

Newburyport, Massachusetts, Code of Ordinances  
APPENDIX A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

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**APPENDIX B**  
**FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT<sup>1</sup>**

**SECTION I. TITLE AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE**

**I-A Short title.**

This Appendix shall be known and may be cited as the "Fee Schedule of the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts," hereinafter referred to as "Fee Schedule."

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State law reference(s)—Authority of cities as to fee schedules, M.G.L. c. 40A; petitions to determine validity of zoning laws, M.G.L. c. 240, § 14A.

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**I-B Authority.**

This Appendix is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by M.G.L. c. 40A and amendments thereto, hereinafter called the "setting the fee schedule," and as they may be further amended from time to time.

**SECTION II. FEE SCHEDULE**

**Chapter 3 - Animals**

*Sec. 3-27. (a) Licensing of dogs and kennels.*

The license fees for dogs shall be as follows by April first of each year:

- (1) Neutered males and spayed females ..... \$10.00
- (2) Unneutered males and unspayed females ..... \$15.00

Senior citizens (aged 65 and over) who show proof of age shall be entitled to a license without paying said fees for their dogs, provided, however, that any applicable late fees shall still apply.

*Sec. 3-27. (b) Licensing of dogs and kennels.*

Kennel license fees shall be as follows:

- (1) Four (4) dogs ..... \$10.00
- (2) Five (5) to ten (10) dogs ..... \$15.00
- (3) Eleven (11) or more dogs ..... \$100.00

## Chapter 4 – Boats, Docks and Waterways

### Sec. 4-73. (c) (2) Fees and permits for commercial fish pier

A fee shall be assessed by the harbor master at five cents (\$0.05) per pound for each pound in excess of twenty thousand pounds (20,000) of fish per day.

### Sec. 4-207. Fees.

Commercial shellfish licenses are subject to resident, non-resident and rack fees as defined below:

- (1) Residents License ..... \$100.00
- (2) Non-Residents License ..... \$200.00
- (3) Rack Fee ..... \$2.00 per rack

## Chapter 5 - Buildings and Building Regulations

### Sec. 5-62. Fees.

Fees for building permits for buildings and structures adopted in section 5-61 shall be pursuant as defined below. Exemptions are defined in Section 5-62.

- (1) First one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of cost estimate ..... \$100.00
- (2) Each additional one thousand (\$1,000) of estimate or part thereof..... \$200.00

### Sec. 5-111. Permit fee cost for plumbing.

#### **Plumbing Permit Fee**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$20.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Charge for each fixture:	\$5.00
Replacement hot water heater:	\$30.00
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$30.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Charge for each fixture:	\$10.00
Replacement hot water heater:	\$40.00

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Sec. 5-112. Permit fee cost for gas.

**Gas Permit Fee**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$20.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Appliance fee:	\$5.00
Replacement hot water heater:	\$30.00
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$30.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Appliance fee:	\$10.00
Replacement hot water heater:	\$40.00

Sec. 5-113. Permit fee cost for sheet metal.

**Sheet Metal Permit Fee**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$75.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Re-inspection fee:	\$35.00
If work started before a permit:	\$150.00
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Permit fee:	\$150.00
Inspection fee:	\$30.00
Re-inspection fee:	\$35.00
Charge for each fixture:	\$10.00
If work started before a permit:	\$300.00

Sec. 5-151. Permit fee cost for electrical permit.

**Electrical Permit Fee Schedule**

<b>Residential</b>	
New Construction (includes service)	Fee is based on the projected building cost as shown on the building permit. First \$50,000 \$150.00 Each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof \$1.00
Additions/renovations (service not included)	\$50.00 for the permit plus \$3 for each plug, switch, light, appliance, special equipment, etc.= fee
Services—New, changed, or altered	Overhead (includes 1 <sup>st</sup> panel or main circuit breaker enclosure) \$45.00 Underground (includes 1 <sup>st</sup> panel or main circuit breaker enclosure) \$85.00 Each additional panel \$20.00
Garages	Attached \$60.00 Detached \$100.00
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>	
New construction	Fee is based on the projected building cost as shown on the building permit. First \$100,000 \$300.00 Each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof \$1.00
Additions/renovations (service not included)	\$60.00 for the permit plus \$3 for each (service not included) plug, switch, light, appliance, special equipment, etc.= fee
Services—New, changed, or altered	Each 200 amps or fraction thereof \$50.00 (includes 1 <sup>st</sup> panel or main circuit breaker enclosure) Each additional panel \$20.00
Miscellaneous	Burglar/fire alarm systems residential \$45.00
	Burglar/fire alarm systems commercial \$85.00
	Central heat or A/C residential \$45.00
	Central heat or A /C commercial \$85.00
	Swimming pool above ground \$55.00
	Swimming pool inground \$85.00
	Hot water heater replace residential \$30.00
	Hot water heater replace commercial \$40.00
	Utility lighting retrofit \$65.00
	Tel/data systems \$85.00
	Remove and reinstall for siding \$55.00
	Gas piping grounding \$30.00

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## Chapter 7 – Fire Prevention and Protection

### Sec. 7-4. Annual master box connection fee.

Each fire alarm user shall, on or before July 1 of each year remit a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each master box connection to the municipal fire alarm system.

### Sec. 7-28. Fees.

The fee for keeping or storage of flammables or explosives as regulated by M.G.L. c. 148, § 13 shall be as follows:

#### **Fee for storage of Class A, B and C Liquids**

1 gallon to 10,000	\$ 50.00
10,001 gallons to 25,000	100.00
25,001 gallons to 50,000	200.00
50,001 gallons and over	300.00

## Chapter 9 – Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations

### Sec. 9-1. Lodging house licenses.

- (1) Lodging houses<sup>2</sup> ..... \$2.00
- (2) Bed and Breakfast ..... \$20.00

### Sec. 9-42. License fee for pool and billiard tables and bowling alleys.

Annual license fee for owners of establishments with pool, billiard tables and bowling alleys shall be as follows:

- (1) Pool and Billiard tables..... \$5.00
- (2) Bowling alleys ..... \$5.00

### Sec. 9-82. License fee for pawn brokers.

Annual license fee for pawn brokers shall be as follows:

- (1) Annual fee before November 1st..... \$50.00
- (2) Annual fee on or after November 1st..... \$25.00

### Sec. 9-111. Definitions.

*Registered party* shall mean a party that no later than the last day of February has requested in writing from the city clerk notice of transient vendor license applications for that calendar year, and paid an annual notice processing fee of \$10.00

### Sec. 9-131. Fees for transient vendors, including food trucks.

Annual license fee for transient vendors shall be as follows:

- (1) Transient vendors, excluding food trucks.....\$1,000.00
- (2) Food trucks..... \$1,500.00

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<sup>2</sup> Lodging houses defined under M.G.L. c. 140, § 23 and defined for a period as defined in § 4.

*Sec. 9-133. Application fee for transient vendors.*

- (1) Application processing fee..... \$50.00
- (2) Additional fee for notification to registered party..... \$1.00

*Sec. 9-162. Fee: issuance for hawker and peddler.*

- (1) License fee..... \$46.00

*Sec. 9-170. (e) Limitations. Solicitor’s identification card*

- (1) Application fee for Identification Card..... \$50.00

*Sec. 9-177. Retail Stores License procedure.*

No retail store shall operate between 11:00pm and 5:00am without a license.

- (1) Annual license fee to operate between 11pm and 5am..... \$15.00

**Chapter 11 – Parks and Recreation**

*Sec. 11-7. Fees for parks and playgrounds.*

	Group/Hourly Rate							
<b>Athletic Fields and Courts</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F**</b>	<b>G**</b>	<b>H**</b>
Cashman Park Ballfield	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Perkins Park Ballfield	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cashman Park Soccer Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cherry Hill Soccer Field Parcel A	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cherry Hill Soccer Field Parcel B	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Bradley Fuller Park Track	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Bradley Fuller Park Infield	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Bradley Fuller Park North Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Woodman Park Multi-use Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cashman Park Tennis	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Perkins Park Tennis	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Bartlet Mall Basketball Courts	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00

	Group/Hourly Rate							
<b>Athletic Fields and Courts</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F**</b>	<b>G**</b>	<b>H**</b>
Cashman Park Basketball Court	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
G.W. Brown School Playground Basketball	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Perkins Park Basketball Courts	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Woodman Park Basketball Courts	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moseley Woods Lawn	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atkinson Common, Lower, Founders Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atkinson Common, Lower, Pepe Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atkinson Common, Lower, Hawkes Field	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atkinson Common Tennis	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
<b>Small Parks</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F*</b>	<b>G*</b>	<b>H*</b>
Brown Square	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cornelius Doyle Triangle	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Joppa Park	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moulton Square	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Washington Park (Eppa Way, Pond Street, High Street)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
270 Water Street (Perkins Park)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Patrick Tracy Square (Tracy Place)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Newburyport Skate Park (Nock Schoolyard)	N/C	\$5.00	\$15.00	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
<b>Mid to Large Parks</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F*</b>	<b>G*</b>	<b>H*</b>



	Group/Hourly Rate							
<b>Athletic Fields and Courts</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F**</b>	<b>G**</b>	<b>H**</b>
Atkinson Common, Upper (other than athletic fields or courts)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atkinson Common, Lower (other than athletic fields or courts)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Atwood Park/Garrison Gardens	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	N/A
Bartlet Mall (other than athletic fields or courts)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cashman Park (other than athletic fields or courts)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Clipper City Rail Trail (any segments)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cushing Park (other than athletic fields or courts)	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Inn Street Mall	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
March's Hill	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Market Landing Park	[per Newburyport Waterfront Trust]							
Market Square Bullnose	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moseley Woods Pavilion	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/C	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00

\* Up to 50% of the fee may be waived in exchange for in-kind services at the sole discretion of the parks commission.

\*\* Any charitable non-profit registered as a 501c3 may apply for a fee reduction or waiver from the parks commission. The parks commission is under no obligation to offer any reduction or waiver. Any reduction or waiver is at the sole discretion of the parks commission.

- (1) *Group A:* City of Newburyport departments, including Newburyport Public Schools; other non-profit and for-profit education located within the city; and active duty military.
- (2) *Group B:* Recurring use by exclusively youth leagues.
- (3) *Group C:* Recurring use by organizations, including adult sports leagues.
- (4) *Group D:* Recurring use by organizations that do not charge end-users any fee to participate, including pick-up leagues.
- (5) *Group E:* Special events held by individuals or groups with up to twenty-five (25) attendees.
- (6) *Group F:* Special events held by individuals or groups with twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) attendees.
- (7) *Group G:* Special events held by individuals or groups with fifty (50) to two-hundred (200) attendees.

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(8) *Group H*: Special events held by individuals or groups with greater than two-hundred (200) attendees For Groups B, C, and D (recurring field use), a fee to utilize the concession stand/restroom at Atkinson Common, Lower, shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month. Group E, F, G, and H (special events), may request use of the restrooms for a one-time fee of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00)

## **Chapter 12 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Sec. 12-1.3. Signs in public ways.

(c) Regulations for permanent signs. The applicant shall pay an application fee to the city clerk of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), except that such fee shall be waived for an application filed by a city officer or employee.

Sec. 12-1.3. Signs in public ways.

(d) Regulations for temporary signs. (2) (c) Banners. Applicant for a banner shall pay a deposit fee to the city clerk of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each banner, except that such fee shall be waived for an application filed for a city sponsored event.

(d) Regulations for temporary signs. (3) (d) Moveable signs. A moveable sign permit shall require payment of an annual fee to the city of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each permit shall start on the first day of April and expire on March 31. The permit fee for new businesses opening during the annual period shall be prorated at a rate of \$5.00 a month.

Sec. 12-1.5. (f) Signage, merchandising and beautification on public ways.

To place an A-frame sign in a public way, the applicant shall first obtain a license, by submitting a written application to the city clerk as directed by that official, and pay a biennial licensing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per A-frame sign.

Sec. 12-70. (b) Drain layers/utility contractors license.

The fee for each drain layers/utility contractors license shall be in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year.

*Sec. 12-101. Cemetery fees established.*

Fees set forth are for services performed by the city in the Highland and Old Hill Cemeteries of the city.

- (1) Digging of graves and rental of lowering devices and greens..... \$200.00
- (2) Purchase of single grave ..... \$150.00

## **Chapter 15 – Vehicles for Hire**

Sec. 15-32. Fees and terms for permits/licenses

All permits and licenses granted under Chapter 15 shall be subject to the following fees:

- (1) The fee for a permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) each year or any part of a year for each taxicab payable in advance of the application for a permit.
- (2) The fee for a license shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year or any part of a year.
- (3) The fee for restoration of any permit that has been suspended or revoked shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).