

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 12-2025**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 128-3 UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES,
REGARDING SOLAR PANEL RACKING UNITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 128 of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text ~~stricken~~):

Chapter 128 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

§ 128-1. Definitions – NO CHANGE.

§ 128-2. Enforcing agency established – NO CHANGE

§ 128-3. Fees.

A. Plan review fees – NO CHANGE

B. Construction permit fees.

(1) The building subcode fees shall be:

(a) For new construction – NO CHANGE:

(b) For renovations, alterations and repairs, and solar panel racking units:

[1] NO CHANGE

[2] NO CHANGE

[3] NO CHANGE

[4] NO CHANGE

(c) NO CHANGE.

(d) NO CHANGE

(e) Swimming pools, towers, solar panel racking units, etc.: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18(c)(1)(vi), the following flat fees are hereby established:

[1] Residential (Use Groups R3 and R5):

[a] NO CHANGE

[b] NO CHANGE

[c] NO CHANGE

[d] ~~Solar panel racking unit installation, the fee shall be \$250.~~ Demolition of a solar panel racking unit, the fee shall be \$75.

[e] Removal and reinstallation of a solar panel racking unit, the fee shall be \$75.

[2] Commercial (other than Use Groups R3 and R5):

[a] NO CHANGE

[b] NO CHANGE

~~[c]—Solar panel racking unit: \$300.~~

(f)- (1) NO CHANGE.

(2) The plumbing subcode fees shall be:

(a) NO CHANGE

(b) NO CHANGE

(c) The fee shall be \$91 per special device for the following: grease traps, oil separators, water-cooled air-conditioning units,

refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventers equipped with test ports (double check valve assembly, reduced pressure zone and pressure vacuum breaker backflow preventers), steam boilers, hot water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), swimming pool heaters, ~~active solar systems~~, sewer pumps and interceptors. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.

[1] NO CHANGE

(d) NO CHANGE

(e) NO CHANGE

(f) NO CHANGE.

(3) The electrical subcode fees shall be:

(a) through (h) NO CHANGE

(i) PV solar system arrays: the fee for removal and reinstallation shall be \$75.

(4) The fire protection subcode and other hazardous equipment fee shall be:

(a) Fire-protection and other hazardous equipment: sprinklers, standpipes, detectors (smoke and heat), pre-engineered suppression systems, gas- and oil-fired appliances not connected to the plumbing system, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators and crematoriums.

[1] through [8] NO CHANGE

[9] The fee for solar panel racking unit installation is \$75.

(5) NO CHANGE.

C through G – NO CHANGE

§ 128-4. Annual permits, periodic inspections and variations. – NO CHANGE

§ 128-5. Appeals – NO CHANGE

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with any terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 15th day of July 2025, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 12th day of August 2025, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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Municipal Clerk

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Mayor

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