

LAND USE APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE – Effective November October 1, 2007 2026

City of Bellingham Resolution 2007-23. Amended by Resolutions 2007-26, 2009-26, 2019-11, 2023-24,
and 2026-XX

APPLICATION TYPE	LAND USE FEE	RESUBMITTAL FEE (Each additional review beyond two)	HEARING EXAMINER FEE
Accessory Dwelling Unit			
Type I	\$214 \$294 \$107 \$147 for a second ADU on a single site processed at the same time		
Type II	\$531 \$728 \$265 \$364 for a second ADU on a single site processed at the same time plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		
Billboard Relocation Permit	\$213 \$292 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
Billboard Tracking Annual Fee (not an application fee)	Single face: \$53 \$73 Other: \$80 \$110		N/A
Annexation	\$531 \$728 plus Boundary Review Board Fee plus \$128 \$176 notice		N/A
Appeals – Park Impact Fee and Transportation Impact Fee	N/A		\$550 \$754
Appeal – School Impact Fee	\$531 \$728		\$550 \$754
Appeals not otherwise listed under other application types	\$531 \$728		\$550 \$754
Binding Site Plan			
General Binding Site Plan	Base fee: \$3,188 \$4,368 up to 1 acre Plus \$319 \$438 per additional acre or fraction of an acre plus \$53 \$73 notice fee plus additional notice fee if optional Planning Commission meeting (See Meeting Notice Fee)	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A
Specific Binding Site Plan	\$531 \$728	\$319	N/A
Variance (subdivision code)	\$531 \$728 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$700 \$959
Appeal (subdivision code)	\$531 \$728		\$700 \$959
Clearing	\$106 \$146		N/A

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APPLICATION TYPE	LAND USE FEE	RESUBMITTAL FEE (Each additional review beyond two)	HEARING EXAMINER FEE
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$1,594 \$2,184 plus \$243 \$292 per acre over 1 to \$12,750 \$17,468 maximum (excluding property owned by the City) plus \$255 \$350 notice fee		N/A
Conditional Use			
Category A: Oversize accessory building for residence, short-term rental	\$244 \$335 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$550 \$754
Category B: Signs, minor CUP amendments (other than amendments to Category A)	\$244 \$335 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		Residential Single \$550 \$754 All others \$1,050 \$1,439
Adaptive Use for Historic Register Building	\$1,063 \$1,457 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$550 \$754
Category C: All others (includes nonconforming use actions decided by Hearing Examiner)	Wireless communication support structure (tower): \$3,188 \$4,368 Others: Base fee: \$1,063 \$1,457 plus \$0.11 \$0.15 per sq. ft. of new gross floor area plus \$53 \$73 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	Residential Single \$550 \$754 All others \$1,050 \$1,439
Conditional use and concurrent variance	Conditional use fee reduced by \$106 \$146 ; only one notice fee		(See above)
Critical Areas Permit	\$1,063 \$1,457 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee if Type II		N/A
Variance:			
Single family residential	\$319 \$438		\$550 \$754
Others	\$425 \$583		\$550 \$754
Appeal	\$531 \$728		\$550 \$754
Letter of Exemption – Critical Areas	\$106 \$146		N/A

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Design Review			
Staff review:			
Signs & awnings	\$106 \$146		N/A
Alterations	\$319 \$438		N/A
APPLICATION TYPE	LAND USE FEE	RESUBMITTAL FEE (Each additional review beyond two)	HEARING EXAMINER FEE
New buildings, additions & Infill Housing	Base fee: \$1,063 \$1,457 Plus \$53 \$73 notice fee Residential: plus \$0.05 \$0.07 per sq. ft. of new gross floor area Non-residential or mixed use: plus \$0.11 \$0.15 per sq. ft. of new ground floor (footprint) gross floor area and \$0.05 \$0.07 per sq. ft. of new gross floor area on upper floors Fee reduced to 60% if concurrent planned development application		N/A

Applications requiring Design Review Board or Historic Preservation Commission review:	Same as staff review fee except the notice fee is \$181 \$248 (Concurrent applications for design review and historic certificate of alteration pay only the higher of the two application fees)		N/A
Design Review Board Pre-Application Review	\$213 \$292 (fee is credited to the application fee if application is made within 6 months of pre-application review meeting)		N/A
Appeal	\$531 \$728		\$800 \$1,096
Essential Public Facility (Process Type V-A)			
Master plan	\$3,188 \$4,368 up to 1 acre plus \$319 \$438 per additional acre or fraction thereof, plus \$255 \$350 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A

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Site plan review	\$3,188 \$4,368 up to 1 acre plus \$319 \$438 per additional acre or fraction thereof, plus \$53 \$73 notice fee plus additional notice fee if optional Planning Commission meeting (See Meeting Notice Fee)	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A
Site plan amendment (minor)	\$319 \$438 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
Appeal – site plan review	\$531 \$728		\$800 \$1,096
Fences and walls, over-height	\$159 \$218		N/A
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Final Plat	\$744 \$1,020	\$446 \$612	N/A
Grading Permit			
Minor grading	\$106 \$146 plus if Type II process add \$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
501 – 5000 cubic yards:	\$531 \$728 plus if Type II process add \$53 \$73 notice fee	\$319 \$438	N/A
5001 or more cubic yards:	\$1,594 \$2,184 plus if Type II process add \$53 \$73 notice fee	\$956 \$1,310	N/A
Appeal	\$531 \$728		\$550 \$754

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Historic Registry - Adaptive Use	\$1,063 \$1,457 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$550 \$754
Historic Registry - Certificate of Alteration or Demolition	\$364 \$438 plus \$128 \$176 notice fee		N/A
Appeal	\$534 \$728		\$350 \$480
Historic Registry Nomination	Individual site nominations: \$25 \$35 residential; \$50 \$69 commercial. Local district nominations: \$308 \$422 notice fee plus individual site fee for each contributing property		N/A
Historic Registry Special Valuation Review	\$319 \$438		N/A
Home Occupation	\$106 \$146 (includes \$5 \$7 notice fee)		N/A
Institutional Master Plan - New	\$5,313 \$7,279 + \$213 \$292 per acre over 1 to \$12,750 \$17,468 maximum plus \$255 \$350 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A
Institutional Master Plan - Amendments	\$5,313 \$7,279 + \$213 \$292 per acre over 1 to \$8,500 \$11,645 maximum plus \$255 \$350 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A
Institutional Site Plan	Base fee: \$3,488 \$4,368 up to 1 acre plus \$319 \$438 per additional acre or fraction of an acre plus \$53 \$73 notice fee plus additional notice fee if optional Planning Commission meeting (See Meeting Notice Fee)	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	N/A
Amendment (Minor)	\$319 \$438 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
Variance	\$534 \$728 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee (added to base application fee)		\$800 \$1,096
Appeal	\$534 \$728		\$800 \$1,096
Interpretations – Director’s Letter of Interpretation	\$350 \$480		N/A
Legal Lot Determinations & Lot Size Exceptions	\$106 \$146 when requested apart from building permit application; and \$106 \$146 for all lot size exceptions		N/A

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Lot Line Adjustment	\$213 \$292 base + \$80 \$110 /lot (per-lot check print review fee due prior to filing plat)	\$48 \$66 per lot check print review	N/A
Appeal	\$531 \$728		\$700 \$959
Nonconforming Use Certificate	\$531 \$728		N/A
Parking Waiver or Joint Parking Request	\$213 \$292		N/A
Planned Development, PUD, and Co- Housing	Base fee: \$3,188 \$4,368 up to 1 acre plus \$319 \$438 per additional acre or fraction of an acre plus \$53 \$73 notice fee plus additional notice fee if optional Planning Commission meeting (See Meeting Notice Fee)	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	Co-housing only: \$350 \$480
Amendment (Minor)	\$531 \$728 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		Co-housing only: \$350 \$480
Variance	\$531 \$728 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee (in addition to planned development application or amendment fee)		Planned Development: \$800 \$1,096
Appeal	\$531 \$728		Planned Development appeal: \$800 \$1,096
Pre-Application Meeting	\$638 \$875		N/A
Rezone	\$1,594 \$2,184 plus \$213 \$292 per acre over 1 to \$12,750 \$17,468 maximum (excluding property owned by the City) plus \$308 \$422 notice fee		N/A
SEPA Checklist	\$266 \$365 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee if with building permit or public facility construction agreement		N/A
EIS review fee only (See BMC 16.20 for preparation costs)	\$5,313 \$7,279		N/A

Appeal	\$531 \$728		\$550 \$754 if heard by Hearing Ex.; \$500 \$685 if heard by City Council
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Shoreline Permit and/or Shoreline Conditional Use			N/A except for any shoreline conditional use decided by Hearing Examiner, use Conditional Use fee
Project valuation of <\$100,000	\$531 \$728 plus \$128 \$176 notice fee	\$300 \$411	(Same as above)
=>\$100,000 but less than \$500,000	\$2,125 \$2,912 plus \$128 \$176 notice fee	\$1200 \$1,644	(Same as above)
=>\$500,000	Base fee: \$2,125 \$2,912 plus \$531 \$728 for each fraction of \$500,000 over \$500,000 plus \$128 \$176 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	(Same as above)
Variance-Shoreline	(no additional fee for variance)		N/A
Letter of Exemption for Shoreline	\$106 \$146		N/A
Short-Term Rental			
Type I	\$370 \$507		N/A
Type II	\$497 \$681 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
Renewal (on or before January 1 of every even-numbered year)	\$250 \$343		N/A
Street Vacation	TRC Review: \$638 \$875 \$3,188 \$4,368 plus \$319 \$438 street fund fee plus \$74 \$102 notice fee		\$550 \$754 per right-of- way segment
Subdivision:			
Short Plat			
•Type I or Type II Process:			
Preliminary Application	\$531 \$728	\$319 \$438	N/A

Additional fees if a variance is added to Type I or II	\$531 \$728 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$700 \$959
Final short plat check print review for Type I or II	\$106 \$146 per lot	\$60 \$83 per lot	N/A
Appeal of Type I or II decision	\$531 \$728		\$700 \$959

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•Type III-A Process:			
Preliminary Application	\$1,063 \$1,457 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee	\$600 \$822	\$700 \$959
Additional fee if variance is added to Type III-A	\$534 \$728		\$700 \$959
Final short plat check print review for Type III-A	\$106 \$146 per lot	\$64 \$88 per lot	N/A
•Type III-B Process:			
Preliminary application	\$2,125 \$2,912 plus \$53 \$73 per lot plus \$53 \$73 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	\$700 \$959
Additional fee if variance is added to a Type III-B	\$534 \$728		\$700 \$959
Final short plat check print review for type III-B	No additional fee		N/A
Appeal Type III-B to Council	No additional fee		\$500 \$685
Preliminary Plat, Plat Alteration or Plat Vacation (Type III-B process)	Base fee: \$2,125 \$2,912 plus \$159 \$218 per lot plus \$53 \$73 notice fee	60 percent of original fee, excluding notice fee	\$2,050 \$2,809 plus \$20 \$28 per lot
Additional fee if variance is added to a preliminary plat	\$534 \$728		\$700 \$959
Appeal preliminary plat to Council	No additional fee		\$1,500 \$2,055
Transportation Concurrency			
Evaluation	\$106 \$146		N/A
Traffic study mitigation review	\$213 \$292		N/A
Traffic Tool and Travel model update and maintenance (per P.M. peak trip)	\$10 \$14 (per P.M. peak trip >10): Not to exceed \$2,656 \$3,639		N/A
City commissioned traffic count	\$133 \$183		N/A
Appeal of transportation concurrency denial	\$534 \$728		\$550 \$754
Variance			
Residential Single	\$319 \$438 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$550 \$754
All others	\$425 \$583 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee		\$1050 \$1,439
Variance with concurrent conditional use application	Conditional use fee reduced by \$106 \$146 : only one notice fee required		
Wireless Communication Facility (not Planned or Conditional Use)	\$213 \$292 plus \$53 \$73 notice fee if Type II process		N/A
Zoning Compliance Letters	\$106 \$146		N/A

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
Extra Services (Consultations and services not otherwise listed, as determined by the Planning and Community Development Director.)	\$107 \$147 per hour, 1 hour minimum		N/A
Meeting Notice for optional Planning Commission or Historic Preservation Commission meeting	\$128 \$176 notice fee		N/A
Multiple concurrent applications	The Planning and Community Development Director may establish a schedule to reduce cumulative fees for multiple, concurrent applications, based on expected reduced costs for combined notices, hearings, reports, etc.		N/A
Re-notice fee for additional notices of application	\$53 \$73 notice fee		N/A
Re-notice for Planning Commission or Historic Preservation Commission hearing/meeting	\$128 \$176 notice fee		N/A
Re-hearing with Hearing Examiner	N/A		One-half of the base Hearing Examiner application fee plus \$50 \$69

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REFUNDS Any fee erroneously collected will be refunded. The following table will be used to calculate other land use application refunds unless a refund is prohibited by Bellingham Municipal Code.			
No staff review started and no public notices issued	80% refundable 20% nonrefundable		80% refundable and 20% nonrefundable if there were no preliminary motions, hearings or rulings. Up to 50% refundable and 50% nonrefundable if there were preliminary motions, hearings or rulings.
Staff review started or public notices issued	50% refundable 50% nonrefundable		80% refundable and 20% nonrefundable if there were no preliminary motions, hearings or rulings. Up to 50% refundable and 50% nonrefundable if there were preliminary motions, hearings or rulings.
Staff review completed	No refund		No refund
Technology	5%		