



## **MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

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## Section 1. Administration & Business Related Fees

Miscellaneous Charges	Rate	Note
Photocopy – Black & White	\$0.25	Per page, single-sided copy
Photocopy – Color	\$0.50	Per page, single-sided copy
Certification of a Record	\$5.00	Per Document
Municipal Lien Request	\$30.00	Per Parcel
Postage for Requests Fulfilled by U.S. Mail		Actual cost of mailing
Mileage Reimbursement	.56	Per mile, IRS allowable rate (2021)
Daily Meal Allowance	\$45.00	Per Day, This amount will be aggregated. For example, a 3-day trip will have a \$135.00 total meal allowance, to be used as the individual deems necessary.
Municipal Budget Document (Electronic Copy)	N/C	No charge, can be obtained on Township website
Copy of Annual Audit Document (Bound Copy)	\$15.00	Each
Copy of Annual Audit Document (Electronic Copy)	N/C	No charge, can be obtained on Township website
Return Check Fee (NSF), applies to all checks written to Township	\$35.00	negotiable instruments given in payment of utility bills, applications, reservations, etc. (checks, money orders, account drafts, etc.)

Open Records Request Fees	Rate	Note
Photocopy – Black & White	\$0.25	Per page, single-sided copy <sup>1</sup>
Photocopy – Color	\$0.50	Per page, single-sided copy <sup>2</sup>
Specialized Documents <sup>3</sup>		Actual Cost
Records Delivered via Email		No additional fee may be imposed. <sup>4</sup>
CD/DVD		Actual Cost, not to exceed \$3.00 per disc.
Flash Drive		Actual Cost
Facsimile		Actual Cost <sup>5</sup>
Other Media		Actual Cost
Redaction		No Additional Fee may be imposed <sup>6</sup>
Conversion to Paper		\$0.25 per page <sup>7</sup>
Photographing a Record		No additional Fee May Be Imposed <sup>8</sup>
Postage		Actual Cost USPS first class postage
Certification of a Record		\$5.00 per record. <sup>9</sup>

\*Open Records Request Fee Notes Located at End of Fee Schedule

Liquor License Transfer	Rates	Note
Liquor License Transfer Application	\$1,500.00	Includes application review and up to three (3) hours of public hearing time
Additional Public Hearings for Liquor License Transfer	\$500.00	Maximum of three (3) hours

Peddling, Soliciting, and Transient Retail Permits	Rates	Note
Application Fee	\$100.00	First Week or any part thereof
	\$30.00	Each additional week or any part thereof

**Peddling:** Shall be defined as an individual, person, corporation, etc., that is selling a product and/or service, or promoting a product and/or service door-to-door that will be performed or delivered by the person peddling.

**Soliciting:** Shall be defined as an individual, person, corporation, etc., that is selling a product and/or service, promoting a product and/or service door-to-door, but is not providing the product or service at the time of the solicitation.

**Transient:** Shall be defined as an individual, person, corporation, etc., that would establish a temporary, defined location to conduct business within the Township.

Documents:	Rates	Note
Code of Ordinances	\$15.00	Per Chapter
Code of Ordinances Update	\$0.25	Per page, per side
Zoning Map/Development Review Map/Official Map		
A. 8 ½" x 11" Color	\$1.00	
B. 11" x 17" Color	\$3.00	
C. 24" x 36" Color	Actual Cost	

\*Note: The above documents can also be accessed via the Township's website at [www.pottertownship.org](http://www.pottertownship.org)

## Section 2. Tax Collection Fees

Tax Collection Fees (Township)	Rates	Note
Tax Certificate Form	\$15.00	
Duplicate Bill	\$2.00	
Mobile Home or House Trailer Removal Permit	\$2.00	
Certified Letter		Actual Cost
Return Check Fee, applies to all checks written to: Potter Township Tax Collector	\$35.00	Will be applied to all dishonored negotiable instruments given in payment of taxes, (checks, money orders, account drafts, etc.)

## Section 3. Building Development Permit, Inspection, Plan Review and Code Enforcement Fees

Subdivision & Land Development Plan Applications	Rate	Note
Zoning & Ordinance - Plan Review	\$100.00	Per Review. Fee due with submission of application.

Penalty Fee for Failure to Obtain a Permit		
Penalty for Failure to obtain the necessary permits prior to construction or alteration of land or structures		Penalty Fee in addition to Permit Fee
A. Agriculture and/or Residential	\$150.00	
B. Commercial and/or Industrial	\$300.00	

Zoning Permit Fees		
Zoning Application – Permitted Uses	\$140.00	
Square Footage for Zoning – Agriculture/Residential	\$0.05/sq. ft.	Fee determined by multiplying the square footage of the new/ remodeled construction by the multiplier determined by the use of the building or structure
Square Footage for Zoning- Commercial/Industrial	\$0.10/sq. ft.	
Skid Mounted Sheds – Any structure up to 150 sq. ft.	\$30.00	Permit does <b>not</b> require a zoning application fee, but must be an accessory to a permitted use.
Skid Mounted Sheds – 151 -500 sq. ft. maximum	\$60.00	

<b>Zoning Permit Fees – cont'd</b>		
Occupancy Permits (Residential & Commercial)	---	First two (2) are included as part of Zoning Permit.
	\$40.00 per return trip	Additional inspections due to incomplete project or failure.
Wells and Borehole Permit Fee		
Application Fee	\$55.00	Includes 1 well
Geothermal Boring	\$55.00 \$15.00	Per Application, plus Per hole
Inspection Visit	\$30.00	Per Inspection Visit
Demolition Permit	No Fee	Requires Municipal Approval Form and Bureau Veritas permit
Temporary Use Permit (Ex. Fireworks sales, Special Event, Circus, Food Concession trucks, Craft/Vendor show, carnival, etc.)	\$140.00	Per event and based on a specific period of time.
Home Occupation Application	\$110.00	Fee assessed for home occupation application
Fee In-Lieu-of Park/Open Space Dedication	\$1,250.00	Per new dwelling lot created in lieu of parkland dedication
Logging Permit	\$100.00	
Fireworks Display Permit Application	\$110.00	

<b>Sign Permits</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
Signs (On Premise)		Fee is determined by the square footage of all sign area, including double or a lesser square footage. Double-sided the square footage is time two (2).
0 – 5.9 sq. ft.	\$15.00	
6 – 10.9 sq. ft.	\$30.00	
11 – 50.9 sq. ft.	\$45.00	
51 – 100 sq. ft.	\$60.00	
101 – 200 sq. ft.	\$75.00	
Building Contractor – Temporary Sign Permit	\$5.00	For 12 months

<b>Zoning Hearing Board</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
Zoning Hearing Board Appeals		
Application Fee	\$500.00	
Escrow Account	\$1,250.00	State permitted costs in excess of application fee: legally required advertising, postage, stenographers transcript, staff compensation, administrative overhead. Stenographers cost shared equally by Township
Fee to continue challenge hearing	\$90.00	
Fee to postpone challenge hearing	\$120.00	

<b>Board of Supervisor Action/Hearings</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>Application for Conditional Use Hearing</b>		
Application Fee	\$275.00 + \$1,000.00 (escrow)	State permitted costs in excess of application fee.
Fee to continue Conditional Use Hearing	\$90.00	
Fee to postpone Conditional Use Hearing	\$120.00	
<b>Application to Amend Zoning Map</b>		
Application Fee	\$275.00 + \$1,000.00 (escrow)	State permitted costs in excess of application fee: legally required advertising, posting of property, and administrative fees
Fee to continue Zoning Map Amendment Hearing	\$175.00	
Fee to postpone Zoning Map Amendment Hearing	\$200.00	
<b>Application to Amend Zoning Ordinance (Curative Amendment)</b>		
Application Fee	\$1,000.00	Plus Actual Cost of Advertising (A formal request in writing to amend an ordinance)
Fee to continue Zoning Ordinance Amendment Hearing (Curative Amendment)	\$175.00	
Fee to postpone Zoning Ordinance Amendment Hearing (Curative Amendment)	\$200.00	

\*\*Additional escrow deposits: If at any time it should appear that the assessable costs will exceed the amount deposited by applicant, a further deposit of any amount reasonably calculated to defray such excess costs shall be required.

## Section 4. Public Works Fees

Public Works Permits	Rates	Note
Driveway Permit, new	\$75.00	New Driveway Cut
Driveway Permit, paving	\$50.00	Paving Existing Driveway
Hauling Agreement Bond	\$12,500.00	Per mile on paved road
Hauling Agreement Bond	\$6,000.00	Per mile on unpaved road
Road Dedication Filing Fee & Resolution	\$300.00	
Permit for Special Events on Township Roads, Parks, and Trails (Parades, 5K Races, Bicycle Races)		Certificate of General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming Potter Township as an additional insured.
A. Organizations with 501c3 tax exempt status	Fee Waived	
B. All other organizations	\$35.00	

## Section 5. Township Labor and Equipment Fees

Township Equipment	Rates	Note
<i>*All Rates are Per Hour Without an Operator</i>		
Front End Loader	\$55.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Backhoe	\$40.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Large Tractor Mower	\$70.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Riding Mower	\$30.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Wood Chipper	\$40.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Work Truck	\$50.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Concrete Saw	\$40.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Weed-eater	\$25.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge
Chainsaw	\$25.00	Per hour, 2 hour minimum charge

Township Labor	Rates	Notes
Labor Per Hour, Per Employee	TBD	Actual Hourly rate based on pay and benefits. May include overtime if applicable.



## Section 6. Utility Rates & Fees

Sewage Management Program (On-lot Systems)	Rate	Note
System Inspection /Administration Fee	\$105.00	Sewer System Inspection completed by Sewage Enforcement Officer
Late Fee – Administration	\$50.00	Penalty on Unpaid Accounts after May 15th

### Sewer Services

Sewer Rates & Fees	Rates	Note
Residential Sewer	\$81.00	Per month, Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)
Commercial Sewer	\$81.00	Per month, Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)
Penalty on Unpaid Utility Accounts	\$10.00	Per occurrence, postmarked after 20 <sup>th</sup> of month
Inspection for Relocation of Electric Panel	\$75.00	Relocation completed by property owner
Sewer Service Tap Fees	Rates	Note
Sanitary Sewer Tap Fee (New tap)	TBD	Prevailing Current Cost plus 10%
Sanitary Sewer Tap Inspection Fee	\$50.00	Each tap. New or replacement, Residential or Commercial

### Water Services

Water Rates & Fees	Rates	Note
Residential Water	\$69.00	Per month

## Section 7. Utility Administration Fees

Utility Administration Fees	Rates	Note
Return Check Fee, applies to all checks written to Township	\$35.00	Will be applied to all dishonored negotiable instruments given in payment of utility bills, (checks, money orders, account drafts, etc.)
Penalty on Unpaid Utility Accounts	\$10.00	Per occurrence, postmarked after 20 <sup>th</sup> of month

<b>Utility Administration Fees cont'd</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
Utility Disconnection/Reconnection Fee – Public Works crew required during normal business hours (8AM – 5PM, M-F)	\$300.00	Per Occurrence
Utility Disconnection/Reconnection Fee – Public Works crew after normal business hours, weekends and holidays	\$450.00	Per Occurrence

## Section 8. Recreation and Township Facility Fees

<b>Potter Run Park</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
Potter Run Park Pavilion Use	N/C	Reservations are currently not accepted.
<b>Potter Athletic Complex (PAC)</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>Baseball Field Rental</b>		
<b>Single Use</b>	\$25.00	Up to 3 Hours
	\$20.00	Each Additional 3 Hours
<b>Seasonal Reservations</b>		
Spring – April thru July	\$1,000.00	Three (3) days per week
Fall – August thru November	\$750.00	Three (3) days per week
		Rental times 10:00am-1:00pm
		Rental times 1:00pm-4:00pm
		Rental times 4:00pm-7:00pm
<b>Tournaments</b>		
Field Rental	\$250.00	Per Field, Per Day *includes field lining for first game of day
Annual Tournament Services Fee	\$400.00	Hosting 2 or More Multi-Day Tournaments Per Year
Games –All League Games	\$70.00	Per Game, Per Team
Games – Special Event & Showcases	\$70.00	Per Hour
Athletic Field Lights (Emery Baseball Field)	\$100.00	Per Hour

<b>Recreation and Township Facility Fees – cont’d</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>Vendor and Participant Fees</b>		
Vendor Fee for Community Event	\$20.00 - \$200.00	Varies Per Event, Per Use
Registration Fee for Community Event	\$5.00 - \$20.00	Varies Per Event, Per Participant
<i>Note: Fees Dependent on Event Held</i>		
<b>Sports Complex Advertising/Promotional Fees</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Note</b>
Outfield Fence Banner-4’x8’ vinyl fence banner		
One Field	\$300.00	Annual Renewal Fee
Two Fields	\$500.00	Annual Renewal Fee
Banner Proof -	N/C	First Proof, Not Approved by Advertiser
Banner Proof – Service Fee	\$25.00	Second Proof, Not Approved by Advertiser

**Open Records Request Fees – NOTES**

1. A “copy” is either a single-sided copy on 8.5”x11” paper, or one side of a double-sided copy on 8.5”x11” paper.
2. A “copy” is either a single-sided copy on 8.5”x11” paper, or one side of a double-sided copy on 8.5”x11” paper. A requester may ask for black and white copies even if the original is in color and color copies are available.
3. Including, but not necessarily limited to, non-standard sized documents and blueprints.
4. If a requester asks to receive records which require redactions in electronic format, an agency may print the records to provide for secure redaction, then scan them in for delivery by email. Accordingly, the agency may charge the fees noted above for either B&W or color copies, as appropriate.
5. If an agency must print records to send them by facsimile, the agency may charge the fees noted above for B&W copies.
6. If a requester seeks records requiring redaction, an agency may copy or print the records to provide for secure redaction. Accordingly, the agency may charge the fees noted above for either B&W or color copies, as appropriate.
7. If a record is only maintained electronically or in other non-paper media, duplication fees shall be limited to the lesser of the fee for duplication on paper or the fee for duplication in the original media, unless the requester specifically requests for the record to be duplicated in the more expensive medium. See §1307(e).
8. This assumes the requester is using his or her own camera, such as a cellphone camera, to photograph the records. See Muenz v. Township of Reserve, OOR Dkt. AP 2015-1021, 2015 PA O.O.R.D. LEXIS 1176. If redaction is required prior to the requester being granted access to photograph records, an agency may copy or print the records to provide for secure redaction. Accordingly, the agency may charge the fees noted above for either B&W or color copies, as appropriate.

9. Under the RTKL, an agency may impose “reasonable fees for official certification of copies if the certification is at the behest of the requester and for the purpose of legally verifying the public record.” Certification fees do not include notarization fees.

#### **Additional Notes**

**Fees May Be Waived:** All fees established herein may be waived at the discretion of the Open Records Officer.

**Other Statutory Fees:** If a statute other than the RTKL governs the amount an agency may charge for a certain type of record, the other statute controls. For example, a Recorder of Deeds may charge a copy fee of 50 cents per uncertified page and \$1.50 per certified page (42 P.S. § 21051). Other examples include the History Code, the Municipalities Planning Code, and the Criminal History Record Information Act.

**Inspection of Redacted Records:** If a requester wishes to inspect, rather than receive copies of, records which contain both public and non-public information, the agency may redact the non-public information. An agency may not charge the requester for the redaction itself. However, an agency may charge (in accordance with the OOR’s Official Fee Structure) for any copies it must make in order to securely redact the material before allowing the requester to view the records. If, after inspecting the records, the requester chooses to obtain the copies, no additional fee may be charged.

**Fee Limitations:** Except as otherwise provided by statute, the RTKL states that no other fees may be imposed unless the agency necessarily incurs costs for complying with the request, and such fees must be reasonable. No fee may be imposed for an agency’s review of a record to determine whether the record is a public record subject to access under the RTKL. No fee may be charged for searching for or retrieval of documents. An agency may not charge staff time or salary for complying with a RTK request. No fee may be charged for an agency’s response letter.

**Prepayment:** Prior to granting a request for access in accordance with the RTKL, an agency may require a requester to prepay an estimate of the fees authorized under this section if the fees required to fulfill the request are expected to exceed \$100. Once the request is fulfilled and prepared for release, the OOR recommends that the agency obtain payment prior to releasing the records.