Girard Township

Branch County, Michigan

Notice of Zoning Fees

Effective October 5, 2026

The Girard Township Board has adopted the following zoning fees:

Zoning Fees		
Cost	Fee Type	Use/Structure Type
$100.00	Basic Fee	Residential Construction/Additions
$100.00	Basic Fee	Accessory buildings 100 square feet or greater
$75.00	Basic Fee	Outdoor stove, fireplace or furnace
$100.00	Basic Fee	Accessory (residential) use Solar, Wind or Battery Energy System
$100.00	Basic Fee	Decks, patios, porches
$600.00	Basic Fee	Commerical building
$600.00	Basic Fee	Commercial business
$500.00	Basic Fee	Mining
$100.00	Annual Fee	Mining (this is an annual fee)
$50.00	Basic Fee	Signs less than 32 square feet
$200.00	Basic Fee	Commerical billboards
$50.00	Basic Fee	Fences (all types)
$50.00	Basic Fee	Swimming pools (all types over 24 inches in depth)
$150.00	Basic Fee	Land Division (per parcel split from the parent parcel)
$1,000.00	Basic Fee	Principal Use Solar Energy System, Wind Energy System, Battery Energy Storage System or Data Center
$5,000.00	Escrow Fee	Per Megawatt, for Principal Use Solar Energy System, Wind Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System
$100.00	Escrow Fee	Per square foot, for Data Center
Note:		
A fine of triple the amount of the original fee will be required for failure to obtain a permit per the zoning ordinance.		
No fee will be charged for changes to a site plan prior to the issuance of a permit.		
Minor changes or additions made after a permit is issued may be made at no charge at the discretion of the Planning Commission and/or the Zoning Administrator.		
Minor changes or additions requiring an additional permit may be made if there is a valid site plan, one (1) year for 50% of original zoning fee.		
The above fees apply to Building Compliance permits and Use Compliance permits.		
Meetings and Hearing Costs		
Cost		Request
$600.00	Special Meeting Fee	Zoning Board of Appeals (Variance, Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map Interpretation, Zoning Appeal)
$600.00	Special Meeting Fee	Special Meeting (Note: this is a meeting that does not take place during a regularly scheduled meeting)
$600.00	Special Meeting Fee	Special Use Permit
$600.00	Special Meeting Fee	Zoning Ordinance/Zoning Map amendment request
All meetings are a non-refundable filing fee, and include meetings up to 2 hours in length. Meetings exceeding the time limit will be billed to the applicant at $300.00 per hour (permits will not be issued until the amount is paid).		