

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §8-1c and §22a-42a(e) as amended.

Section 2. Amendment to Code of Ordinances.

The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bethlehem, Chapter 27. INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY, §27-7, Inland Wetlands Agency fees, is hereby amended as follows:

“§27-7 Inland Wetlands Agency fees.

A. Pursuant to C.G.S. §8-1c and §22a-42a(e), the Inland Wetlands Agency is authorized to charge the following application, review, and inspection fees:

Fee Schedule

Type of Fee	Amount of Fee
Application for regulated activity (includes fee to State of Connecticut \$58*)	\$175.00*
Application for jurisdictional ruling (aka as of Right)	\$60.00
Application after the fact (includes fee to State of Connecticut \$58 and \$500 fee for field inspection of regulated activities conducted prior to the issuance of a permit)	\$675.00
Declaratory ruling	No fee
Summary ruling	No fee
Plenary ruling	\$250.00
Subdivision (in addition to above)	\$100.00 per lot
Map revision	
Up to 5.0 acres	\$100.00
Over 5.0 acres (flat fee)	\$150.00
Hearing	
First three hours or part thereof	\$250.00

Each hour or part thereof beyond three hours	\$150.00
Fee for subsequent field inspection(s) of regulated activities conducted prior to issuance of a permit	\$100.00 each

B. The fees set forth above are the minimum application fees required. When the actual cost of processing an application exceeds the minimum application fee, including but not limited to the hiring of professional services, the Agency shall charge the applicant an appropriate surcharge fee to fund the actual cost of processing the application. The applicant will be informed that there will be a surcharge, and it will be documented in the file.

C. *State land use fee. If the State of Connecticut changes the DEEP land use permit surcharge fee (currently \$58), these fees shall adjust automatically to include the new state surcharge fee with no loss of revenue to the Town of Bethlehem.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b).

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