



CITY OF MELROSE

In City Council

July 17, 2023

AN ORDER ORDNC-2023-2

Amending Revised Ordinances Article II Chapter 152, section 12, fee for common victualler

BE IT ORDERED

Please see attached memo

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

06/05/23 City Council ASSIGN TO COMMITTEE

RESULT:	ASSIGN TO COMMITTEE
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07/13/23 Legal & Legislative OUGHT TO PASS

RESULT:	OUGHT TO PASS [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jack Eccles
SECONDER:	Maya Jamaleddine
AYES:	Ryan Williams, Jack Eccles, Maya Jamaleddine, Jen Grigoraitis
ABSENT:	John Obremski, Christopher Cinella

07/17/23 City Council PASSED

RESULT:	PASSED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Ryan Williams, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Jack Eccles, At-Large
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Jamaleddine, MacMaster, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis
ABSENT:	Manjula Karamcheti, Leila Migliorelli, John Obremski

In the City Council
Ordained Roll Call
[Unanimous]

Passed July 17, 2023

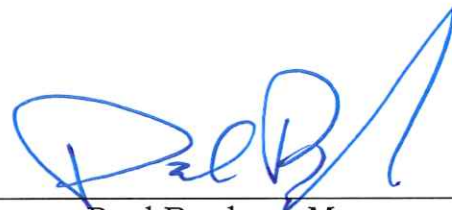
Kristin Foote, Clerk



Jennifer Grigoraitis, President
City Council

7/24/23

Date



Paul Brodeur, Mayor

July 17, 2023

Date

Permit Fee Schedule

Effective July 17, 2023

Blasting Permit	Issued by Chief Only Detail Required	\$250.00
Common Victualler Inspections	Annually	\$50.00
Demolition Permit	House / Buildings Detail Required	\$100.00
Fire Alarm Installs / Repairs		\$50.00
Fire Reports		\$50.00
Fireworks Permit	Detailed Required	\$50.00
Flammable liquid / gas / solid Storage Permit	Annually	\$50.00
Gunpowder / Black Powder	Annually	\$50.00
Hospital Inspections	Annually	\$200.00
Model Rocket Permit		\$25.00
Municipal Fire Alarm System	Connect to the city	\$150.00
Nursing Home Inspections	Annually	\$100.00
Oil Burner Permit		\$50.00
Oil Tank Removal Permit	275 Gallons or Less over 275 Gallons	\$50.00 \$150.00
Paint Spray Booth Permit	Annually	\$25.00
Places of Assembly Inspections	Annually	\$50.00
Plans Review Commercial		\$150.00
Plans Review Residential	1 – 2 Families 3 – 5 Families 6 – 25 Families 26 Families or more	\$50.00 \$100.00 \$200.00 \$250.00
Propane Storage Permit	Annually	\$50.00
Reissued Permits		\$25.00
Salamanders Permit		\$50.00
Smoke Detector Permit	1 to 5 Families	\$50 per unit
Smoke Detector Permit	6 to 25 Units	\$50 + \$25 per unit
Smoke Detector Permit	25 Units Plus	\$125 + \$25 per unit
Smoke Detector Re-Inspection	Per unit	\$50.00
Sprinkler Test / Repair Permit	Detail Required	\$150.00
Tank Registration FP290	5 Years	\$100.00
Tank Truck Inspections	Bi-Annually	\$100.00
Tar Kettle Permit		\$50.00
Tent Permit		\$50.00
Underground Tank - Slurry filled		\$100.00
Waste Oil Storage Permit	Annually	\$50.00
Welding / Cutting / Hot Work Permits	Detail Required	\$50.00



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Kristin Foote, City Clerk

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Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
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Date: May 24, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor Brodeur and City Council Members
From: Kristin Foote, City Clerk
Subject: **Proposed Change to Common Victualler Fee
Fortune Teller License**

In working with Lauren Grymek, Director of Economic Recovery and Business Development, as part of a recent analysis of the fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, I am proposing one adjustment to an existing fee, and the introduction of a new fee, for your consideration.

Based on the research of peer communities used in the overall analysis¹ and taking into consideration existing staff time, I respectfully request the fee for a Common Victualler License (charged annually) be changed from \$75.00 to \$100.00. If this change is accepted, **City Ordinance Chapter 152, Section 12 Common Victuallers and Innholders** would read as follows:

- ***No person shall hereafter engage in the business of innholder or common victualler without first obtaining a license therefor from the City Council. A fee of \$100.00 shall be paid for each of such licenses.***

At present, the City's Common Victualler fee is lower compared to the average (\$100.91) of our peer communities. In calendar year 2023, the City Clerk's office issued 36 Common Victualler licenses to food establishments in the City of Melrose. This fee was waived by the City Council in calendar year 2022 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A new fee proposed for your consideration is an annual Fortune Teller fee pursuant to Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 140, Section 185i. Recently, the City has seen an increase in the number of fortune tellers and psychic businesses in operation. It is recommended the City require an annual license fee of \$50.00, the amount allowed by statute and consistent with peer communities. Instituting such a fee would generate a record of these businesses with the City Clerk's office as our peer communities have.

Thank you for your consideration.

¹ Arlington, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Reading, Salem, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester. These are the communities referenced in the City's "Ten Community New Growth Comparison Chart."