

ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 61

(BUILDING PROVISIONS)

OF THE 1976 CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

PART 2

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION INSPECTOR—TEST RE-INSPECTION FEES

The following matrix is to serve as a guideline in determining when to require a re-inspection fee for witnessed fire protection or fire alarm systems tests. This fee shall be charged every time an inspection request is made before the work is clearly ready to be inspected, or is not cancelled in time to save an unnecessary trip by inspectors. In addition, the re-inspection fee must be paid before another inspection is scheduled. A minimum of 24 hours' notice for test cancellation is required. The re-inspection fee shall be charged at the rate of \$96 per hour per inspector, or \$24 per quarter hour or part thereof per inspector.

INSPECTION TYPE	CONDITION	INSPECTED	RE-INSPECTION FEE ASSESSED
Cancelled off-site	Not ready	No	No
Contractor shows, building engineer does not	Cannot test	No	No
Cancelled while inspectors on-site	Not ready	No	Yes
Inspectors arrive, no one on-site	Not ready	No	Yes
Regular inspection	Deficient	Yes	Yes
Final inspection	Deficient	Yes	Yes

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION OCCUPANCY INSPECTION FEES

<i>Use Group</i>	<i>Gross Floor Area</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Assembly or mercantile— Use Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5 or M—Building shell or tenant	0 – 5,000 square feet	\$ 48
	5,001 – 10,000 square feet	\$ 96
	10,001 – 25,000 square feet	\$144
	25,001 – 50,000 square feet	\$192
	50,001 – 80,000 square feet	\$240
	80,001 – 125,000 square feet	\$288
	125,001 – 200,000 square feet	\$384
	200,001 + square feet	\$480
Business or educational—Use Groups B or E—Building shell or tenant	0 – 4,000 square feet	\$ 48
	4,001 – 10,000 square feet	\$ 96
	10,001 – 25,000 square feet	\$144

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	25,001 – 50,000 square feet	\$192
	50,001 – 80,000 square feet	\$240
	80,001 – 125,000 square feet	\$288
	125,001 – 200,000 square feet	\$384
	200,001 – 300,000 square feet	\$480
	300,001 – 400,000 square feet	\$576
	400,001 + square feet	\$672
Factory, industrial, and high Hazard—Use Groups F and H – Building shell or tenant	0 – 15,000 square feet	\$ 96
	15,001 – 30,000 square feet	\$192
	30,001 – 60,000 square feet	\$288
	60,001 – 100,000 square feet	\$384
	100,001 – 150,000 square feet	\$480
	150,001 – 200,000 square feet	\$576
	200,001 – 250,000 square feet	\$672
	250,001 + square feet	\$768
Institutional and residential —Use Groups I-1, I-2, I-3, R-1 or R-2—Building shell or tenant	0 – 5,000 square feet	\$ 48
	5,001 – 10,000 square feet	\$ 96
	10,001 – 20,000 square feet	\$144
	20,001 – 40,000 square feet	\$192
	40,001 – 60,000 square feet	\$240
	60,001 – 80,000 square feet	\$288
	80,001 – 100,000 square feet	\$336
	Each additional 20,000 square feet or part of, add	\$ 48
Storage—Use Groups S-1 or S-2	0 – 15,000 square feet	\$ 48
	15,001 – 30,000 square feet	\$ 96
	30,001 – 60,000 square feet	\$144
	60,001 – 100,000 square feet	\$192
	100,001 – 150,000 square feet	\$240
	150,001 – 250,000 square feet	\$288
	250,001 + square feet	\$384
Utility, miscellaneous—Use Group U	0 – 5,000 square feet	\$ 24
	5,001 – 20,000 square feet	\$ 48
	20,001 + square feet	\$ 96
Reinspections or pre-occupancy inspections		
Per hour		\$ 96
Per quarter hour or part thereof in		\$ 24

(4) *Other fees pertaining to mechanical permits, periodic inspections and licenses:*

(A) *Mechanical equipment installation fees:* The permit fee for installation, repair, or replacement of all mechanical equipment installed in buildings other than within individual residences shall include a charge which shall be calculated at the rate of 1.5% of the contract value less the value of the listed equipment. This fee is in addition to the equipment fees listed in this section.

Amusement devices, see Carnival rides.	
Automotive lift	\$ 75.00
Boilers:	
Hot water heating to 200 MBH	\$ 71.50
For each additional 100 MBH or fraction thereof	\$ 11.00
Hot water storage tank	\$ 71.50
Hot water supply to 500 MBH	\$ 71.50
For each additional 500 MBH or fraction thereof	\$ 11.00
Low-pressure steam to 200 MBH	\$ 71.50
For each additional 100 MBH	\$ 11.00
Indirect hot water heater	\$ 71.50
Miniature	\$ 90.00
Power	\$ 90.00
Plus, per boiler hp	\$ 1.35
Carnival rides: The permit fee for each carnival ride shall be as follows:	
Kiddie ride, per inspection	\$ 15.00
Kiddie ride--An amusement ride designed primarily for use by children up to twelve (12) years of age which requires simple reassembly procedures prior to operation and does not require complex inspections prior to operation. Kiddie rides include, but are not limited to: kiddie cars, mini-bumper cars, airplane swings, river canoes, and small merry-go-rounds.	
Major ride, per inspection	\$ 25.00
Major ride--A flat or circular ride not classified as a spectacular ride or a kiddie ride, that may be inspected principally from the ground, i.e., within a height not greater than twenty (20) feet off the ground or loading platform. Major rides include, but are not limited to: "dark rides" (enclosed rides), astroliners, bumper cars, scramblers, spiders and tilt-a-whirls.	
Spectacular ride, per inspections	\$ 45.00
Spectacular ride--A high ride, a flat ride, or a circular ride which, because of height, size, length, capacity, or complexity of assembly and operation, requires a greater amount of inspection effort than for kiddie rides and major rides. Spectacular rides include, but are not limited to: ferris wheels, flying bobs, himilayas, sky divers and roller coasters.	
Crematorium	\$109.00
Dumbwaiters, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Elevators, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Ductwork: The fee for ductwork is 1.5% of the total contract value.	
Expansion tank	\$ 71.50
Escalator, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Furnaces:	
Central heating up to 200 MBH	\$ 29.00
Each additional 100 MBH or fraction thereof	\$ 8.00
Duct-furnace up to 200 MBH input	\$ 18.10
Each additional 100 MBH or fraction thereof	\$ 8.00
Oil and solid fuel furnace up to 220 MBH input	\$ 29.00
Each additional 100 MBH or fraction thereof	\$ 8.00
Electric furnace up to 30 KW	\$ 29.00
Each additional 30 KWS or fraction thereof	\$ 4.15
Halon System	Base Fee

Heat Pump up to 5 ton	\$ 36.10
Each additional ton	\$ 1.35
Auxiliary heat up to 100 MBH	\$ 29.00
Each additional 100 MBH	\$ 4.15
Incremental heating and air conditioning units, per unit	\$ 8.40
This fee applies to incremental heating and air conditioning units installed with boilers, chillers and water towers in a building.	
Incinerator:	
Per 100 lbs. per hour burning rate or fraction thereof	\$ 36.10
Manlift, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Oil burner:	
Conversion to or replacement of oil burner:	
Light oils - No. 1, 2 or 4	\$ 36.10
Heavy oils - No. 5 or 6	\$ 44.00
Piping of equipment: The fee for piping of equipment is 1.5% of the total contract value (for use groups other than R-3, R-4, and R-5).	
Porch lift, handicapped/wheel chair lift, hand elevator, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Prefab chimney	\$ 18.10
Prefab fireplace, with or without prefab chimney	\$ 18.10
Pump, circulating: The fee for a circulating pump is 1% of the total contract value.	
Range hood fire protection system	Base Fee
Range hood only is charged as ductwork.	
Refrigeration: Including, but not limited to, chillers, air conditioning units, and cooling towers.	
Refrigeration and refrigeration cycle of air conditioning system up to 5 tons	\$ 36.10
Each additional refrigeration ton or fraction thereof	\$ 1.35
Sidewalk elevators, See Vertical Transportation Equipment	
Space heater: See Unit Heater.	
Tanks:	
Above ground or underground tanks for hazardous or nonhazardous liquids (oil, gasoline and propane)	
Commercial	Base Fee
Residential (R-3, R-4, and R-5 occupancies)	Base Fee
Unfired pressure vessel (Air compressor receiving tank)	\$ 71.50
Unit heater:	
Gas and oil up to 500 MBH input	\$ 18.10
For each additional 100 MBH input or fraction thereof	\$ 4.20
Electric up to 147 KW	\$ 18.10
Each additional 30 KW or fraction thereof	\$ 4.20
Woodstove, with or without prefab chimney	\$ 8.10
Vertical Transportation Equipment:	
Commercial: (new or replacement)	
Chair/platform lifts	\$142.00
Dumbwaiters/conveyors/material lifts	
Hand-operated	\$142.00
Power-driven	\$142.00

Elevators	
Construction	\$306.00
Freight, plus floor charge	\$289.00
Passenger, plus floor charge	\$289.00
Escalators, per floor/moving walks	\$497.00
Manlifts, power-driven	\$146.00
Sidewalk elevators:	
Hand-driven	\$113.00
Power-driven	\$150.00

Floor charge: A fee of \$47.00 per floor shall be charged for each floor in the building where a passenger or freight elevator is installed. This charge shall be computed and added to the cost of the first piece of equipment only.

Alterations or repairs shall be charged at a rate of 1.5% of the estimated cost of repairs, with a minimum fee of \$135.00.

Residential: (new or replacement)	
Chair/platform lifts	\$142.00
Dumbwaiters	
Hand-operated	\$142.00
Power-driven	\$142.00
Private residence elevators	\$306.00

(B) *Periodic mechanical inspection fee:* All vertical transportation equipment, other than that which is installed within individual residences, and other than conveyors, requires an annual certificate of compliance. For an annual certificate of compliance, the annual fee payable by the owner of the building to the County of Fairfax on or before the expiration of the certificate shall be as follows:

Elevators: See Vertical Transportation Equipment
Sidewalk elevators, See Vertical Transportation Equipment
Dumbwaiters, See Vertical Transportation Equipment
Escalator, See Vertical Transportation Equipment
Manlift, See Vertical Transportation Equipment

Boilers:

Hot water heating:	
0-1000 MBH	\$ 71.50
1001-2000 MBH	\$ 90.00
Over 2000 MBH	\$109.00
Hot water supply	\$ 71.50
Miniature	\$ 90.00
Power:	
0-100 HP	\$109.00
101-500 HP	\$126.00
501-1000 HP	\$145.00
Over 1000 HP	\$161.00
Steam:	
0-1000 P/H	\$ 95.40
1001-2000 P/H	\$109.00

2001-4000 P/H	\$126.00
Over 4000 P/H	\$145.00
Hydrostatic test	\$128.00
Incinerator:	
Up to 100 Pounds	\$ 75.00
Over 100 Pounds	\$115.00
Range hood fire protection system	\$ 71.50
Range hood only is charged as ductwork	
Halon system	\$ 71.50
Refrigeration system	\$109.00
Unfired pressure vessel:	
With manhole	\$109.00
Without manhole	\$ 71.50
Vertical Transportation Equipment (except for equipment installed within private residences):	
Chair/platform lifts	\$146.00
Dumbwaiters/material lifts	
Hand-operated	\$122.00
Power-driven	\$134.00
Elevators	
Construction	\$266.00
Freight, plus floor charge	\$266.00
Passenger, plus floor charge	\$266.00
Escalators, per floor/moving walks	\$146.00
Manlifts, power-driven	\$146.00
Sidewalk elevators:	
Hand-driven	\$113.00
Power-driven	\$150.00

Floor charge: A fee of \$47.00 per floor shall be charged for each floor in the building where a passenger or freight elevator is installed. This charge shall be computed and added to the cost of the first piece of equipment only.

The following fees apply to freight and passenger elevator tests which are not performed in conjunction with regularly scheduled periodic inspections:

Temporary inspection	\$246.00
Temporary inspection (extension)	\$115.00
Governor test	\$296.00
Load test	\$445.00
Speed test	\$296.00
Static pressure/hydraulic	\$296.00
Fire and smoke test	\$213.00

(5) *Other fees pertaining to plumbing permits:*

Plumbing and gasfitting equipment installation fees:

New plumbing systems in new buildings, existing unplumbed buildings, or portions thereof, changes in existing systems	\$ 36.10
Plus for each fixture, each appliance, each appurtenance, including sill cock, and for each area-way drain, floor drain and roof drain	\$ 5.40
Setting or replacing fixtures without changes in existing	

system	\$ 36.10
Plus, for each fixture	\$ 4.20
Sewer, new, replacement or repair	\$ 36.10
Sewer tapping	\$ 36.10
Sewage ejector pump	\$ 5.40
Sump pump	\$ 5.40
Swimming pool, public and semipublic: Fixture, appliance and appurtenance fee apply.	
Water service, new, replacement or repair	\$ 36.10
Sprinkler system for fire suppression . . .	Base Fee
(6) Other fees pertaining to electrical permits:	
(A) Electrical equipment installation fees for initial construction of new dwelling units in R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 use groups:	
Electrical service size:	
0-149 amps	\$150.00
159-399 amps	\$157.00
400 amps	\$216.00
More than 400 amps	Use Itemized fees in (B)

These fees include the initial installation of equipment listed on the electrical permit application that includes the main electrical service for the dwelling. The fee for a permit amendment for additional equipment shall be \$25.00. Any equipment installed pursuant to other electrical permit applications shall be charged in accordance with the fees prescribed in paragraph (B) of this section (Electrical equipment installation fees) below.

(B) Electrical equipment installation fees:

Appliances, residential: Includes direct-wired appliances installed in dwelling units such as air cleaners, attic fans, central vacuums, dishwashers, disposals, clothes dryers, ovens, ranges or stoves, trash compactors and water heaters:

First	\$ 8.00
Each additional	\$ 4.20

Receptacles for individual appliances installed in lieu of the appliance shall be charged at the same rate as if the appliance were installed.

Circuits, new (extensions are counted as circuits):

Each	\$ 1.35
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Dental chairs

\$ 8.00

Electrical equipment rated by kilowatts (KW) to include space, baseboard and central heat, and commercial cooking units, water heaters, dishwasher, dryers, etc.:

0 to 4 KW	\$ 11.00
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 4.20
4 to 6 KW	\$ 13.40
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 8.00
6 to 8 KW	\$ 16.80
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 11.00
8 to 10 KW	\$ 21.00
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 13.40
10 to 14 KW	\$ 24.40
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 16.80
14 to 20 KW	\$ 27.30

Each additional unit in this range	\$ 21.00
20 to 25 KW	\$ 30.70
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 24.40
Over 25 KW	\$ 33.80
Each additional unit in this range	\$ 27.30
Control wiring: Wiring less than 50 volts when penetrating fire rated assemblies, smoke barriers and non-combustible plenums (e.g., telephone wiring, cable television wiring, burglary/security systems, fire alarm systems, etc.)	Base fee
Fan coil units	\$ 4.20
Fixtures, switches and receptacles, etc.:	
First 10 or fraction thereof	\$ 8.00
Each additional 10 or fraction thereof	\$ 5.40
Gasoline pumps: Submerged: Fee same as for motors	
Gasoline island pumps or dispensers:	
First	\$ 8.00
Each additional, each	\$ 4.20
Generators:	
0 to 5 KW	\$ 18.10
Over 5 to 25 KW	\$ 22.25
Over 25 to 35 KW	\$ 29.10
Over 35 to 50 KW	\$ 35.35
Over 50 KW	\$ 54.35
Heating and air conditioning--gas/oil:	
Residential furnace--gas/oil or air conditioning:	
First unit	\$ 11.00
Each additional unit	\$ 4.20
Commercial furnace--see motors	
Motors and electrical equipment rated by horsepower (HP) to include commercial heating, cooling, and ventilating equipment. On package equipment, such as pumps and commercial air handlers, fans, compressors and disposals, each motor shall be charged for separately:	
1/8 horsepower or less	Charged as fixtures
Over 1/8 to 1 hp:	
First	\$ 11.00
Each additional motor	\$ 4.20
Over 1 to 5 hp:	
First	\$ 13.40
Each additional motor	\$ 4.20
Over 5 to 10 hp:	
First	\$ 18.20
Each additional motor	\$ 8.00
Over 10 to 20 hp:	
First	\$ 22.25
Each additional motor	\$ 11.00
Over 20 to 30 hp:	
First	\$ 25.60
Each additional motor	\$ 13.40
Over 30 to 40 hp:	
First	\$ 33.30
Each additional motor	\$ 22.25

Over 40 to 50 hp:	
First	\$ 39.50
Each additional motor	\$ 28.60
Over 50 hp:	
First	\$ 47.30
Each additional motor	\$ 36.10
Parking lot lighting:	
First pole	\$ 8.00
Each additional	\$ 4.20
Services (new or replacement, subservices, subpanels, submeters or meters for separate occupancies):	
0 to 800 amp	\$ 37.20
Over 800 amp	\$ 54.30
Temporary service on structures for construction of temporary or permanent service:	
0 to 800 amp	\$ 37.20
Over 800 amp	\$ 54.30
Circuits, fixtures, receptacles and equipment to be charged for under the circuit fixture and motor schedule:	
Sign:	
Fluorescent, each sign:	
1 to 4 tubes	\$ 11.00
Each additional 4 tubes or fraction thereof	\$ 8.00
Incandescent, each sign	\$ 11.00
Neon, each sign:	
First transformer	\$ 11.00
Each additional transformer	\$ 4.20
Swimming pools, annual inspection fees:	
Includes 2 inspections	\$100.00
Fee must be paid before inspections will be performed.	
Additional inspections will require payment of re-inspection fee.	
Temporary wiring:	
Tree sales, produce stands, fireworks stands, tent sales and other temporary non-amusement activities	Base Fee
Carnivals, fairs, circuses, and other temporary amusement activities	\$126.00
Transformers and step down transformers:	
0 to 10 KVA	\$ 11.00
Each additional transformer within this range	\$ 8.00
Over 10 to 50 KVA	\$ 13.40
Each additional transformer within this range	\$ 11.00
Over 50 to 75 KVA	\$ 22.25
Each additional transformer within this range	\$ 18.10
Over 75 to 200 KVA	\$ 33.30
Each additional transformer within this range	\$ 25.60
Over 200 KVA	\$ 42.40
Each additional transformer within this range	\$ 35.90
Unit heaters	\$ 4.20
UPS System: Fee shall be the same as transformers by KVA rating.	
Welders	\$ 4.70
X-ray machines	\$ 4.70

(7) *Household appliance permits:*

(A) *Household appliance fees:* Permanently wired or plumbed appliances may be installed in an existing dwelling using a household appliance permit, provided the capacity of the electrical panel or gas service is not exceeded and the electric circuitry, gas piping and plumbing is existing. A household appliance permit may also be used when a permit is required for the replacement of a listed appliance provided the above criteria are met.

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR NEW INSTALLATIONS ONLY

Air cleaner/filter
 Air conditioning condensing unit
 Bathtub
 Clothes dryer, gas/electric
 Dehumidifier
 Dishwasher
 Disposal
 Fan, attic
 Fan, ceiling
 Fan, exhaust
 Furnace, electric
 Heat pump
 Hose bib
 Humidifier
 Ice maker
 Laundry tub
 Lighting fixtures
 Oven, gas/electric
 Pressure reducing valve
 Shower
 Sink
 Smoke detector (wired-in) - no fee
 Solar energy equipment - no fee
 Stove, gas/electric
 Sump pump
 Toilet
 Trash compactor
 Water heater, electric/gas/oil
 Water treatment equipment

Permits are required for the replacement of the fixtures and appliances listed above if the installation requires a change to: 1) duct systems; 2) plumbing supply, drain, waste, or vent piping; 3) electrical circuits; 4) appliance vent systems; or 5) gas piping.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR BOTH NEW AND REPLACEMENT INSTALLATIONS

Centralized air-conditioning systems
 Clothes dryers, gas
 Furnace, gas/oil
 Gas logs
 Gas/oil
 Gas stove/heater
 Oven, gas
 Prefabricated chimney

Prefabricated fireplace
 Water heater, gas/oil
 Wood stove/heater

The base fee for a household appliance permit shall be \$40.00, which includes the first appliance. Additional appliances may be added on the same permit for \$9.25 each.

- (B) Contractors authorized to take out permits to install or replace appliances:
 The following table indicates which contractors shall be authorized to obtain household appliance permits for the installation or replacement of appliances in the program:

<u>Type of Equipment</u>	<u>Electrical</u>	<u>HVAC</u>	<u>Plumbing</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>HIC**</u>
Air cleaner/filter, electrostatic	X	X			X
Air conditioning (central AC system)	X	X			
Air conditioning condensing unit	X	X			
Bathtub			X		
Clothes dryer, gas				X	
Dehumidifier	X	X			X
Dishwasher	X*		X		X
Disposal	X*		X		X
Fan, Attic	X	X			X
Fan, Ceiling	X				X
Fan, Exhaust	X	X			X
Furnace, electric	X	X			
Furnace, gas					
Furnace, oil		X		X	
Gas log					
Heat pump	X	X		X	
Hose bib, (outside faucet)			X		
Humidifier	X	X	X		
Ice maker			X		X
Laundry tub			X		X
Lighting fixtures	X				
Oven, electric	X				X
Oven, gas					X
Prefabricated chimney		X		X	
Prefabricated fireplace		X			
Pressure reducing valve			X		X
Shower			X		
Sink / lavatory			X		
Smoke detector (wired-in) - no fee	X				
Solar energy equipment - no fee	X	X	X		X
Stove, electric	X				X
Stove, gas					X
Sump pump	X*		X	X	
Trash compactor	X				X
Water closet (toilet)			X		X
Water heater, electric	X*	X	X		
Water heater, gas					

Water heater, oil	-	X	X*	X
Water treatment equipment	X*		X	
Wood stove/heater		X		X
Other _____	<i>Manual check by technician</i>			

X* Authorized for replacement only

HIC** State HIC classification (Not allowed by FFXHIC)

(9-84-61; 12-86-61; 50-86-61; 22-88-61; 5-89-61; 11-89-61; 2-90-61; 15-91-61; 26-93-61; 13-95-61; 16-98-61; 35-99-61; 5-02-61; 14-03-61; 45-03-61.)

Section 61-1-4. General provisions.

(a) Any person applying for a permit must be eligible to apply for the permit in accordance with the VUSBC and pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*. The applicant is required to furnish the Building Official either satisfactory proof that he is duly licensed or certified as a Virginia Class A, B, or C contractor, or evidence that he is not subject to licensure as a contractor. The applicant shall also furnish satisfactory proof that the taxes or license fees required by Fairfax County have been paid.

(b) *Emergency work:* Repairs to structures or buildings and their electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems when damaged by storms, fire, accident or any other emergency, may be commenced immediately in cases where a delay would likely result in further damage or injury to persons or property. Any such repairs shall be in compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances. The required permit shall be applied for on the next working day after such work is commenced.

(c) *Suspension of permit:* Any permit issued shall become invalid if the authorized work is not commenced within six months after issuance of the permit, or if the authorized work on the site is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time of commencing the work. The burden of proof that the authorized work on the site has not been suspended or abandoned shall be on the permit holder, owner of the property or other person affected by such determination of the Building Official. Upon written request, the Building Official may grant one (1) or more extensions of time not to exceed one (1) year per extension.

(d) Where required by law or where determined necessary by the Building Official, all construction documents required for a building permit application shall be prepared, signed and sealed by a registered design professional licensed in this Commonwealth. (9-84-61; 23-94-61; 13-95-61; 16-98-61.)

Section 61-1-5. Inspections and Occupancy.

It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder or his representative to notify the Building Official when the stages of construction are reached that require inspection and to obtain approval of such construction.

No occupancy shall be permitted prior to final inspection. Upon completion of the building, and before issuance of the certificate of use and occupancy, a final inspection shall be made to ensure that any violations have been corrected and all work conforms to the VUSBC. (9-84-61; 23-94-61; 13-95-61; 16-98-61.)

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N.B. Chapter 61, Article 2, **Board of Building Code Appeals** is omitted from this amendment package; no amendments were made to this Article. Excerpts from other Articles affected by this amendment follow.

ARTICLE 3.

Home Improvement Code--General.

Section 61-3-12. Bond.

(a) Before any contractor's license shall be issued, the applicant shall file a bond in the amount prescribed by this Chapter, payable to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The bond shall be conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the County, as well as any other person, from all expense and damage that may be caused by and work not in compliance with State or County Codes, ordinances, or other applicable law, performed under his license. When any work has been performed by the contractor, or his employees, which shall be considered by the Building Official to be in violation of State or County Codes, ordinances or other applicable law, and the contractor subsequently fails to revise or put such work in proper condition to the satisfaction of the Building Official within ten days after written notice from the Building Official to do so, the bond shall be forfeited to the County or, after review and approval by the Director of Land Development Services, to the property owner or tenant of the affected property. The principal and surety on such bond shall *ipso facto* be and become liable for and shall pay so much on account of such bond as may be necessary to attain compliance of such work, and, in addition thereto, shall pay any and all damages which may be occasioned by any person by reason of such violation or noncompliance. This bond shall be deposited with the Building Official.

(b) The bond shall be a cash bond, or the equivalent, or a corporate bond with the favor of the County with a corporate surety authorized to do business in the County.

(c) The bond fee shall be in the amounts as follows:

Class C Contractor bond	\$10,000.00
Other contractor bond	5,000.00

(9-84-61; 5-86-61; 12-86-1; 13-95-61; 45-03-61.)

ARTICLE 5. Smoke Detectors.

Section 61-5-3. Installation requirements.

(a) Smoke detectors installed pursuant to this Article shall be installed in conformance with the provisions of the VUSBC. .

Section 61-5-5. Enforcement.

The Building, Building Maintenance Official and/or Fire Official(s) are authorized to administer and enforce this Article. (29-84-61; 23-94-61; 13-95-61; 16-98-61; 5-02-61.)

ARTICLE 6. Unsafe Buildings.**Section 61-6-1. Scope.**

All structures, existing equipment, or premises which, during construction, are or hereafter become unsafe, unsanitary, unlawful or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate light and ventilation, inadequate sanitary or heating facilities, inadequate safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or which involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed unsafe structures or unsafe conditions.

All unsafe structures and/or conditions shall be condemned and taken down and removed or made safe, as the Building Official, Fire Official or Building Maintenance Official deems necessary and as provided for in the VUSBC and/or the VSFPC. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe. (9-84-61; 45-86-61; 23-94-61; 13-95-61; 16-98-61; 5-02-61.)

This amendment shall become effective on July 1, 2005 at 12:01 a.m. The revised fees shall be applicable to any submission after this date.

GIVEN under my hand this 4th day of April, 2005.

NANCY VEHRS
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors