

Girard Township

Branch County, Michigan

Notice of Zoning Fees

Effective July 17, 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	Commercial 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	Commercial billboards
\$50.00	Basic Fee	Fences (all types)
\$50.00	Basic Fee	Swimming pools (all types over 24 inches in depth)
\$300.00	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).