

TOWN OF BLADES

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Breakdown of Fees and Town Information for Realtors

WEBSITE: www.blades.delaware.gov

Business Licenses

The Town of Blades does not require out of town businesses to retain a business license to do or conduct business in town limits. Businesses that have an occupied building or a rental within town limits are required to obtain an annual business license from the town.

Professional and General Business Licenses is \$100.00 annually.

An owner of an office or building space is \$100.00 annually per rented office space.

An owner of an apartment or rental home is \$200.00 annually.

Motel/Hotel rooms: \$10.00 per unit/ \$25.00 minimum charge

Rooming house/private house offering rooms (see motel/hotel)

All rental units are subject to an inspection by our Code Enforcement Department at any time. A scheduled appointment will be needed with the owner or owners' representative. Prior to any new tenants moving into the apartment/home an inspection is needed. The original inspection of a property under new ownership will be subject to a \$50.00 certificate of occupancy fee.

Water Fees

The Town of Blades provides all residents and businesses within the corporate limits with drinking water. The base charge is for 2000 gallons at \$25.00 per month, after the 2000 gallons the charge is \$6.15 per thousand gallons. The base charge of \$25.00 is also charged if no there is no usage, regardless is the home is not occupied and the water has been turned off at the meter. The owner of the property will continue to be charged the base rate of \$25.00 per month. A 5% penalty is charged every month on the past due balance.

*Rate Changed Effective October 2019

Taxes

Property tax rate is \$1.40 per \$100.00 value, but charged at a 50% or .70¢ per \$100.00 value. The assessments are based on 1989 values.

Front Footage is charged at .60¢ per foot. The front of your property that abuts the road is considered the front footage.

Capitation tax is \$8.00 per dwelling unit.

Administrative Processing Fee of \$30.00.

Zoning Regulations

The Town of Blades Land Use Ordinance can be found online at:

<http://www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/municipalities/blades/>

The Town of Blades Comprehensive Plan can also be found at the above web address.

Building Permits

The Town of Blades requires a building permit for any construction being completed on the property. Some are at no charge. The rate is \$25.00 for the first \$1000.00 and \$5.00 for every \$1000.00 or portion thereafter. Annual renewals are \$25.00.

Planning & Zoning

The Land Use Ordinance describes what is allowed on a property. If you need to submit for a plan review the fee to appear in front of the commission with the plans in triplicate is \$250.00. For a subdivision concept the review fee is \$500.00.

Board of Adjustment

If it is determined that you must appear before the Board of Adjustment the fee is \$1000.00.

New Construction

Please see the building permits above for fees.

Water Impact fee is \$2200.00.

Water Permit is \$500.00.

Meter Permit is \$550.00

Community Impact fee is \$1000.00.