

**Township of Lower Merion
Proposed 2019 Fee/Rate Increases**

| PROPOSED 2019 FEE/RATE INCREASES | | | Ordinance Section | 2018 Rate | 2019 Rate |
|---|---|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Building & Planning: | | | | | |
| Administrative Code | | | Chapter 5 | | |
| | Hearing Officer | | | \$275 | \$300 |
| | Liquor license transfer hearing fee | | | \$270 | \$300 |
| Historic District | | | Chapter 88 | | |
| | Application for a certificate of appropriateness for new construction, additions, and facade alterations disturbing more than 25% of the exterior (collected at time of building application) | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| | Demolition application (collected at time of application) | | | \$135 | \$150 |
| Health & Sanitation | | | Chapter 90 | | |
| | Tattooing & body piercing | | | | |
| | The annual license fee for a tattooing or body piercing establishment, which shall include the cost of the inspection certificate | | | \$325 | \$350 |
| Housing-Property Maintenance | | | Chapter 92 | | |
| Annual license to operate a residential rental unit or a multiple dwelling | | | | | |
| | Residential or a 2 family rental unit (non student) | | | \$70 | \$85 |
| | Student unit, up to 2 units | | | \$120 | \$135 |
| | Student unit, each additional unit (after 2) | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| | Multiple dwelling 3 to 5 rental units, per units(non student) | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| | Multiple dwellings, over 5 rental units | | | | |
| | First 5 units | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| | Each additional unit | | | \$8 | \$10 |
| | Annual license to operate a rooming house | | | | |
| | Per rental room within a rooming house | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| | Late fee per room or rental unit if rental license is not paid within 4 months of the expiration date | | | \$30 | \$50 |
| Plumbing | | | Chapter 115 | | |
| | Plumbing Permits | | | | |
| | New construction, including 7 fixtures | | | \$110 | \$110 |
| | Each additional fixture | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| | Alterations, including 5 fixtures | | | \$70 | \$75 |
| | Each additional fixture | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| Real Estate Registry | | | Chapter 119 | | |
| | Application for resale certification | | | | |
| | Application 20 days prior to settlement | | | \$80 | \$100 |
| Runoff and Erosion Control | | | Chapter 121 | | |
| | Permit Applications | | | | |
| | Runoff and erosion control | | | | |
| | For each site of up to 3 acres in size; base fee includes up to 2 engineers plan review | | | \$2,050 | \$2,135 |
| | For each additional acre or increment thereof | | | \$400 | \$415 |
| | For each additional plan review | | | \$400 | \$415 |
| | Plus the actual cost of any Township Engineer inspections, per each hour or portion thereof a Township inspector is engaged for the work | | | | |
| | Minor Grading permit | | | | |
| | Base fee includes up to 2 engineer plan reviews | | | \$1,090 | \$1,135 |
| | For each additional engineering review | | | \$290 | \$305 |
| | Plus the actual cost of any Township Engineer inspections, per each hour or portion thereof a Township inspector is engaged for the work | | | | |

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| Subdivision and Land Development | | | | Chapter 135 | | |
| Improvement construction permit* | | | | | | |
| | | 1% of the estimated cost of the improvements with a minimum charge of: | | | \$1,920 | \$1,995 |
| | | Maximum charge of | | | \$2,410 | \$2,505 |
| | | *Plus the actual cost of any Township Engineer inspections, per each hour or portion thereof a Township inspector is engaged for the work | | | | |
| Land subdivision/development agreements* | | | | | | |
| | | Preparation, each | | | \$490 | \$590 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants review fee escrow | | | \$1,250 | \$1,300 |
| Escrow agreements, letters of credit and bonds | | | | | | |
| | | Each processing | | | \$155 | \$165 |
| Tentative sketch* | | | | | | |
| | | Lot line change* | | | \$1,660 | \$1,990 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants review fee escrow | | | \$1,300 | \$1,300 |
| | | Subdivisions* | | | \$1,730 | \$2,075 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants review fee escrow | | | | |
| | | Per lot 5 acres or less | | | \$1,250 | \$1,300 |
| | | Per lot, more than 5 acres | | | \$2,100 | \$2,200 |
| | | Land development | | | \$1,730 | \$2,075 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants' review fee escrow | | | | |
| | | deposit for disturbed area of one acre or less | | | \$3,600 | \$3,775 |
| | | Plus for each additional acre or increment thereof | | | \$625 | \$650 |
| Preliminary subdivision plan* | | | | | | |
| | | Number of lots: | | | | |
| | | 2 | | | \$2,970 | \$3,565 |
| | | 3 | | | \$4,670 | \$5,605 |
| | | 4 | | | \$6,825 | \$8,190 |
| | | 5 | | | \$8,955 | \$10,745 |
| | | Each additional, up to and including 15 | | | \$1,015 | \$1,220 |
| | | Each additional over 15 | | | \$550 | \$660 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants' review fee | | | | |
| | | Per lot, 5 acres or less | | | \$1,250 | \$1,300 |
| | | Per lot, more than 5 acres | | | \$2,100 | \$2,200 |
| Preliminary lot line change plans* | | | | | | |
| | | Where no additional building lots are being proposed | | | \$1,660 | \$1,990 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants review fee escrow deposit | | | \$1,250 | \$1,300 |
| | | Commercial or manufacturing developments | | | \$3,375 | \$4,050 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants review fee escrow deposit | | | \$1,250 | \$1,300 |
| Preliminary land development plan** | | | | | | |
| | | Residential, commercial, manufacturing, or institutional | | | | |
| | | Number of acres | | | | |
| | | 0 to 5 | | | \$2,730 | \$3,275 |
| | | Over 5 to 10 | | | \$4,645 | \$5,575 |
| | | Over 10 | | | \$9,100 | \$10,920 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants' review fee escrow | | | | |
| | | Disturbed area of 1 acre or | | | \$4,200 | \$4,400 |
| | | Where waiver of tentative sketch has been requested | | | \$5,700 | \$5,975 |
| | | Plus for each additional acre or increment thereof | | | \$625 | \$650 |
| Multi family escrow | | | | | | |
| | | Initial consultants review fee escrow deposit for the first 5 units | | | \$3,600 | \$3,775 |
| | | Plus for each additional 5 units or increment thereof | | | \$525 | \$550 |
| | | +Land Development subject to Architectural Design standards in addition to Preliminary Land Development fees | | | \$805 | \$965 |

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| | Amendments to: | | | | | |
| | | Conditions of Approval | | | \$640 | \$765 |
| | | Approved or recorded plans* | | | \$1,585 | \$1,900 |
| | | *Plus initial consultants' review fee | | | \$2,600 | \$2,725 |
| | Request for waiver from the Provision of Chapter 135 Subdivision and Land Development | | | | | |
| | | For 1 acre or less | | | \$1,640 | \$1,970 |
| | | plus for each additional acre or increment thereof | | | \$495 | \$595 |
| | | Plus initial Consultants Review fee | | | \$2,600 | \$2,725 |
| | | Second stage plan, initial consultants' review | | | \$1,050 | \$1,100 |
| | Covenant fee | | | | \$255 | \$325 |
| | Uniform Construction Code | | | Chapter 143 | | |
| | | Application to UCC Appeals Board where hearing is requested | | | \$475 | \$500 |
| | Permits for new buildings* | | | | | |
| | | *When a permit fee is based on the cost of the improvement, the valuation of the subject work shall be the fair market value of all of the work. In an effort to substantiate the cost, a contract that has been signed by both parties shall accompany the permit application. | | | | |
| | | Single-and two-family dwelling | | | \$0.50 per square foot or \$950, whichever is greater; includes basement, garage and attic (attic with fixed stairs) square feet | \$0.55 per square foot or \$950, whichever is greater; includes basement, garage and attic (attic with fixed stairs) square feet |
| | | All other renovations, additions, demolitions to one- or two-family dwellings | | | | |
| | | First \$2,000 | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | | Construction costs between \$2,000 and \$50,000 | | | | |
| | | First \$2,000 | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | | Each additional \$1,000 up to \$50,000 | | | \$15 | \$20 |
| | | Construction value above \$50,000 | | | | |
| | | First \$50,000 | | | \$805 | \$900 |
| | | Each additional \$1,000 up to \$300,000 | | | \$12 | \$15 |
| | | Each additional \$1,000 above \$300,000 | | | \$5 | \$5 |
| | Commercial and other | | | | | |
| | | Up to 15,000 square fee | | | \$0.55 per square foot or \$1,100 whichever is greater | \$0.60 per square foot or \$1,100 whichever is greater |
| | | Above 15,000 square feet | | | \$0.40 each additional square foot above 15,000 square feet | \$0.45 each additional square foot above 15,000 square feet |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Parking structure, including a principal or accessory use parking area | | | \$0.20 per square foot | \$0.25 per square foot |

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| All nonstructural reroofing and siding and windows in Historic District or Historic Resource Inventory | | | | | |
| | Construction costs up to \$5,000 | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | Construction costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000 | | | \$110 | \$120 |
| | Construction costs above \$10,000 | | | | |
| | First \$10,000 | | | \$110 | \$120 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 up to \$50,000 | | | \$15 | \$15 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 above \$50,000 | | | \$5 | \$5 |
| Non residential, multiple dwelling, addition, alteration, repair, interior demolition and installation of permanent equipment | | | | | |
| | First \$2,000 of construction costs | | | \$120 | \$130 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 up to \$50,000 | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| | If construction value is over \$50,000 | | | | |
| | First \$50,000 | | | \$1,080 | \$1,330 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 up to \$1,000,000 | | | \$15 | \$18 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 over \$1,000,000 | | | \$5 | \$5 |
| | Other permits | | | | |
| | Annual permit renewal | | | \$60 | \$100 |
| Heating and air-conditioning equipment | | | | | |
| | First \$2,000 or fraction of estimated cost | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| Display signs, installation | | | | | |
| | From 5 to 40 square feet (including awnings with signage) | | | \$80 | \$100 |
| | Awnings | | | | |
| | Awnings extending to street lines or over public walks | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| Reinspection fees | | | | | |
| | Each inspection | | | \$60 | \$75 |
| Sprinkler systems | | | | | |
| | First \$5,000 cost of the job | | | \$225 | \$240 |
| | Each additional \$1,000 | | | \$16 | \$18 |
| In addition to the permit fees listed above, the following fees are required when work requiring a permit is performed without first obtaining the required permit: | | | | | |
| | Construction costs up to \$10,000 | | | \$200 | \$225 |
| | Construction costs between \$10,000 and \$25,000 | | | \$330 | \$350 |
| | Construction costs between \$25,000 and \$50,000 | | | \$650 | \$700 |
| | Construction costs over \$50,000 | | | \$1,250 | \$1,500 |
| For all permit issued for the construction of a new structure or addition over 100 square feet, the Township will periodically establish and inspector's hourly rate based upon the Township's actual cost for providing inspection service. If actual time required for site inspection to determine compliance with site inspection requirements established in Chapters 62, 101, 121 and 143 of the Code exceeds \$65 the Township shall render a statement therefor to the applicant. Such additional amounts must be paid to the Township prior to final approval of the construction project. | | | | | |
| Swimming pools | | | | \$625 | \$625 |
| | Portable swimming pools, flat fee | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | Pool heater | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| | Filling in Pool | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| Tanks | | | | | |
| Removal of fuel storage tanks of every description | | | | | |
| | Residential | | | \$90 | \$100 |
| | Commercial | | | \$175 | \$175 |
| Installation of tanks or pumps | | | | | |
| | First 2,000 gallon tank | | | \$80 | \$100 |
| | Each additional 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof | | | \$20 | \$20 |
| Tent permits | | | | | |
| | Over 200 square feet | | | \$70 | \$85 |
| | Tents for single-family dwellings | | | \$70 | \$85 |
| | Tents for single-family dwellings with floor system | | | \$130 | \$130 |
| | Tents for institutional or commercial uses | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | Tents for institutional or commercial use with floor system | | | \$180 | \$180 |
| Fence Permits | | | | \$90 | \$100 |
| Trailer fees (permit expires 6 months after installation) | | | | | |
| | Residential trailer | | | \$60 | \$75 |
| | Commercial trailers | | | \$115 | \$125 |

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| Watercourses | | | | Chapter 149 | | |
| | | Application for permit to stop, fill up, confine, pave, or otherwise interfere with or change the course of any drain, ditch, stream, or watercourse. Plus the actual costs of any inspections, per each hour or portion thereof a Township inspector is engaged on the work. | | | \$1,090 | \$1,135 |
| Zoning | | | | Chapter 155 | | |
| | | Each postponement or continued hearing requested by appellant or applicant | | | \$200 | \$200 |
| | | Private educational institution, hospital, religious or philanthropic use, sanatorium, nursing home, convalescent home for the aged or other building or use not enumerated | | | \$1,050 | \$1,200 |
| | | Each postponement or continued hearing requested by appellant or applicant | | | \$400 | \$400 |
| | | Apartment, commercial or industrial building | | | \$1,300 | \$1,400 |
| | | Each postponement or continued hearing requested by appellant or applicant | | | \$700 | \$700 |
| | | Conditional use/rezoning applications | | | | |
| | | Residential | | | \$1,255 | \$1,305 |
| | | Apartments, commercial and other uses | | | \$1,855 | \$1,930 |
| | | Challenges to the validity of the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Maps, to the Board of Commissioners or to the Zoning Hearing Board: | | | | |
| | | Each appeal or application | | | \$1,650 | \$1,750 |
| | | Statement of zoning district classification | | | | |
| | | One and two family dwellings | | | \$75 | \$100 |
| | | Preliminary zoning opinion* | | | \$100 | \$150 |
| | | Home Occupation fees | | | | |
| | | Nontraffic home occupation | | | \$85 | \$100 |
| | | Minor home occupation | | | \$130 | \$140 |
| | | Petition to Board of Commissioners requesting change or amendment to Zoning Maps or Zoning Ordinance | | | | |
| | | Minimum charge | | | \$1,300 | \$1,500 |
| | | Plus for each 2,000 square feet of lot area | | | \$50 | \$50 |
| | | Maximum charge | | | \$2,500 | \$3,000 |
| | | Elevation certificate | | | \$125 | \$150 |

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| Finance: | | | | | | |
| Security/Fire Alarm Registration Fee | | | | Chapter 51 | | |
| Residential | | | | | \$67 | \$70 |
| Commercial | | | | | \$106 | \$110 |
| Public Works: | | | | | | |
| Garbage & Refuse - Solid Waste Fees | | | | Chapter 82 | | |
| Annual solid waste fee for a container up to 21 gallons | | | | | \$215 | \$237 |
| Annual solid waste fee for a container of 21 to 45 gallons | | | | | \$307 | \$338 |
| Fee for each additional container up to 45 gallons | | | | | \$61 | \$67 |
| Surcharge for each 45-gallon increment or portion thereof above the base container size | | | | | \$61 | \$67 |
| Rear yard collection (if elected) | | | | | \$210 | \$231 |
| Parking: | | | | | | |
| Parking Citation Fee | | | | Chapter 145 | | |
| Parking Violation | | | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| Park and Recreation: | | | | | | |
| Baseball | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$130 | \$135 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | \$155 |
| T Ball Tot | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$120 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$130 | * |
| Basketball (Summer) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$130 | \$135 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | \$155 |
| Basketball (Winter) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$100 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$110 | * |
| Basketball Tot (Summer) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$120 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$140 | * |
| Basketball Tot (Winter) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | \$95 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$100 | \$105 |
| Music 3 Full Day Option | | | | | | |
| Tuesday - Thursday | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$650 | \$660 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$850 | \$860 |
| Music Full Week Option | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$930 | \$940 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$1,120 | \$1,130 |
| Playground Program Full | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$225 | \$275 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$260 | \$330 |
| Playground Program Weekly | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$80 | \$100 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | \$120 |
| Soccer (Summer) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$130 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | * |
| Soccer Tot (Summer) | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$120 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$130 | * |

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| Tennis Adult | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$175 | * |
| Tennis Youth | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$80 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | * |
| Tennis Spring/Fall | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$120 | * |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$140 | * |
| Tot Lot | | | | | | |
| Resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$120 | \$125 |
| Non-resident | | | | Non-Statutory | \$140 | \$145 |
| Athletic Fields/Trails/Outdoor Active use | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - single | | | | Non-Statutory | \$80 | \$90 |
| Class 2 - season | | | | Non-Statutory | \$110 | \$120 |
| Class 3 - single | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | \$160 |
| Class 3 - season | | | | Non-Statutory | \$290 | \$300 |
| Picnic Areas | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - pvt Township | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | \$100 |
| Class 3 - non Township | | | | Non-Statutory | \$150 | \$160 |
| Meeting Rooms | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - pvt Township | | | | Non-Statutory | \$40 | \$50 |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - pvt Township | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | \$100 |
| Bala Gym | | | | | | |
| Class 1 public | | | | Non-Statutory | \$110 | \$120 |
| Class 2 - pvt Township | | | | Non-Statutory | \$140 | \$150 |
| Class 3 pvt Non Twp | | | | Non-Statutory | \$200 | \$210 |
| Belmont Hills Hockey Rink | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - single | | | | Non-Statutory | \$90 | \$100 |
| Class 2 - season | | | | Non-Statutory | \$270 | \$280 |
| * No longer offered due to consecutive years of low enrollment. | | | | | | |