor; the Town will not provide such services. The fee shall be payable at the time of issuance of renewal.

v. Sprinkler/hydrant fee:

Fee charged for availability of water capacity to sprinkler systems, standpipes and private fire hydrants within commercial or industrial properties.

vi. Water main tap fee:

Fee charged to extend the water main from the Town water distribution system. The fee is designed to recover the Town's cost of labor to inspect waterline installations, engineering review and the application process. The fee shall not cover materials or labor to tap the main, which shall be the cost and responsibility of the owner to arrange with a private contractor, the Town will not provide such services. This fee is in addition to the required water service connection fee for individual services. Such a fee shall be payable prior to the time of issuance of a building permit or application for services, if a permit is not required.

vii. Water reconnection fee:

Fee charged to reconnect after service has been disconnected for nonpayment of bill within 60 days of issue.

viii. Water service renewal fee:

Fee charged to upgrade or replace an existing service. The fee is designed to recover the expenses for the Town to process the application, perform the engineering reviews, and inspect the waterline and water meter installation. This fee is in addition to the cost of materials or labor to install waterlines and tap the water main, which shall be the cost and responsibility of the owner to arrange with a private contractor; the Town will not provide such services. The fee shall be payable at the time of issuance of renewal.

ix. Water system entry fee:

Fee charged for capital improvements necessitated by connecting a new user to the water system. The fee shall be deposited in the Town's water enterprise fund for construction, operating and equipment costs to make improvements to the municipal water supply system including water mains. Such fee shall be payable for each new service at time of issuance of a building permit.

§ 82-6. Schedule of service fees.

A. Administration

Service Fee	Rate
Club/Wine Malt	\$750.00
Liqueurs and cordials	\$900.00
Package – Wine & Malt	\$1,500.00
Common victualler – wine and malt	\$1,500.00
Club/All alcohol	\$1,750.00
Package – all alcohol	\$2,500.00
Common victualler – all alcohol	\$2,500.00
Innholder – all alcohol	\$3,500.00
One-Day (all alcohol or wine and malt)	\$75.00
Alcohol innholder/rooms only	\$1,300.00
Common victualler	\$125.00
Innholders	\$125.00
Farmer Brewery or Wine	\$50.00
Alcohol license modification	\$500.00
Automatic amusement	\$125.00
Weekday amusement	\$125.00
Entertainment	\$125.00
Billiard/Bowling	\$125.00
Class I	\$125.00
Class II	\$125.00
Class III	\$125.00
Boardinghouse	\$125.00
Auctioneer	\$85.00
One-Day Auctioneer	\$85.00
Junk dealer	\$85.00
Taxi/limousine	\$85.00
Transient vendor	\$480.00
Fortune Teller	\$85.00
Public Way Access Permit	\$150.00

B. Animal Control

Service Fee	Rate
Kennel - Boarding	\$25.00 per day after the first 24 hours
Pickup	\$50.00

C. Assessors

Service Fee	Rate
Certified list of abutters	\$25.00

Rollbacks	\$100.00
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D. Conservation

Service Fee	Rate
Permit request for determination (RFDA)	\$100.00
Minor Buffer Zone Permit (MBZP)	\$50.00
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Determination (ANRAD)	\$.50 per linear foot, per resource area
Notice of Intent (NOI) Permit:	
Single Family Home (SFH), Base Fee	\$200.00
Single Family Home (SFH), all accessory projects	\$50.00
Subdivisions, Base Fee	\$600.00
Subdivisions, Roads	\$2 per foot
Subdivisions, Drainage	\$10/per structure
Subdivisions, Resource Area Disturbance	\$.50/square foot
Multiple Dwellings, Base Fee	\$100.00/per unit within jurisdiction
Multiple Dwellings, Resource Area Disturbance	\$.50/per square foot
Commercial/Industrial, Base Fee:	\$600.00
Commercial/Industrial, Roads	\$2 per foot
Commercial/Industrial, Drainage	\$10/per structure
Commercial/Industrial, Resource Area Disturbance	\$.50/square foot
All Improvements (landscaping/maintenance)	\$100.00
Permit, time extensions:	
Single Family Home or accessory project	\$50.00
Other projects	\$50.00
Permit, certificate of compliance:	
Residential	\$50.00
Commercial/industrial	\$50.00
Re-inspection	\$50.00
Permit, control of nuisance vegetation	\$100.00
Permit, Permit status letter for financial institutions	\$100.00
Permit, project amendment	\$100.00

E. Council on Aging

Service Fee	Rate
Recreational trips	\$2 each way for towns bordering Franklin and Medway; \$5 each way to other

Computer classes	\$15 registration fee
Social events	\$6 per person
Supportive Day programs	\$35 per day

F. Fire

Service Fee	Rate
Ambulance Fees:	
ALS Base Rate 1	\$1,376.00
ALS Base Rate 2	\$1,990.00
BLS Rate	\$1,159.00
Response treatment, no support	\$935.00
Cardiac monitoring	\$175.00
Extra Attendant – ALS/BLS	\$265.00
IV therapy/drug administration	\$150.00
Mileage	\$22.01
Oxygen	\$80.00
BLS disposable supplies	\$75.00
ALS disposable supplies	\$150.00
Building Plan Review:	
Commercial/Industrial	\$150.00
Residential – Multifamily	\$100.00
Residential – one and two single family	\$65.00
Residential – single family	\$35.00
Storage uses	\$50.00
Utility, miscellaneous	\$50.00
False alarm fee	\$300.00
Fire alarm connection/programming	\$130.00
Fire alarm inspections:	
Less than 3,000 square feet	\$45.00
3,001 to 10,000 square feet	\$60.00
10,001 to 20,000 square feet	\$95.00
20,001 to 30,000 square feet	\$175.00
30,001 or more square feet	\$175.00
Fire permits:	
Blasting permits	\$45.00
Bonfires and burning Christmas trees	\$10.00
Bowling pin and lane refurnishing	\$10.00
Cannon and mortar firing.	\$45.00
Cellulose nitrate film	\$110.00
Combustible fibers	\$110.00
Compressed natural gas (CNG)	\$110.00

Covered mall buildings	\$45.00
Crop ripening or color processing	\$110.00
Cutting and welding	\$45.00
Dust explosion prevention	\$110.00
Explosives	\$45.00
Fire protection equipment – modification	\$60.00
Fire protection systems – new installation	See fire alarm inspections
Fireworks displays	\$110.00
Fireworks manufacture, storage and handling	\$210.00
Flammable and combustible liquids:	
11 to 20 gallons	No charge
21 to 100 gallons	\$75.00
101 to 500 gallons	\$150.00
500 to 1,000 gallons	\$300.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$450.00
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$600.00
10,000 gallons or more	\$750.00
Flammable and combustible gases:	
Less than 3,000 cubic feet	No charge
3,001 to 6,000 cubic feet	\$75.00
6,001 to 9,000 cubic feet	\$150.00
9,001 to 12,000 cubic feet	\$300.00
12,001 to 15,000 cubic feet	\$450.00
Greater than 15,000 cubic feet	\$600.00
Flammable solids:	
0 to 20 pounds	No charge
21 to 100 pounds	\$75.00
101 to 500 pounds	\$150.00
501 to 1,000 pounds	\$300.00
1,001 to 5,000 pounds	\$450.00
5,001 to 10,000 pounds	\$600.00
10,000 gallons or more	\$750.00
Fuel transfer operations – service stations	\$75.00
Fumigation and insecticidal fogging	\$10.00
Hazardous substances left unattended:	
Limited special effects	\$110.00
LP Gas	\$45.00
Lumberyards	\$110.00
Matches	\$45.00
Model rockets	\$45.00
Oil-burning equipment	\$45.00
Open air fires	No charge
Ovens and furnaces	\$45.00

Rubbish containers	\$45.00
Salamanders	\$55.00
Special seasonal decorations	\$60.00
Storage, combustible materials	See storage of flammable and combustible liquids
Tank vehicles parked overnight	\$55.00
Tanks and containers	See storage of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
Tank removal	\$75.00
Tar kettles on roofs	\$45.00
Tire recapping and rebuilding plants	\$210.00
Tire storage	\$75.00
Torches and heat producing devices	\$45.00
Transportation of combustible liquids (tank truck)	\$75.00
Fire protection equipment testing	\$35.00
Fire reports	\$10.00
Quarterly or annual inspections	\$65.00
Site plan review:	
Site plan review	\$50.00
Amended site plan review	\$25.00
Vehicle accidents – fire apparatus response	\$135.00

G. Health

Service Fee	Rate
Biotech application	\$600.00
Biotech annual renewal	\$100.00
Body art, establishment	\$150
Body art, operator	\$60.00
Bottling	\$75.00
Camps, day	\$100.00
Camps, residential	\$100.00
Chapter 21E site assessment	\$100.00
Cleaners/laundromat	\$30.00
Disposal of garbage, offal	\$65.00
Food service establishment:	
1-49 seats	\$200.00
50 plus seats	\$250.00
Frozen desserts	\$60.00
Funeral director	\$25.00
Grocery store, greater than 10,000 square feet	\$300.00
Infectious waste disposal	\$50.00
Keeping of animals permit	\$35.00

Manicure establishment	\$150.00
Mobile food vehicle	\$100.00
Outdoor wood burnings boiler	\$100.00
Perc testing/soil testing	\$250.00
Septic plan review/inspections:	
Repair	\$275.00
New	\$375.00
Pump system, additional	\$100.00
Innovative/alternative system:	
Repair	\$125.00
New	\$200.00
Retaining wall, additional	\$50.00
Design plan revision, 1 st , subsequent revision:	
Repair	\$75.00
New	\$125.00
Septic system inspections (N/C 1st 3):	
Repair	\$50.00
New	\$100.00
Commercial	\$400.00 Base fee, plus \$25.00 per 1,000 gallons plus an additional \$150 for pump system, I/A system
Private well	\$125.00
Retail food establishment	\$100.00
Recycling permit	\$100.00
Septic hauler	\$65.00
Septic minor repair	\$75.00
Septic system installer	\$150.00
Splash pad	\$50.00
Stable permit	\$50.00
Swimming pool/spa	\$50.00
Tanning parlor	\$150.00
Temporary food event	\$50.00
Tobacco products sale permit	\$150.00
Trench	\$25.00

H. Inspections

Service Fee	Rate
Residential Building Permits	\$9 per \$1,000 of value
Commercial Building Permits	\$10 per \$1,000 of value
Minimum fee for all permit inspections	\$75.00
Minimum fee for all permit re-inspections	\$75.00
Electrical Permits and Underground (New, Remodeling, Pools)	\$75.00 up to five fixtures; \$10 per fixture thereafter.

Gas Permits and Underground (New, Remodeling, Pools)	\$75.00 up to five fixtures; \$15 per fixture thereafter.
Plumbing Permits and Underground (New, Remodeling, Pools)	\$75.00 up to five fixtures; \$15 per fixture thereafter.
Sheet Metal Permit (New, Remodeling)	\$75.00 up to five fixtures; \$15 per fixture thereafter.
Replacement of Existing Gas Hot Water Heater Combo (Plumbing & Gas)	\$100.00
Traffic and Street Lighting Poles	\$75.00, per pole
Temporary Service	\$75.00, per pole
Security, burglar alarms and low voltage wiring (New or Remodeling)	\$75.00 up to 5 devices, \$10 each additional device
Yearly maintenance service for electrical	\$200.00
Carnivals	\$200.00
After hours inspection for Electrical or Plumbing	\$200.00
Photovoltaic solar panel systems:	
1 to 100	\$2.00 per panel
101 to 5,000	\$1.50 per panel
5,001 +	\$1.00 per panel
Scales:	
Weights (all types)	\$1.10
Under 10 pounds	\$16.50
10 to 100 pounds	\$22.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	\$33.00
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	\$66.00
Over 10,000 pounds	\$110.00
Measuring devices:	
Linear measures	\$11.00
Cordage measures	\$22.00
Fabric measures	\$22.00
Taxi meters	\$27.50
Bulk storage	\$82.50
Vehicle tank	\$55.00
Gasoline meters (per meter)	\$22.00
Other devices:	
Reverse vending	\$11.00
Automatic retail checkout systems (2 years)	
Less than 4 units	\$82.50
4 units to 11 units	\$165.00

I. Library

Service Fee	Rate
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Overdue late fees	<u>Item</u>	<u>Late fee</u>	<u>Maximum late fee</u>
	Books, audio CD's, audio books	.10/per day	\$5.00
	Speed readers	.10/per day	\$5.00
	DVD's	\$1/per day	\$5.00
	New DVD's	\$1/per day	\$5.00

J. Planning

Service Fee	Rate
Approval not required (81 P)	\$150.00
Approval not required (81 P) with new buildable lots proposed	\$350.00
Preliminary plan:	
1 to 5 lots	\$700.00
Each lot after 5 lots	\$100.00 per lot
Definitive plan	\$2.00 per linear foot of roadway; \$800 minimum
Planning Board special permit	\$750.00
Bond release (estimate)	\$500.00
Bond release (reduction)	\$500.00
Site plan:	
Up to 9,999 square feet of impervious coverage	\$1,500.00
10,000 to 24,999 square feet of impervious coverage	\$2,500.00
25,000 to 50,000 square feet of impervious coverage	\$4,000
Over 50,000 square feet	\$4,000, plus \$100 per each 10,000 square feet of impervious coverage over 50,000 square feet
Limited site plan	\$500.00
Subdivision modification application	\$750.00
Independent consultant review fees (subdivision and site plan)	Determined by inspection consultant; due before issuance of decision by Planning Board
Construction and administration inspection fee (subdivision and site plan)	Determined by inspection consultant; due before issuance of decision by Planning Board

K. Police

Service Fee	Rate
False alarms:	
1 to 3 times	No Charge
Fourth	\$25

Fifth or more	\$50.00 per alarm
FID Permit	Subject to Massachusetts General Law
Finger prints:	
Franklin resident	\$20.00
Non-Franklin resident	\$50.00
Hackney license	\$25.00
Parking Permits:	
Downtown employee municipal lot	\$180 per six months
Commuter rail municipal parking	\$120 per quarter
Pistol permit	Subject to Massachusetts General Law
Solicitor's permit:	
One person	\$100.00
More individuals	\$20.00 per person

L. Public Works

Service Fee	Rate
Beaver Street Recycling Center (Annual Sticker Fee)	\$25.00
Beaver Street Recycling Center (Beaver Street recycling sticker required)	
ABC (asphalt, brick, concrete) per load	\$15.00
Auto batteries	No charge
Carpeting – 4 foot rolls, 24-inch diameter	\$10.00
Freon containing items	\$15 per item
Grills	No Charge
Hazardous Waste	\$5 per gallon, \$5 per 10 pounds
Mattresses and Box Springs	\$10.00
Propane tanks	\$5.00 each
Sinks	\$10.00
Televisions (less than 25 inches)	\$15.00
Televisions (25 inches and greater)	\$25.00
Tires (all sizes)	\$5.00 each
Toilets	\$15.00
Tubs/Showers	\$50.00
Yard Waste (per registered vehicle or trailer):	
Car, pickup truck, van or trailer under 4 x 8 without sides	No Charge
Pickup truck with extended sides	\$25.00 per load
Trailer (over 4 x8) or enclosed cargo trailer	\$25.00 per load
Curbside Collection (home pickup by vendor, no recycling sticker required):	
Freon containing items	\$33 per item
Mattresses and Box Springs	\$18.00

Televisions (less than 25 inches)	\$28.00
Televisions (25 inches and greater)	\$38.00
Curbside Trash (annual)	
Fee using 65-gallon trash and recycling carts	\$204.00
Fee using 35-gallon trash and recycling carts	\$180.00
Extra trash cart annual fee	\$150.00
Extra recycling cart annual fee	\$75.00
Extra recycling cart business annual fee	\$100.00
Overflow bag	\$3.00
Drain Layer's license (new – 2 years)	\$125.00
Drain layer's license (renewal – 2 years)	\$65.00
Map Sales	\$15.00
Public way access permit	\$100.00
Street excavations	\$310.00
Trench	\$25.00
Water and Sewer Fees:	
Water main tap	\$475.00
Water service renewal	\$225.00
Water/sewer extension permit	\$20.00
Water connection	\$300.00
Water reconnection	\$50.00
Final meter reading	\$75.00
Sewer connection	\$400.00
Water turnoff – operating hours	\$60.00
Water turnoff – after hours	\$300.00
Water map amendment	\$325.00
Fire service (sprinkler) connection	\$275.00
Hydrant flow test	\$125.00
Backflow inspection	Subject to public procurement, with a ten percent overhead added to the final amount
Sewer map amendment	\$325.00
Sewer service renewal	\$250.00
Sewer main tap	\$275.00
Sewer inflow/infiltration (to be removed, less a credit up to the amount of the sewer entry fee, if any, paid at the time of application)	\$6.00 per gallon
Sprinkler/hydrant	\$500.00
Water system entry	\$2,440
Sewer system entry	\$2,440

M. Recreation

Service Fee	Rate
All recreation programs	\$5 to \$200.00 per participant
Chilson Beach Passes:	
Day Fee	\$10 per day/per car
Season Pass	\$75.00, half price for senior citizens.
Swimming lessons	\$100 to \$200.00
Field rental fee (for profits)	Town Administrator sets the rate for all field rentals
Facilities Permit fee (nonprofits)	\$50.00 per hour; electrical fees apply to groups using the lights.

N. Town Clerk

Service Fee	Rate
Certified copy (First Copy)	\$10.00
Certified copy (Additional copies)	\$5.00 per copy
Marriage intentions notice	\$25.00
Marriage intentions notice (amendment)	\$10.00
Dog Licensing Registration:	
Before April 1 st (spayed/neutered)	\$20.00
Before April 1 st (not spayed/neutered)	\$30.00
After April 1 st (Late dog registration fee, spayed/neutered)	\$50.00
After April 1 st (Late dog registration fee, not spayed/neutered)	\$60.00
Kennel license:	
Up to four dogs	\$75.00
Five to ten dogs	\$150.00
11 or more dogs	\$250.00
Recording, filing, amending	\$15.00
Pole location	\$50.00, plus \$5.00 per pole
Code supplement	\$75.00
Zoning/subdivision books	\$30.00
Street listings	\$25.00
Business certificates (every four years)	\$40.00
Underground storage tank license	\$100.00
Hazardous materials	\$100.00
Research/genealogical	\$20.00/per hour

O. Treasurer-Collector

Service Fee	Rate
Municipal Liens	\$50.00
Demand Notice	\$10.00
Redemption	\$165.00

Duplicate bill fee	\$2.00
Tax taking	\$125.00
Electronic tax file fee	\$250.00