

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT ETNA, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE 1997-4 AND ESTABLISHING NEW SCHEUDLE OF FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES FOR ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS

Town Council ("Council") for the Mount Etna, Indiana ("Town"), in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

WHEREAS, within Ordinance 1997-4 the Town has enacted and established the "Town of Mt. Etna Zoning Ordinance" which provides minimum development standards for the protection of life, health, environment, public safety and general welfare, and for the conservation of energy in the design and construction of buildings and structures; and

WHEREAS, the Town has designated the Huntington County Department of Community Development ("DCD") to administer and enforce zoning and building regulations contained within its Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town has authorized the DCD to assist with zoning issues, issue building permits, collect permit fees, perform inspections, order correction of violations and authorize occupancy of buildings and structures situated within the corporate limits of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 360 of Ordinance 1997-4 specifies a schedule of permit fees which are to be collected by the DCD as payment for the services it provides to the Town;

WHEREAS, having evaluated available data in regard to these matters and received recommendations from the DCD, Council now finds that the existing building permit fees charged for issuance of permits by the DCD for projects located within the corporate limits of the Town no longer adequately defrays the costs of the DCD in providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, as the legislative body of the Town, has the authority to adopt ordinances for the performance of functions of the Town;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was published in The Plain Dealer and notice of the same was posted at the Town Hall to inform the public of the proposed Fee Schedule in accordance with I.C. §5-3-1;

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed Fee Schedule have been available for inspection and copying at the Town Hall as well as the DCD office;

WHEREAS, Council conducted a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed fee schedule;

WHEREAS, in a meeting duly assembled, Council, after review and consideration of

information deemed by it to be sufficient has determined the necessity of amending Ordinance 1997-4 and adopting a new schedule of fees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Mount Etna, Indiana, after review and consideration of information deemed by it to be sufficient, that following should be, and is hereby, established as follows:

I. Section 360: "Schedule of Fees, Charges and Expenses" within Ordinance 1997-4 is hereby amended by deleting the existing provisions in the entirety and inserting the following:

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"All applicants for zoning and building permits shall, prior to the issuance of such permit, pay fees as outlined in the Building Permit Fee Schedule, as adopted and amended by the Town Council."

II. APPROVAL. The Fee Schedule attached hereto is hereby adopted for zoning and building permits.

III. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions. The remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

RESIDENTIAL	PREVIOUS	NEW (2026)	Over 10,000 sqft	\$200 + \$.02 per sqft over 10k	over 10k
Building Permits	\$80.00 if 2000 sqft or less		Addition, Remodel, Accessory: 0-1000 sqft	\$100.00	\$200.00
Single-Family Dwelling	\$80.00 + \$.04 per sqft over 2000	\$0.08 sq ft., \$160.00 min	1000-5000 sqft	\$150.00	\$400.00
			5001-10,000 sqft	\$200.00	\$600.00
Two-Family Dwelling	\$.04 per sq ft per unit or \$80				\$600 + \$.05 per sqft over 10k
Multi-Family Dwelling	\$.04 per sq ft per unit or \$80		Over 10,000 sqft	\$200 + \$.02 per sqft over 10k	over 10k
	\$45.00 if 1500 sqft or less	\$0.08 sq ft., \$100.00 min	Roof Alteration	\$30.00	\$50.00
			Deck, Carport, Enclosure of Existing Structure	\$30.00	\$50.00
Residential Additions	\$60.00 if over 1500 sqft		In-ground Pool	\$0.00	\$85.00
Manufactured Home	\$60.00	\$100.00	Above-ground Pool	\$0.00	\$50.00
Roof Alteration	\$25.00	\$45.00	Re-inspection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Deck, Carport, Enclosure of Existing Structure	\$30.00	\$50.00	Electrical Permits		
Accessory Structure (Perm Foundation)	\$30.00	\$50.00	New Structure: 0-1000 sqft	\$100.00	\$200.00
Accessory Structure (Non-Perm Foundation)	\$20.00	\$35.00	1001-5000 sqft	\$150.00	\$400.00
Accessory Structure (under 200 Sqft)	\$10.00	\$20.00	5001-10,000 sqft	\$200.00	\$600.00
In-ground Pool	\$50.00	\$85.00	Over 10,000 sqft	\$200 + \$.02 per sqft over 10k	\$600 + \$.05 per sqft over 10k
Above-ground Pool	\$30.00	\$50.00	Addition, Remodel, Accessory: 0-1000 sqft	\$100.00	\$200.00
Re-inspection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	1000-5000 sqft	\$150.00	\$400.00
			5001-10,000 sqft	\$200.00	\$600.00
Electrical Permits					
New 1, 2 or 3 Family Dwelling	\$50.00 per unit after single	\$120.00			
	\$20.00 if 1500 sqft or less				
Residential Additions	\$25.00 if over 1500 sqft	\$50.00	Over 10,000 sqft	\$200 + \$.02 per sqft over 10k	\$600 + \$.05 per sqft over 10k
Manufactured Home	\$20.00	\$50.00	Electrical (Upgrade, New Serv, Relocation, MFG)	\$35.00	\$60.00
Deck, Carport, Enclosure of Existing Structure	\$15.00	\$50.00	Re-inspection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Accessory Structure (Perm Foundation)	\$15.00	\$50.00	Plumbing Permits		
Accessory Structure (Non-Perm Foundation)	n/a	n/a	New Structure: 0-1000 sqft	\$30.00	\$200.00
In-ground Pool	n/a	n/a	1001-5000 sqft	\$40.00	\$200.00
Electrical (Upgrade, New Serv, Relocation, MFG)	\$20.00	\$50.00	5001-10,000 sqft	\$50.00	\$300.00
Re-inspection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$300 + \$.03 per sqft over 10k
			Over 10,000 sqft	\$50 + \$.01 per sqft over 10k	over 10k
Plumbing Permits			Addition, Remodel, Accessory: 0-1000 sqft	\$30.00	\$100.00
New 1, 2 or 3 Family Dwelling	\$35.00 per unit after single	\$85.00	1000-5000 sqft	\$40.00	\$200.00
	\$20.00 if 1500 sqft or less		5001-10,000 sqft	\$50.00	\$300.00
Residential Addition	\$25.00 if over 1500 sqft	\$50.00	Over 10,000 sqft	50 + \$.01 per sqft over 10k	\$300 + \$.03 per sqft over 10k
Accessory Structure (Perm Foundation)	\$15.00	\$50.00	Electrical (Upgrade, New Serv, Relocation, MFG)	\$35.00	\$60.00
Re-inspection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other Permits			Other Permits/Fees		
Pond	\$25.00	\$50.00	Ponds	\$25.00	\$50.00
Pond started without permit	\$250.00	\$250.00	Signs: On-Premise Permanent	\$10.00	\$30.00
Pond finished without permit	\$250.00	\$250.00	On-Premise Temporary	\$10.00	\$30.00
Pond setback encroachment (without BZA 1st)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Off-Premise Permanent	\$50.00	\$75.00
Sign	\$10.00	\$20.00	Off-Premise Temporary	\$25.00	\$40.00
Fence	\$0.00	\$10.00	Billboards	\$100.00	\$150.00
Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	Mobile & Temporary Billboards	\$25.00	\$40.00
Missed fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	Floodplain Development	\$25.00	\$50.00
COMMERCIAL			Solar Energy System (SES)	\$500.00	\$750.00
Building Permits/Fees			Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS)	\$500.00	\$750.00
New Structure: 0-1000 sqft	\$100.00	\$200.00	Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
1001-5000 sqft	\$150.00	\$400.00	Missed Inspection Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00
5001-10,000 sqft	\$200.00	\$600.00			
		\$600 + \$.05 per sqft			

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by Council that the Clerk-Treasurer shall keep two (2) copies of said Schedule of Fees at the Town Hall which is available for inspection or copying.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the date the ordinance is published in compliance with I.C. §36-2-4-S(e) but not earlier than March 3, 2027.

ATTEST


(Patty Blaker) Clerk-Treasurer