

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION

### SECTION 107 FEES

#### 107.1 Authority for charging fees.

In accordance with § 36-105 of the Code of Virginia, fees may be levied by the *local governing body* in order to defray the cost of enforcement of the USBC. With the exception of the levy collected pursuant to [Section 107.2](#), fees levied pursuant to this section shall be used only to support the functions of the *local building department*.

**Note:** See subsection D of § 36-105 of the Code of Virginia for rules for permit fees involving property with easements or liens.

#### 107.1.1 Fee schedule.

The *local governing body* shall establish a fee schedule incorporating unit rates, which may be based on square footage, cubic footage, estimated cost of *construction* or other appropriate criteria. A permit or any amendments to an existing permit shall not be issued until the designated fees have been paid, except that the building official may authorize the delayed payment of fees.

#### 107.1.2 Refunds.

When requested in writing by a *permit holder*, the *locality* shall provide a fee refund in the case of the revocation of a permit or the abandonment or cancellation of a *building* project. The refund shall not be required to exceed an amount which correlates to work not completed.

#### 107.1.3 Fees for generators used with amusement devices.

Fees for generators and associated wiring used with amusement devices shall only be charged under the *Virginia Amusement Device Regulations* (13VAC5-31).

#### 107.2 Code academy fee levy.

In accordance with subdivision 7 of § 36-137 of the Code of Virginia, the *local building department* shall collect a 2.0% levy of fees charged for permits issued under this code and transmit it quarterly to *DHCD* to support training programs of the Virginia Building Code Academy. Localities that maintain individual or regional training academies accredited by *DHCD* shall retain such levy.