

CITY OF BESSEMER
FEES AND UTILITY RATES

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Section I Building Permits (Effective 10/31/17)

New Commercial Building Construction, for all buildings, up to 1,800 sq.ft. for all usable space	\$170.00
New Residential Building Construction, \$50.00 for the first \$20,000 and \$2.00 for every additional \$1,000	
Pre-fab Home Construction including foundation	\$125.00
Residential Garage Construction under 24 ft x 24ft	\$75.00
Residential Garage Construction over 24 ft x 24 ft	\$125.00
Room Additions up to 200 sq. ft.	\$ 60.00
Room Additions up to 300 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00
Room Additions over 300 sq. ft.	\$ 85.00
Sundry repairs, remodeling and alterations (limited to replacement of windows, doors, roof, siding) \$50.00	
Sidewalk Inspection	\$20.00
Sign Permits for construction or erection of a sign having: A cost of up to \$1,000.00 for labor and materials	\$ 30.00
A cost of over \$1,000.00 for labor and materials	\$ 40.00
Commercial Building Construction (for all usable area) and New Home Construction (living area) over 1800 sq. ft. Fees to be determined by Building Inspector based upon One-half (1/2) of the Bureau of Construction Codes sq. ft. Construct cost table.	
Project started by a contractor without a permit	\$ 75.00

Moving Permits:

- Moving a building which is under ten (10) feet wide and does not contain over 2500 cubic ft. \$ 10.00
- Moving a building, which is over 2500 cubic ft. \$ 25.00

Demolition Permits:

- Demolition of a building having more than 750 sq. ft. \$ 40.00
- Demolition of a building having less than 750 sq. ft. \$ 15.00

Fence Permits:

- Material and labor value up to \$500 \$ 10.00
- Material and labor value over \$500 \$ 15.00

Section II Water and Sewer Rates

WATER:* Commercial – Monthly Billing

+ \$7.30 per thousand gallons of water used

WATER Readiness to Serve Fee	Monthly Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 38.00
1" Line	\$ 41.80
1-1/2" Line	\$ 68.40
2" Line	\$ 110.20
3" Line	\$ 418.00
6" Line	\$ 798.00

Residential – Bimonthly Billing

\$76.00 Readiness to Serve Charge assuming the meter is 5/8" or 3/4" if larger than the rate for every two months is double the commercial rate above – Every Two Months

+ \$7.30 per thousand gallons of water used

*WATER RATES EFFECTIVE July 1st, 2023

SEWER:** Commercial – Monthly Billing

+ \$9.50 per thousand gallons of water used

SEWER Readiness to Serve Fee	Monthly Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 31.75
1" Line	\$ 53.02
1-1/2" Line	\$ 105.73
2" Line	\$ 169.23
3" Line	\$ 338.77
6" Line	\$1,058.23

Residential – Bimonthly Billing

\$63.50 Readiness to Serve Charge assuming the meter is 5/8" or 3/4" if larger than the rate for every two months is double the commercial rate above – Every Two Months

+ \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons of water used

**SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE July 1st, 2023

Readiness to serve (flat) fees will be charged as long as a structure remains on the site whether the water is on or off.

WATER TURN ON/OFF FEES

	City	Township
April 1 – October 31	\$15.00	\$25.00
November 1 – March 31	\$30.00	\$50.00

NOTE: NO CHARGE FOR TURN OFF/ON FOR REPAIRS

DELINQUENT RECONNECT FEE	\$30.00	\$50.00
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METER SERVICE CALL

If nothing is found wrong	\$15.00	\$25.00
Other meter problem discovered	No charge	No charge
Meter frozen first time: \$0, any other time, \$213.08	see policy U8	

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT:	Renter	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Owner	\$100.00	\$100.00

Section III Garbage Collection Fees – Residential/Bi-Monthly Billing

GARBAGE: Residential – Bimonthly Billing
Residential Standard \$ 17.75 per month

*** Garbage rate effective March 1st, 2022

Section IV Other Water and Sewer Fees**(Effective October 31st, 2017)****WATER TAP FEES**CITYTOWNSHIP

5/8" or 3/4" Line	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
1" Line	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,100.00
1-1/2" Line	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
2" Line	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
3" Line	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00

SEWER TAP FEES

All size	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
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FRONT FOOTAGE FEES

Water F.F. fees	\$1.50/F.F.	\$3.00/F.F.
Sewer F.F. fees	\$1.50/F.F.	\$3.00/F.F.

Section V Cemetery Fees**(Effective January 1st, 2021)**

GRAVE OPENING	<u>RESIDENT</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENT</u>
Adult 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.		
Monday – Friday	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200
Overtime Hours	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,550
Infant 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.		
Monday – Friday	\$ 475	\$ 625
Overtime Hours	\$ 950	\$1100
Entombments and Ashes 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.		
Monday – Friday	\$ 450	\$ 600
Disinterment	\$ 550	\$ 550
Overtime Hours	\$ 950	\$1100
Transfer of Body from one lot to another	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450
Transfer of Body out of Hillcrest Cemetery (City not Responsible for moving body)	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150
SALE OF LOTS		
Space for one (1) grave	\$ 325	\$ 625
Perpetual Care	\$ 275	\$ 475
OTHER SERVICES		
Mausoleum Storage (Burial elsewhere)	\$ 250	\$ 250
Mausoleum Receiving Fee (Pallbearer assistance)	\$ 150	\$ 150

RESIDENTIAL CHARGES WILL APPLY IF THE DECEASED HAS MAINTAINED HIS/HER PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER:

Immediately preceding death, or
 For ten (10) years immediately prior to residence in an out-of-city health care facility
 For thirty (30) years during his/ her lifetime

ALL BURIALS MUST BE IN A CONCRETE VAULT OR GRAVE BOX

Section VI City Hall Auditorium Rental Rates (Effective May 9th, 2023)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City Hall Auditorium and kitchen may be rented to responsible parties upon written application to the City Clerk; said application to be acted upon in order in which they are filed. No verbal application shall be considered. Groups using the auditorium for the first time must check with the office so that they are familiarized with the location of the light switches and cleaning supplies.

The person or organization renting the auditorium will assume full responsibility for any damages to the building or its contents resulting from their use of the building. Groups sponsoring dances are required to provide a list of chaperones and attendants who will be present during the period of their use of the building. Chaperones are responsible for seeing that everyone stays within the auditorium and restrooms and are not roaming in other areas of City Hall.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES – PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Deposit fee for all uses (Fee will be refunded if no damage was done and it was cleaned.)	\$ 100.00
Rental fee:	\$ 75.00

Events Clause:

If rented for the use of classes or events, then there will be a discounted rate for multiple days rented in one month. Deposit fee still applies, and rental fees are as shown below.

Twice per month:	\$ 100.00
Three or more per month:	\$ 125.00

Section VII Bluff Valley Park Rental Rates (Effective May 9th, 2023)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All groups using the pavilion are responsible for paying the deposit and rent in advance and picking up the required keys at the City Clerk’s office before the day of the event. If the event is to take place on a weekend, a representative of the group must take care of this before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before the event. The City is not obligated to furnish keys or accept deposits if the responsible person forgot to do so.

KITCHEN AND RESTROOM FACILITIES

The park keys will provide access to the kitchen and restroom facilities in the pavilion. Just inside the kitchen, located on the West wall, is the circuit breaker, which controls all electrical functions of the pavilion. All functions are marked on the control panel. Please be sure that whatever you turn on when you arrive is turned off before you leave. The outside protective lights are left on at all times.

Renters using the pavilion are free to use the stove, refrigerator, and all kitchen facilities. Also located in the kitchen is a large wooden chest, which contains various toys and games. Please remember to return all these items to the chest before you leave.

Inside the men’s restroom is a closet, which contains cleaning and restroom supplies. Your key will open the door to this closet. Please be sure that you clean up the pavilion before you leave.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES – PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Deposit fee (Fee will be refunded if no damage was done and it was cleaned.)	\$ 100.00
Rental fee	\$ 75.00

Non-Profit Rental Policy

The City of Bessemer likes to work with our local non-profits because our non-profits are the life-blood of our community however, we also have to factor in our costs at the city. To find the balance, the City of Bessemer has instituted the following.

Any non-profit or governmental agency applies.

Regular rates apply for any event that has the following

- 1) Serves Alcohol
- 2) Charges an admittance fee
- 3) Strongly encourages donations such as having a suggested donation amount or passing around a plate for donations.

Half off rates and full deposit apply for any event that meets the following criteria

- 1) Doesn't serve alcohol
- 2) Doesn't charge an admittance fee
- 3) Doesn't strongly encourage donations such as having a suggested donation amount or passing around a plate for donations.
- 4) Requires assistance with setting up for events or requires the city to turn on the heat in the auditorium

Rates are waived and a deposit applies for any event that meets the following criteria

- 1) Doesn't serve alcohol
- 2) Doesn't charge an admittance fee
- 3) Doesn't strongly encourage donations such as having a suggested donation amount or passing around a plate for donations.
- 4) Requires no assistance with setting up for events and doesn't require the city to turn on the heat in the auditorium

Note: If a non-profit rents space at no cost or a reduced cost and doesn't properly return the space or leaves it dirty, they will not be given a discount in the future.

Note: The City Manager can choose to waive the deposit for a non-profit that has used the space in the past and has never had issues with cleaning and returning the space to as they found it.

Section VIII Zoning Fees (Effective January 1st, 2021)

ZONING ACTION REQUESTED	FEES
APPEALS	
Decision of Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission (Section 14.6 A. 1. & 2.d. {i-iv})	\$200
Lot of Record (Section 14.6 A. 2. b.)	\$200
Ordinance Interpretation (Section 14.6 A. 2. a.)	\$200
Variance —Non-Use or Use (Section 14.6 A. 2. c.)	\$200
CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE (Section 14.3 D.)	\$75.00
BUILDING DEMOLITION PERMIT (Section 5.2 G.)	\$20.00
LAND DEVELOPMENT	
Condominium Subdivision Permit (Section 5.4 G. & Article 1 0) (I) (II)	\$400
Planned Unit Development Permit (Article 10) (I) (II)	\$400
Subdivision Plat Permit (I) (II)	\$175
RESIDENTIAL NON-CONFORMING LOTS, LAND USES AND STRUCTURES (Sections 13.2, 13.3, & 13.4)	Informational
BUSINESS & INDUSTRIAL NON-CONFORMING USES AND/OR STRUCTURES Sections 13.5 & 13.9 & Section 14.6 A. 2. e.)	\$175.00
SIGN PERMIT Section 5.7 G., H., & L.	\$75.00
SITE PLAN REVIEW	
Minor Site Plan Section (14.5 D. 2. & 3.) (I) (II)	\$175
Major Site Plan (Section 14.5 D. 1.) (I) (II)	\$300.00
ZONING ORDINANCE	
Conditional Rezoning (Section 14.8 1. 1. thru 11.) (I) (II)	\$450.00
Zoning Map Change (Section 14.8 A. thru I-I.)	\$350
Zoning Text Amendment (Section 14.8 A. thru H.)	\$350
ZONING PERMIT	
Permitted by Right (P) (Section 14.3 B. 2.)	
Permitted by Conditions (C) (Section 9.3) (I) (II) Conditional Land Use Permit	\$40.00
. Approved by Zoning Administrator (II)	\$60.00
Approved by Planning Commission (I) (II)	\$200.00
Special Land Use (S) (Section 9.4, 9.5, 9.8, & 9.11) (I) (II) Special Land Use Permit	\$400.00
Temporary Building / Structure (Section 14.3 C. 3.)	
IF THE USE OF A PARCEL COMMENCES BEFORE OBTAINING ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIRED ZONING PERMITS, THE ZONING FEE ASSESSED WILL BE TRIPLED.	

NOTE: Improvements on all lots or parcels that abut the US-2 Right-of-Way or other lands that front on intersecting streets within 200 feet of the US-2 Right-of-Way are subject to US-2 Highway Overlay Zone Review by M.D. O. T

IF A SPECIAL MEETING IS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT FOR ANY ZONING ACTION, ALL COSTS INCURRED WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE APPLICANT.

*(I) AN ADDITIONAL \$88.00 PER HOUR REVIEW CHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO THE MINIMUM FEE TO CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.

** (II) A CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE IS ALSO REQUIRED PRIOR TO OCCUPATION OR USE.

Section IX GUS Permits GUS Permits

- 1) **Major Street Work/ Multiple Projects:** Major street work generally means extensive street excavation to repair, install, or replace gas mains, fiber optic, CATV, telephone, or electric lines. Major Street work impacts more than one property and may encompass an entire block or more. Required surety: 100% of the cost estimate for the entire project. Documentation of the cost estimate is also required. For work on the US-2 right of way, the applicant must obtain the proper permits from Michigan Department of Transportation and no surety is required by Bessemer.
- 2) **Minor Street Work:** Minor street work generally means service for a localized area (often just a single property), and usually involves service lines (water, sewer, gas, electric, etc.) as opposed to mains. Minor street work includes service line work in paved alleys and streets only. Required surety: \$5,000. For work on the US-2 right of way, the applicant must obtain the proper permits from Michigan Department of Transportation and no surety is required by Bessemer.
- 3) **Minor Sidewalk/ Curbing/ Driveway work:** This category is for the minor patching, repair, or replacement of curbs, gutters, and/ or driveways within the right of way. Sometimes this may include service lines if the work doesn't extend into the street or paved alley. This permit may be issued to a homeowner. Required surety: \$250*. For work on the US-2 right of way, the applicant must obtain the proper permits from Michigan Department of Transportation and no surety is required by Bessemer.

*While the GUS Permit ordinance technically prohibits company or personal checks for sureties, as a matter of policy, the city may opt to accept local checks for sureties in this category only.

Permit Application Fee Schedule

Major Street Work/ Multiple Projects: \$25 + .25% of the cost of the project capped at \$500

Minor Street Work: \$25

Minor Sidewalk/ curbing/ driveway work: \$10

Note that work done for the city does not require a permit

Section X Rental Inspections

Registration done within 90 days of adoption of ordinance, or as follows: \$0

- (1) Newly constructed residential rental dwelling buildings or units shall be registered prior to the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy.
- (2) A residential rental dwelling/building/unit sold, transferred or conveyed shall be reregistered by the new owner within 30 days of the date of the deed, land contract, or other instrument of conveyance. At that time the units will be removed from the previous owner's registration.
- (3) Any non-rental residential dwelling unit converted to a residential rental dwelling unit shall be registered prior to the date it is occupied for rental purposes.

If the above is not met the late registration fee is \$50.

- Inspection and Reinspection Fee: \$90 for the first 1 hour minimum and then charged in half hour increments at \$25/ hr if paid prior to the inspection. \$120 for the first 1 hour minimum and then charged in half hour increments at \$25/ hr if not paid prior to the inspection.

Section XI Miscellaneous Fees (Effective June 22nd, 2021)

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| 1. Land Division Application
parcel | \$30/ new |
| 2. Right of Way Abandonment request | \$300/ request |