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H. F. No. 4556

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to construction; modifying building permit fees for certain types of work;
1.3 amending the definition of special skills for contractor licensing; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.802, subdivision 15; Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2021 Supplement, section 326B.153, subdivision 1.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 326B.153, subdivision 1, is
1.8 amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. Building permits. (a) Fees for building permits submitted as required
1.10 in section 326B.107 include:

1.11 (1) the fee as set forth in the fee schedule in paragraph (b) or as adopted by a municipality;
1.12 and

1.13 (2) the surcharge required by section 326B.148.

1.14 (b) The total valuation and fee schedule is:

1.15 (1) \$1 to \$500, \$29.50;

1.16 (2) \$501 to \$2,000, \$28 for the first \$500 plus \$3.70 for each additional \$100 or fraction
1.17 thereof, to and including \$2,000;

1.18 (3) \$2,001 to \$25,000, \$83.50 for the first \$2,000 plus \$16.55 for each additional \$1,000
1.19 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000;

1.20 (4) \$25,001 to \$50,000, \$464.15 for the first \$25,000 plus \$12 for each additional \$1,000
1.21 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000;

2.1 (5) \$50,001 to \$100,000, \$764.15 for the first \$50,000 plus \$8.45 for each additional  
2.2 \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000;

2.3 (6) \$100,001 to \$500,000, \$1,186.65 for the first \$100,000 plus \$6.75 for each additional  
2.4 \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000;

2.5 (7) \$500,001 to \$1,000,000, \$3,886.65 for the first \$500,000 plus \$5.50 for each additional  
2.6 \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000; and

2.7 (8) \$1,000,001 and up, \$6,636.65 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$4.50 for each additional  
2.8 \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

2.9 (c) Other inspections and fees are:

2.10 (1) inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge two hours), \$63.25  
2.11 per hour;

2.12 (2) reinspection fees, \$63.25 per hour;

2.13 (3) inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge one-half  
2.14 hour), \$63.25 per hour; and

2.15 (4) additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans  
2.16 (minimum charge one-half hour), \$63.25 per hour.

2.17 (d) If the actual hourly cost to the jurisdiction under paragraph (c) is greater than \$63.25,  
2.18 then the greater rate shall be paid. Hourly cost includes supervision, overhead, equipment,  
2.19 hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

2.20 (e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the total permit fee for performing the types  
2.21 of work listed under this paragraph, either individually or in combination at the same time,  
2.22 must not exceed \$99.00. This paragraph applies to the following types of work:

2.23 (1) removing and replacing existing roofing;

2.24 (2) removing and replacing existing siding; and

2.25 (3) removing and replacing existing windows.

2.26 The surcharge required by section 326B.148 must be paid first from the resulting permit  
2.27 fee.

2.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.802, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 15. **Special skill.** "Special skill" means one of the following eight categories:

2.30 (a) **Excavation.** Excavation includes work in any of the following areas:

- 3.1 (1) excavation;
- 3.2 (2) trenching;
- 3.3 (3) grading; and
- 3.4 (4) site grading.
- 3.5 (b) **Masonry and concrete.** Masonry and concrete includes work in any of the following
- 3.6 areas:
  - 3.7 (1) drain systems;
  - 3.8 (2) poured walls;
  - 3.9 (3) slabs and poured-in-place footings;
  - 3.10 (4) masonry walls;
  - 3.11 (5) masonry fireplaces;
  - 3.12 (6) masonry veneer; and
  - 3.13 (7) water resistance and waterproofing.
- 3.14 (c) **Carpentry.** Carpentry includes work in any of the following areas:
  - 3.15 (1) rough framing;
  - 3.16 (2) finish carpentry;
  - 3.17 (3) doors, windows, and skylights;
  - 3.18 (4) porches and decks, excluding footings;
  - 3.19 (5) wood foundations; and
  - 3.20 (6) drywall installation, excluding taping and finishing.
- 3.21 (d) **Interior finishing.** Interior finishing includes work in any of the following areas:
  - 3.22 (1) floor covering;
  - 3.23 (2) wood floors;
  - 3.24 (3) cabinet and counter top installation;
  - 3.25 (4) insulation and vapor barriers;
  - 3.26 (5) interior or exterior painting;
  - 3.27 (6) ceramic, marble, and quarry tile;

- 4.1 (7) ornamental guardrail and installation of prefabricated stairs; and
- 4.2 (8) wallpapering.
- 4.3 (e) **Exterior finishing.** Exterior finishing includes work in any of the following areas:
- 4.4 (1) siding;
- 4.5 (2) soffit, fascia, and trim;
- 4.6 (3) exterior plaster and stucco;
- 4.7 (4) painting; and
- 4.8 (5) rain carrying systems, including gutters and down spouts.
- 4.9 (f) **Drywall and plaster.** Drywall and plaster includes work in any of the following
- 4.10 areas:
- 4.11 (1) installation;
- 4.12 (2) taping;
- 4.13 (3) finishing;
- 4.14 (4) interior plaster;
- 4.15 (5) painting; and
- 4.16 (6) wallpapering.
- 4.17 (g) **Residential roofing.** Residential roofing includes work in any of the following areas:
- 4.18 (1) roof coverings;
- 4.19 (2) roof sheathing;
- 4.20 (3) roof weatherproofing and insulation; ~~and~~
- 4.21 (4) repair of roof support system, but not construction of new roof support system; and
- 4.22 (5) penetration of roof coverings for purposes of attaching a solar photovoltaic system.
- 4.23 (h) **General installation specialties.** Installation includes work in any of the following
- 4.24 areas:
- 4.25 (1) garage doors and openers;
- 4.26 (2) pools, spas, and hot tubs;
- 4.27 (3) fireplaces and wood stoves;
- 4.28 (4) asphalt paving and seal coating; ~~and~~

- 5.1 (5) ornamental guardrail and prefabricated stairs; and
- 5.2 (6) assembly of the support system for a solar photovoltaic system.