

CHAPTER 59

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Findlay at time of adoption of Code; See Ch. 1, Adoption of Township Code. Renumber 01-03-17. Amendments noted where applicable.]

General References

Definitions; Rules of Interpretation - See Ch. 3

§ 59.1 Alarms (See Ch. 37).

False alarms; responsibility for cost incurred.

59.1.1. All owners of burglary alarm systems shall be financially responsible to Findlay Township for the costs incurred by the Township in responding to false burglar alarm from their property.

False alarms; reimbursement to Township.

59.1.2. The average estimated costs of responding to a false burglar alarm are estimated by the Supervisors of Findlay Township to be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per false alarm. In the absence of evidence from either party to the contrary, it will be presumed that the costs of responding to any alarm is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and the property owner will be obliged to reimburse Findlay Township for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per false alarm, provided, however, either the property owner or the Township may present evidence of a greater or lesser cost to the Township, in which event the amount for which the property owner shall be responsible to the Township shall be the actual costs of responding to the false alarm.

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-02]

§ 59.2 Amusements devices (See Ch. 41).

The following fees shall be charged for amusement devices:

59.2.1.	Annual fee for games	\$100.00
59.2.2.	Annual fee for games (if installed after September 1 of any year)	\$ 50.00
59.2.3.	Annual fee for musical devices	\$ 50.00

§ 59.3 Building construction (See Ch. 49).

The following fees shall be charged for building permits (State of

Pennsylvania \$4.50 fee per permit) **[Revised by Res. No. 2018-02]**.

59.3.1. New residential construction and addition including garages--\$0.20 per square foot with a minimum \$30.00 permit fee.

59.3.2. Residential remodeling/rehabilitation--\$0.03 per square foot with a minimum \$20.00 permit fee.

59.3.3. Commercial structures (new and additions)--\$0.25 per square foot with a minimum \$50.00 permit fee.

59.3.4. Commercial structures (remodeling and rehabilitation)--\$0.08 per square foot with a minimum \$50.00 permit fee.

59.3.5. Building Board of Appeals - \$250.00.

59.3.6. **Exemption:** Residential sheds up to 120 square feet, residential decks up to 120 square feet, and above ground swimming pools, residential replacement of windows, doors, siding, or roofing materials shall not be charged a fee for a building permit.

[Replaced 2-8-06 by Ord. No. 334; Section 59.3.5 added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-02]

§ 59.4 Cable TV Franchise Fee

59.4.1. Franchise Fee imposed on Armstrong, Comcast and Verizon Cable shall be 3%.

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-0]

§ 59.5 Garbage, rubbish and refuse (See Ch. 67).

The license fees for the issuance of garbage collection and/or transportation permits shall be as follows:

[Amended 9-27-93 by Ord. No. 227]

59.5.1. \$3.00 per day per vehicle for daily permits;

59.5.2. \$25.00 per month per vehicle for monthly permit;

59.5.3. The license fee per vehicle shall be as follows: commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors having a maximum gross weight of 26,000 lbs. or under will be charged an annual license fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per vehicle; commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors having a maximum gross weight between 26,000 lbs. and 33,000 lbs. will be charged an

annual license fee of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per vehicle; commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors having a maximum gross weight between 33,000 lbs. and 60,000 lbs. will be charged an annual license fee of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) per vehicle; commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors having a maximum gross weight over 60,000 lbs. will be charged an annual license fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per vehicle.

59.5.3.1. Definition: "Maximum gross weight" as found in the preceding means the maximum gross weight allowed under the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the particular class of vehicle, truck and/or tractor-trailer combination.

59.5.4. Garbage, rubbish, waste material or ash dump or garbage disposal plant - \$200.00.

59.5.5. Additional inspections - \$10.00.

59.5.6. Solid Waste Service

59.5.6.1. January 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2018
Unlimited service at the curb - \$14.16 per month
Unlimited rear yard service - \$34.16 **[Revised by Res. No. 2018-02]**

59.5.6.2. April 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015
Unlimited service at the curb \$13.61 per month
Unlimited rear yard service \$33.61

59.5.7. Replacement Recycling Bin with Lid - \$10.00.
Replacement of Recycling Cart - \$20.00 **[Added by Res. No. 2018-2]**
[Sections 59.5.6 and 59.5.7 added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2]

§ 59.6 Grading and soil excavation (See Ch. 69).

The following fee shall be charged for grading and soil excavation:

59.6.1. Grading permit: \$50.00 per acre or portion thereof.

§ 59.7 Impact Fees (See Ch. 70).

59.7.1. There is hereby enacted an impact fee to be imposed upon new development for the purpose of off-site public transportation capital improvements authorized by the Act and as described in the Program adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Said impact fee shall apply to all new development or subdivisions

within each of the transportation service areas identified herein and shall be condition precedent to final approval of a development or a subdivision plan or issuance of a building permit.

59.7.2. The impact fee is calculated as the total estimated infrastructure improvement costs assigned to the Impact Fee Fund (Township portion only) divided by the number of PM peak hour trips projected to be generated by potential future development in the Impact Fee Study Area. This results in a fee of \$1,300.00 per trip for the Findlay Township Transportation service area and \$829.00 for the Westport Transportation District.

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2; Revised by Res. No. 2018-2]

§ 59.8 Junk (See Ch. 73) .

The following license fee shall be charged for junkyards:

59.8.1. Less than 15,000 sq. ft. \$ 50.00

59.8.2. 15,000 to 40,000 sq. ft. \$100.00

59.8.3. In excess of 40,000 sq. ft. \$200.00

§ 59.9 Lien Letters .

59.9.1. Municipal lien letter fees are \$25.00

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution 2017-2]

§ 59.10 Logging and Forest Management (See Ch. 77) .

59.10.1 The fee for the processing of a logging permit is \$250.00 in addition to a \$500 engineering escrow. **(Amended 2-10-99 by Ord. No. 275)**

§ 59.11 Parks and Recreation (See Ch. 81)

59.11.1. Activity Center (Group Class and Schedule of Fees) Security Deposit for all classes - \$150.00 (separate check/refundable)

59.11.1.1. Class A - Findlay Township Municipal Departments and Agencies funded by the Township. This category also includes Township sponsored Scout groups. Fee: No Charge

59.11.1.2. Class B - West Allegheny School District Groups (except fund raisers) Fee: No Charge

59.11.1.3. Class C - Non-profit resident community groups, Township Employees (private usage) Fees: \$25.00/hour (\$30.00/hour with kitchen)

59.11.1.4. Class D - Non-profit non-resident community groups Fee: \$35.00/hour (\$40.00/hour with kitchen)

59.11.1.5. Class E - Private/Commercial/Business Groups Fee: \$55.00/hour (\$60.00/hour with kitchen)

59.11.2. **Ball Fields**

The following is a list of guidelines for rental of Township ballfields. Priority will be given to all Findlay Sponsored Youth Associations.

The following list classifies as no-charge for field usage:

59.11.2.1. Findlay Township sponsored Sports Teams

59.11.2.2. Youth teams that are comprised of at least 50% of Findlay residents.

59.11.2.3. Organizations that represent sports teams for which there is no specific Findlay Township sponsored team. Examples: WAYA and WAYSA.

59.11.2.4. Select teams, traveling teams, All Star teams, etc. that are made up of at least 50% of Findlay Township residents.

59.11.2.5. Non-profit resident groups, organizations, etc.

59.11.2.6. Corporate usage by companies that support Findlay Township and its events and activities. Example: Dick's Sporting Goods & Armstrong Telephone Company.

59.11.2.7. Township Employees (Private Usage).

The following list describes conditions where fees will be charged:

59.11.2.8. Field Rental Fees - \$20.00 an hour without lights. \$25.00 an hour with lights.

59.11.2.9. Tournament Fees - Weekend/Full Day - \$150.00 per field per day. Evening - Hourly rate as stated above.

* Findlay Athletic Association DIRECTLY SPONSORED tournaments are not charged field rental fees. Tournaments that are not directly sponsored will be charged according to the above stated fees.

** An additional \$50.00 security deposit will also be required (Refundable).

*** Any Findlay Athletic Association board member, coach or manager that is associated with an outside (non FAA) tournament will not be entitled to free field usage and must pay tournament fees.

59.11.3. Pavilions

59.11.3.1. Pavilion rental for Findlay Township Residents, Findlay Township Businesses and Youth or adult groups begins February 7th. Beginning February 9th, residents may request reservations online by logging onto www.findlay.pa.us (Go to Living Here/Parks and Recreation) OR by calling the Township. Non-residents may rent beginning on April 1st.

59.11.3.2. Resident rental fee is \$60.00 with a \$25.00 refundable deposit (two separate checks).

59.11.3.3. Non-resident rental fee is \$85.00 with a \$25.00 refundable deposit (two separate checks).

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution 2017-2]

§ 59.12 Peddling and soliciting (See Ch. 83).

The following fee shall be charged for a peddling and soliciting license:

59.12.1. Personal license: \$75.00 for one year or fraction thereof.

59.12.2. Vehicular license: \$75.00 for one year or fraction thereof.

[Fees revised 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2]

§ 59.13 Police Department

59.13.1. PA Crash Reports - \$15.00

59.13.2. All other reports/copies - \$0.25/page
[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2]

§ 59.14 Streets and Highways Permits (See Ch. 101).

59.14.1. These fees are applied to the administrative costs incurred in reviewing the application and plan(s) and issuing the permit.

59.14.1.1. Utility Unit fee: \$50.00

59.14.1.2. Driveways

59.14.1.2.1 minimum use (e.g. single-family dwelling, apartments with five or fewer units)
Unit fee: \$15.00

59.14.1.2.2 low volume (e.g. office buildings, car washes) Unit fee: \$30.00

59.14.1.2.3 medium volume (e.g. motels, fast food restaurants, service stations, small shopping plazas) Unit fee: \$40.00

59.14.1.2.4 high volume (e.g. large shopping centers, multi-building apartment or office complexes) Unit fee: \$50.00

59.14.1.3. Other (bank removal, sidewalk and curb) Unit fee: \$20.00

59.14.1.4. Supplement Fee (each six-months time extension / each submitted change) Unit fee: \$10.00

59.14.1.5. Emergency Permit Card (each card) Unit fee: \$5.00

59.14.1.6. Exemption (see application for exemptions)

59.14.2. These fees are applied to the costs incurred in

the preliminary review of the location covered by the permit, and/or spot inspection of the permitted work, and/or subsequent inspection after the permitted work has been completed.

59.14.2.1. Driveways

- 59.14.2.1.1. Each minimum use driveway
Unit fee: \$10.00
- 59.14.2.1.2. Each low-volume driveway
Unit fee: \$20.00
- 59.14.2.1.3. Each medium-volume driveway
Unit fee: \$35.00
- 59.14.2.1.4. Each high-volume driveway
Unit fee: \$50.00

59.14.2.2. Surface Openings (these fees are calculated on the total linear feet of the opening being permitted within the different areas of the right-of-way).

59.14.2.2.1. Total linear feet of opening (each 100-foot increment or fraction thereof)

- a. Opening in pavement
Unit fee: \$40.00
- b. Opening in shoulder
Unit fee: \$20.00
- c. Opening outside pavement and shoulder
Unit fee: \$10.00

59.14.2.2.2. If a longitudinal opening simultaneously occupies two or more highway areas identified in subparagraph (a) only the higher fee will be charged. Linear distances shall be measured to the nearest foot.

59.14.2.3. Surface Opening of Less than 36 Square Feet (e.g. service connections performed independently of underground facility installation, pipe line repairs) (each opening)

- 59.14.2.3.1. Opening in pavement
Unit fee: \$30.00
- 59.14.2.3.2. Opening in shoulder
Unit fee: \$15.00
- 59.14.2.3.3. Opening outside pavement and shoulder
Unit fee: \$10.00

If an opening simultaneously occupies two or more highway access areas identified in subparagraphs (1)-(3), only the higher fee will be charged.

59.14.3. Above-Ground facilities (e.g. poles, guys and/or anchors if installed independently of poles)

59.14.3.1. Up to 10 physically connected above-ground facilities (each continuous group) Unit fee: \$20.00

59.14.3.2. Additional above-ground physically connected facilities (each pole with appurtenances) Unit fee: \$ 2.00

59.14.4. Crossings (e.g. "Overhead" triples, conveyors or pedestrian walkways and "undergrade" subways or mines)
Unit fee: \$80.00

59.14.5. Seismograph-Vibroseis Method (e.g. prospecting for oil, gas)

59.14.5.1. First mile Unit fee: \$50.00

59.14.5.2. Each additional mile or fraction thereof
Unit fee: \$ 5.00

59.14.6. Non-emergency Test Holes in Pavement or Shoulder (each hole) Unit fee: \$ 5.00

59.14.7. Other (e.g. bank removal, sidewalk and curb)
Unit fee: \$20.00

[Replaced 01-03-17 by Resolution 2017-2]

§ 59.15 Subdivision and land development (See Ch. 103).

59.15.1. Subdivision and Land Development and Non-Planned Development

Preliminary Plan

Number of Lots in Plan

0-5 \$100.00*

6 or more \$600.00*

Final Plan

Number of Lots in Plan

0-5 \$100.00

6 or more \$600.00

***Planned Development**

Residential

Tentative Approval \$250.00 (Escrow \$1,000.00)

Final Approval	\$150.00
Non-Residential	
Tentative Approval	\$250.00 (Escrow \$1,000.00)
Final Approval	\$300.00

***PROFESSIONAL REVIEW FEES/ESCROW**

In addition to the application fees set forth above, all applicants subdivision, land development, planned development, conditional use and special exception shall be required to deposit with the Township at the time of application an escrow payment of \$1,000.00 (or \$500.00 for subdivision containing less than ten (10) lots that will be drawn on to reimbursement the Township for the professional review fees incurred by the Township in its review and processing of the application. These fees will be assessed in accordance with the schedule of review fees which shall, from time to time, be adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Professional Review Fees shall mean all fees incurred by the Township during the course of its review of applications, including reasonable and necessary charges by the Township's professional consultants of the Township Engineer or Solicitor, for review and report on the application of the Township.

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2]

§ 59.16 Taxation (See Ch. 107)

59.16.1 Parking registration and certificate - \$10.00 annual fee.

§ 59.17 Winter Services

59.17.1 Plowing and salting of private streets with an agreement.

59.17.1.1. Straight time - \$115.43 per hour

59.17.1.2. Overtime at 1.5 times rate of pay - \$126.98 per hour

59.17.1.3. Holiday at double time the rate of pay - \$138.53 per hour

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2; Revised by res. No. 2018-2]

§ 59.18 Zoning (See Ch. 17).

59.18.1 *Conditional Use \$400.00
(Escrow \$1,000.00)

59.18.2 *Uses by Special Exception \$300.00

(Escrow \$1,000.00)

59.18.3	Variances	\$400.00 Commercial \$150.00 Residential
59.18.4	Appeals to ZHB	\$300.00
59.18.5	Zoning Amendment	\$500.00
59.18.6	Zoning Permit Fees	
59.18.9.1	Structures	
59.18.6.1.1.	Single Family	\$25.00
59.18.6.1.2.	Commercial & Industrial	\$25.00 (1 st 5,000 sq. ft. + \$2.00 each additional 1,000 sq. ft.)
59.18.6.1.3.	Apartments	\$25.00 (1 st three + \$5.00 each additional apartment)
59.18.7	Temporary Zoning Approval	\$25.00
59.18.8	Temporary Structure	\$25.00
59.18.9	Occupancy Permit	
59.18.9.1	Residential	\$25.00
59.18.9.2	Non-Residential	\$50.00
59.18.10	Re-Zoning Fee	\$500.00
59.18.11	Signs	\$1.00/sq. ft., minimum \$30.00

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017-2]

§ 59.19 Schedule of Attorney's Fees (Municipal Claims)

59.19.1 For every delinquent claim, charge, tax assessment, levy or obligation owed to the Township of Findlay, there shall be added to such claim, charge, tax, assessment, levy or obligation such attorney's fees, charges and expenses incurred in the collection process subsequent to proper notification of taxpayers of the intent to impose attorney's fees on delinquent obligations. Such additional charges shall be collected in addition to such interest and penalties as are allowed by law. They shall further be collected

in the same manner as with the full authority as other municipal claim and collectable and lienable as such.

59.19.2 The following is a schedule of attorney fees for the collection of delinquent municipal claims and liens pursuant to Act 1 of 1996 (53 P.S. § 7106):

1)	Prepare and mail Notice of Impending Suit	\$ 75.00
2)	Prepare District Justice Complaint	\$100.00
3)	Attend District Justice Hearing	\$300.00
4)	Prepare Arbitration Complaint	\$150.00
5)	Attend Arbitration trial	\$400.00
6)	Enter default judgment	\$150.00
7)	Prepare Writ of Scire Facias sur tax lien in furtherance of Sheriff sale of land	\$600.00
8)	Title search for Sheriff sale	\$150.00
9)	Issue Writ of Execution	\$250.00
10)	Attend Sheriff sale judgment enforcement	\$250.00
11)	Other Attorney Time - legal work	\$150.00/hr.
12)	Other paralegal work not itemized above	\$ 80.00/hr.

[Revised 03-10-10 by Ord. No. 361]

59.19.3 Any person or entity empowered to collect sums on behalf of the Township is directed to add such fees as are incurred to the extent allowed and set forth on the schedule above. Such sums collected shall be in addition to any tax, penalty, interest, costs or fees already pert of the delinquent account or assessment. The sums collected shall be remitted to the municipal taxing authority in the same manner as the underlying tax obligation.

59.19.4 Attorney fees incurred to the extent set forth above shall be added to all unpaid municipal claims of any nature arising or imposed subsequent to March 13, 2002, or which become delinquent or are re-determined to be delinquent subsequent to March 13, 2002. Prior to the time when such fees are added to any

underlying claim, the tax collector shall first give the taxpayer such notice required by law. The tax collector or other collector shall so notify the taxpayer by sending such notice to the taxpayer's last known address by mailing notices in the manner prescribed by the Act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, known as Act 1 of 1996.

[Added 3-13-02 by Ord. No. 305]

§ 59.20 Other Fees

59.20.1	Township Maps	\$2.00
59.20.2	Copies (1 st 10 pages free)	\$0.25 per page
59.20.3	Zoning Ordinance	\$25.00
59.20.4	Subdivision Ordinance	\$25.00
59.20.5	Comprehensive Plan	\$30.00
59.20.6	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$30.00
59.20.7	Township Code on CD	\$75.00

[Added 01-03-17 by Resolution No. 2017.2]