

Adopted 07/15/2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) ORDINANCE NUMBER 19-20
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA BY ADDING SECTION 36-13-C, PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES, (the purpose of this amendment is to develop a permit fee schedule)

WHEREAS, Dorchester County shall establish a non-refundable permit fee to be collected at the time the stormwater management plan or application is submitted;

WHEREAS, Dorchester County shall develop a permit fee to provide the cost of plan review, administration and management of the permitting process and inspection of all projects subject to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County shall establish a permit fee schedule based on the relative complexity of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled that the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina is hereby amended and supplemented by adding section 36-13-C which shall read as follows:

A non-refundable permit fee, as designated from time to time by County Council, shall be collected at the time the stormwater management plan or application is submitted. The permit fee shall provide for the cost of plan review, administration, and management of the permitting process, and inspection of all projects subject to this Ordinance. A permit fee schedule shall be established by the County Council based upon the relative complexity of the project and may be amended from time to time.

Fee Schedule for Stormwater Plan Review¹

Type of Development or Activity	Disturbed Acres	1st Review Fee (Per Disturbed Acre)	2nd Review Flat Fee	3rd Review Flat Fee	4th Review Flat Fee
Residential – Individual Single Family	Less than 1 Acre	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Residential - Individual Single Family	1 Acre or Greater	\$200	\$40	\$20	\$20
Residential – Single Family Subdivision	0.5 Acre or Greater	\$200	\$500	\$250	\$250
Residential – Multi-Family	0.5 Acre or Greater	\$400	\$500	\$250	\$250
Non-Residential	0.5 Acre or Greater	\$400	\$500	\$250	\$250
Review of Application for a Variance	Any	\$600	\$600 per fact finding meeting		
Major Modification	Any	\$300			

¹SCDHEC requires a \$125 fee to issue an NPDES permit.

In addition to plan review fees, the County has an inspection fee. The County has the authority to require re-inspection fees on any project deemed necessary. The following table includes the construction site inspection fees.

Fee Schedule for Construction Inspections

Type of Development or Activity	Area of Disturbance	Standard Fee
Residential – Individual Single Family	Less than 1 Acres	Exempt – No Fee
Residential – Individual Single Family	1 Acre or Greater	\$200
Residential – Single Family Subdivision	0.5 Acres or Greater	\$2 per linear foot of road + \$4 per linear foot of drainage easement
Residential – Multi-Family	0.5 Acre or Greater	\$2 per linear foot of road + \$4 per linear foot of drainage easement
Non-Residential	0.5 – 4.9 Acres	\$200
Non-Residential	5.0 – 9.9 Acres	\$400
Non-Residential	10 Acres or Greater	\$800
Reinspection for Any Reason		\$150

This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading.

Approved and adopted on this 15th day of July 2019.

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Second Reading: 06/17/2019
Public Hearing: 06/17/2019
Third Reading: 07/15/2019

George H. Bailey, Sr. Chairman
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST:

Tracey L. Langley, Clerk of Council