

THE PROCESS

1

VISIT THE CITY

Apply to the respective city and obtain an authorized letter specifying the permitted square footage for your project.

2

VISIT THE DISTRICT

Bring the authorized letter and a copy of the floor plan to the District (see reverse for address). Pay the assessed fee (check or money order only) and obtain a Certificate of Compliance. Please note that the date of your payment determines the assessed rate. Please contact the District to verify current rates.

3

OBTAIN YOUR BUILDING PERMIT

Return to the city with your Certificate of Compliance to receive a building permit (assuming all other city obligations have been met).

REFUNDS & EXEMPTIONS

A **REFUND** of the entire amount paid (excluding a \$25 refund processing fee) will be issued if construction does not begin, or the project is suspended or abandoned. An authorized written notice declaring that the building permit has been canceled must be delivered or sent to the Orange Unified School District (see address below). Refunds will be processed 30 to 60 days after receipt of notification and will only be issued to person(s) or entities listed on original check. **EXEMPTIONS** from fees are provided for by Government Code on certain structures, including structures that are tax exempt and used exclusively for religious purposes, private full-time day schools as described in Education Code Section 48222, and structures owned and occupied by a governmental agency. If you are replacing a structure destroyed by a disaster, you may be exempt from fees. Residential Senior Housing (as designated by the project's CC&Rs) will be assessed at the Level I Commercial rate. For further information on exemptions, demolition credits, senior housing reduced fee, and refunds, contact the District.

Applications can be obtained at and returned to:

Orange Unified School District
1401 North Handy St.
Orange, CA 92867
(714) 628-5371

Related reports, applications, and more online at:

www.orangeusd.org

Checks or money orders are made payable to:

“Orange Unified School District”
(Returned checks assessed \$25 processing fee)

Collection Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm (closed for lunch 1pm-2pm)

DEVELOPER FEES

Guide to School Facility Fees



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BACKGROUND

All new residential, commercial, and industrial construction and/or an addition of covered or enclosed space are subject to the collection of developer fees. According to the law, this fee is determined by square footage of assessable space.

LEVEL I FEES are statutory school fees assessed to residential additions over 500 square feet, and to all commercial development. **ASSESSABLE SPACE** is all square footage within the perimeter of a structure. Examples of **EXCLUSIONS** from assessable space include: parking structures, carports, walkways, garages, overhangs or patios (including enclosed patios), detached accessory structures, or similarly enclosed areas. Assessable space is determined by the city or county issuing the building permit.

FEES (per square foot, effective 05/21/2025)

RESIDENTIAL (Single Family)

Level I **\$4.67**
+500 sq. ft.
(Statutory school fees)

RESIDENTIAL (Multi Family)

Level I **\$5.17**
+500 sq. ft.
(Statutory school fees)

INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL

Level I **\$0.84**
(Statutory school fees)

BOUNDARIES AND JURISDICTIONS

