# Town of Carthage

## FY 2026-2027

## Fee & Rate Schedule

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

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|---|---|
| Water Service Deposit | $ 100.00 |
| Late Penalty Fee | $ 50.00 |
| Weekly Trash Pickup | $ 15.00 /month/per can |
| Encroachment Permit | $ 25.00 |
| Bulk Water Key Replacement | $ 50.00 |
| Trash or Rubbish Removal | $ 25.00 plus any/all costs incurred |

### Water/Sewer Taps

| WATER | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Meter Size** | **Base Fee** | **Additional Costs** |
| ¾ inch | $1,500 * | $500 Street Bore |
| 1 inch | $1,750 * | $500 Street Bore |
| 2 inch | $3,500 * | $500 Street Bore |
| 4 in/6 in/8 in | Cost Plus Materials (TBD) | Cost Plus Materials (TBD) |
| ¾ in Split Irrigation | $600 | $500 Street Bore |
| Greater than ¾ in Irrigation | Size Match Reg Meter As Above | $500 Street Bore |
| **SEWER** | | |
| **Meter Size** | **Base Fee** | **Additional Costs** |
| Up to 4 inches | $1,000 * | $500 Street Bore |
| Over 4 inches | $2,000 * | $500 Street Bore |

* Upon approval by the Director of Public Services, installation of water and sewer lines and laterals may be done by a developer or his agent (copy of the utility contractor's State of NC License may be requested). Such connection work will be subject to inspection and approval by the Director of Public Services. No work shall commence without prior notification being given to the Director. Tap fees under this exception may have a discount that is agreed upon with the Public Services Director.

★ ALL WATER & SEWER TAP FEES SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY METER OR COMMISSIONING ANY NEW SERVICE CONNECTION.

### Water/Sewer Rates

| Water (In-Town/Irrigation/Bulk) Rates | | | | | | | |
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| **Monthly Avail Fee** | **Up to 3,000 gal** | **3,001 – 5,000 gal** | **5,001 – 8,000 gal** | **8,001 – 12,000 gal** | **12,001 – 30,000 gal** | **30,001 – 39,999 gal** | **40,000 gal and over** |
| $17.50 | $0.0047/gal | $0.0057/gal | $0.0066/gal | $0.0076/gal | $0.0088/gal | $0.0102/gal | $0.0113/gal |
| **Sewer Rates** | | | | | | | |
| **Monthly Avail Fee** | **Up to 3,000 gal** | **3,001 – 5,000 gal** | **5,001 – 8,000 gal** | **8,001 – 12,000 gal** | **12,001 – 30,000 gal** | **30,001 – 39,999 gal** | **40,000 gal and over** |
| $19.25 | $0.0088/gal | $0.0097/gal | $0.0102/gal | $0.0108/gal | $0.0114/gal | $0.0120/gal | $0.0123/gal |

## System Development Fees

| Development Type | Water System Development Fee @ $2.63/gallon | | Sewer System Development Fee @ $6.70/gallon | | Combined Water / Sewer System Development Fee @ $9.33/gallon |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Bedroom Single Family Residential | $2,656.00 | Per unit | $1,503.00 | Per unit | $4,159.00 |
| Multifamily or Single Family other than 3 Bedroom **(Cost per Bedroom)** | $885.33 | Per bedroom | $501.00 | Per bedroom | $1,386.33 |
| General Business, Office, and Factories (Excluding Industrial Use) | $166.00 | Per employee/ largest shift | $167.00 | Per employee/ largest shift | $333.00 |
| General Business, Office, and Factories (Excluding Industrial Use) **with Showers or Food Prep** | $232.40 | Per employee/ largest shift | $233.80 | Per employee/ largest shift | $466.20 |
| Churches | $19.92 | Per seat | $20.04 | Per bay | $39.96 |
| Churches **with Kitchen** | $33.20 | Per seat | $33.40 | Per seat | $66.60 |
| Full Service Restaurant | $265.60 | Per seat | $267.20 | Per seat | $532.80 |
| Fast Food Restaurant | $132.80 | Per seat | $133.60 | Per seat | $266.40 |
| Laundromat | $3,320.00 | Per machine | $3,340.00 | Per machine | $6,660.00 |
| Medical & Dental Offices | $1,660.00 | Per practitioner/ per shift | $1,670.00 | Medical & Dental Offices | $3,330.00 |
| Hospital | $1,992.00 | Per bed | $2,004.00 | Per bed | $3996.00 |
| Day Care & Preschool | $166.00 | Per person | $167.00 | Per person | $333.00 |
| Schools (with Gym & Showers) | $99.60 | Per student | $100.20 | Per student | $199.80 |
| Service/Gas Stations & Convenience Stores | $1,660.00 | Per plumbing fixture | $1,670.00 | Per plumbing fixture | $3,330.00 |
| Car Wash | $7,968.00 | Per bay | $8,016.00 | Per bay | $15,984.00 |
| Fitness Center | $332.00 | Per 100 $ft^2$ | $334.00 | Per 100 $ft^2$ | $666.00 |
| Stores & Shopping Centers | $664.00 | Per 1,000 $ft^2$ | $668.00 | Per 1,000 $ft^2$ | $1,332.00 |
| Stores & Shopping Centers **with Food Service** | $863.20 | Per 1,000 $ft^2$ | $868.40 | Per 1,000 $ft^2$ | $1,731.60 |

**SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR A NEW SUBDIVISION ARE DUE AT TIME OF PLAT RECORDATION. ALL OTHER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES ARE DUE AT THE TIME THE DEVELOPMENT PERMITS ARE ISSUED. **

# CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES

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| • Mowing Neglected Private Lots | Cost + 150% / Minimum 1.5 hours |
| • Tight Radius – Zero-Turn Mower | $ 50 / hour |
| • Tractor – Rotary Mower | $ 100 / hour |
| • Tractor – Side Arm Mower | $ 125 / hour |
| • Manual Labor for Correcting Violations | $ 50 / hour per employee |
| • Junked Vehicle Removal | $ 50 + any other costs incurred |
| • Open Burning Violation RESIDENTIAL | $ 250.00 for 1st violation |
| | $ 500.00 per day for any repeat violation |
| • Open Burning Violation COMMERCIAL | $ 500 per stack or pile for 1st violation |
| | $1,000 per stack or pile per day for any repeat violation by the same person or company |

# PERMITS & FEES

## Services & Fees

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| • Copies/Color Copies | $ 0.10/0.20 |
| • Motor Vehicle License Tax | $ 20 *(appl to vehicle registration/tax bill)* |
| • Notary Public Service | $ 10 per signature |
| • Police Report Copies | $ 5 |
| • Public Records Requests: | |
| ○ Readily accessible documents up to 25 pages | $ 5 |
| ○ All other requests will be billed at cost-of-service | TBD |
| • Returned Check Fee | $ 25 |

*An annual license/registration fee is levied for:*

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|---|---|
| • Business Registration Fee | $ 5 per year ** |
| • Beer & Wine Retail Licenses | |
| ○ Off premise malt beverage | $ 5 ** |
| ○ Off premise unfortified & fortified wine | $ 10 ** |
| ○ On premise malt beverage | $ 15 ** |
| ○ On premise unfortified & fortified wine | $ 15 ** |

**LATE RENEWALS CHARGED $10 PENALTY PLUS ORIGINAL LICENSE FEE**

## General Use Permits

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| • Encroachment Permit *(Please see also Encroachment Permit under Public Utilities)* | $ 100 |
| • Home Occupation | $ 25 |
| • Manufactured Home | $ 100 |
| • Mobile Food Vendor (annual renewal fee) | $ 25 |
| • **Open Burning** | |
| ○ Land Clearing | $ 200 *(up to 30 days)* |
| ○ Bonfire | $ 50 |
| • Peddler/Solicitor Permit Fees (60-day permit) | $ 50 |
| • Residential Accessory Building | $ 50 |
| • Residential Additions (including patios & decks): | |
| ○ Up to 50% of square footage of home | $ 50 |

### General Use Permits (continued...)

- Over 50% of square footage of home $ 75
- Residential Swimming Pool :
  - Above Ground $ 25
  - In-ground $ 50
- Sign Permit
  - Special Event (up to 30 days) $ 10
  - Temporary Banner Sign $ 25
  - Permanent Sign $ 75
- Yard Sale Permit (up to 2 days) $ 5

## Planning Permits

- Development Agreement $ 500
- Temporary Event/Use Permit $ 200
- Request to Appeal an Administrative Decision $ 500
- Engineering/Consultant Fee *Not to exceed* $ 10,000
  (As needed for Commercial/Subdivision projects)

### Plat Reviews

- Sketch Plat Review (includes TRC meetings) $ 100
- **Major Subdivisions**
  - Preliminary Plat Review $ 300 + $10 per lot
  - Preliminary Plat Re-Review/Revisions $ 50
  - Final Plat Review $ 500
  - Final Plat Re-Review/Revisions $ 100
- **Minor Subdivisions**
  - Preliminary Plat Review $ 50
  - Preliminary Plat Re-Review/Revisions $ 50
  - Final Plat Review $ 200
- **Exempt Plat Review** **$ 50**
  - Plat Revisions (per re-review) $ 50
- Time Extension for Plat Approval $ 100

### Site Plan Reviews

- Residential Subdivision Site Plan Review (0-5 acres) $ 500
- Residential Subdivision Site Plan Review (5-10 acres) $ 1,000
- Residential Subdivision Site Plan Review (10-25 acres) $ 1,500
- Residential Subdivision Site Plan Review (x>25 acres) $ 2,000
- Multi-family Dwellings (more than one dwelling unit, per building) $ 100 + $ 0.20 per sf
- New Residential (single family dwellings) $ 200

### Commercial Planning Permits

- Commercial Accessory Building $ 100
- Commercial Addition:
  - Up to 50% of the size of existing building $ 125
  - More than 50% of the size of the existing building $ 200
- Commercial Site Plan Review:

### Commercial Planning Permits (continued...)

- Up to 5 acres — $ 400
- 5-10 acres — $ 600
- 10-25 acres — $ 800
- More than 25 acres — $ 1,000
- New Commercial Building — $ 250 + all applicable fees

### Zoning Permits

- Certificate of Appropriateness:
  - Minor Work — $ 50
  - Major Work — $ 150
- Commercial Change of Use/Zoning Only — $ 50
- Conditional Zoning Permit — $ 700 + $15 per acre
- Rezoning Application — $ 500
- Special Use Permit — $ 500
- Street Closing Application — $ 300
- Text Amendment — $ 400
- Variance/Board of Adjustment Application — $ 400
- Voluntary Annexation — $ 300 + required postage
- Zoning Compliance Letter — $ 25
- Zoning Violations/Penalty — *Up to* $ 100 per day, per violation
- Appeal Decision — $ 500

## PUBLIC BUILDING RENTALS

| | In-Town Resident | Out-Of-Town Resident |
|---|---|---|
| McDonald Building | $300 / weekend | $400 / weekend |
| Community (Rock) Building | $400 / weekend | $500 / weekend |
| Refundable Security Deposit | $100 one-time fee | $100 one-time fee |
| Alcohol Permit | $50 one-time fee | $50 one-time fee |

- The Community Building is available for **full weekend rentals only**.
  - **Check-in**: Friday afternoon before 5:00 p.m.
  - **Check-out**: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

- Deposits will be refunded after a facility inspection is completed by Town of Carthage staff. If damages are found or additional cleaning is required, the Town reserves the right to retain all or part of the deposit. Please allow 2–3 weeks for processing.

## CROSS HILL CEMETERY

Single Cemetery Plot:

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| In-Town Resident | $ 500 each |
| Out-Of-Town Resident | $ 750 each |

# WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## Small Wireless Facilities

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| Small Wireless Facilities Consulting Fees | $ 500 |
| Town Application Fee: | $ 100 per facility for the first 5 only |
| (Up to 25 can be submitted under one application) | $ 50 per facility up to 25 |

# WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (continued...)

## Eligible Facilities Request

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| Town Application Fee | $ 500 |
| Consultant Fee | $ 500 per application |
| Expedited Application Process | $ 2,500 |

## New Tower/Substantial Modification

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| Town Application Fee | $ 2,500 |
| Consultant Fee | $ 500 per application |

★ Please see also Encroachment Permit under Public Utilities

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