

Building Permits

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other MTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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Reference Number: MTAS-1869

Revenue Class: Licenses and Permits

Fund: General

Account No.: 32610

Description: Revenue received from the sale of building permits and builder and contractor licenses. Municipalities are authorized and empowered to enact laws or ordinances to safeguard and protect the home owner or prospective home owner, commercial property owner or assembly building property owner by requiring the licensing of the residential, commercial or assembly builders and residential, commercial and assembly maintenance and alteration contractors.

Authorization: T.C.A. § 6-54-501 *et seq.*; T.C.A. § 7-62-101 *et seq.*; T.C.A. § 7-62-201 *et seq.*

Requirements or Restrictions: City cannot issue more than 10 active building permits at one time to an unlicensed contractor. T.C.A. § 7-62-202 (b). Unlicensed contractors are required to post a cash bond with the city for a period of at least two years. T.C.A. § 7-62-203.

Current Rate: Varies.

Frequency of Payment: Upon issuance of permit.

Late Pay Penalty: N/A

Exemptions: N/A

Collection: N/A

Use Restrictions: None.

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