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*Proposed Amendments for Major, Minor, and General Permit
Fee Increases (CR-26-48)*

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New Statutory Requirements under G.S. 143B-279.19

- State Law now requires certain permit fees to be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Adjustments begin July 1, 2025 and recur **every 4 years**
- Overrides CAMA language which capped CRC permit fees at \$400.
- CPI calculations are made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

§ 143B-279.19. Quadriennial adjustment of certain fees and rates.

(a) Adjustment for Legislatively Mandated Salaries and Benefits. - Beginning July 1, 2025, and every four years thereafter, the Department shall adjust the fees and rates imposed pursuant to the statutes listed in this subsection in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics during the prior two bienniums. The adjustment for per transaction rates shall be rounded to the nearest dollar (\$1.00):

- (1) G.S. 74-54.1.
- (2) G.S. 90A-42.
- (3) G.S. 90A-47.4.
- (4) G.S. 113A-54.2.
- (5) G.S. 113A-119.1.
- (6) G.S. 130A-291.1.
- (7) G.S. 130A-294.1.
- (8) G.S. 130A-295.8.
- (9) G.S. 130A-310.9.
- (10) G.S. 130A-310.39.
- (11) G.S. 130A-310.76.
- (12) G.S. 130A-328(b).
- (13) G.S. 130A-328(c).
- (14) G.S. 143-215.3D.
- (15) G.S. 143-215.10G.
- (16) G.S. 143-215.28A.
- (17) G.S. 143-215.94C.
- (18) G.S. 143-215.119.
- (19) G.S. 143-215.125A.
- (20) G.S. 143B-279.13.

CRC Rules Requiring Amendments

- CRC rules currently contain fixed dollar amounts for different permit types
- Proposed CPI-adjusted increases include:
 - Major Permit (Private, Non-Commercial): \$250 → \$297
 - Major Permit (Public or Commercial): \$400 → \$474
 - General Permit Fees: \$400 → \$474
 - Minor Permit Fees: \$100 → \$119
 - Major Modifications: \$250 → \$297
 - Minor Modification: \$100 → \$119
 - Transfers & Renewals: \$100 → \$119
- Currently being implemented per G.S. 143B-279.19 requirements

Major and Minor Permit Fee Increases

15A NCAC 07J .0204 PROCESSING THE APPLICATION

(b) Application processing shall begin when an application is accepted as complete. Before an application will be accepted as complete, the following requirements must be met;

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(6) the application fee must be paid as set out in this Subparagraph:

(A) Major development permit - Application fees shall be in the form of a check or money order payable to the Department. The application fee for private, non-commercial development shall be two hundred ~~fifty~~ ninety seven dollars (~~\$250.00~~ \$297.00). The application fee for a public or commercial project shall be four hundred seventy four dollars (~~\$400.00~~ \$474.00).

(B) Minor development permit - Application fees shall be in the form of a check or money order payable to the permit-letting agency in the amount of one hundred nineteen dollars (~~\$100.00~~ \$119.00). Monies so collected may be used only in the administration of the permit program;

General Permit Fee Increases

- Applies to all General Permits...

15A NCAC 07H .1103 PERMIT FEE

The applicant shall pay a permit fee of four hundred seventy four dollars (~~\$400.00~~ \$474.00) for riprap revetments. The applicant shall pay a permit fee of four hundred seventy four dollars (~~\$400.00~~ \$474.00) for bulkheads. Permit fees shall be paid by check or money order payable to the Department of Environmental Quality.

15A NCAC 07H .1203 PERMIT FEE

The applicant shall pay a permit fee of four hundred seventy four dollars (~~\$400.00~~ \$474.00). This fee shall be paid by check or money order made payable to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Permit Modification, Transfer, Renewal Fee Increases

15A NCAC 07J .0404(f) Development Period Extension

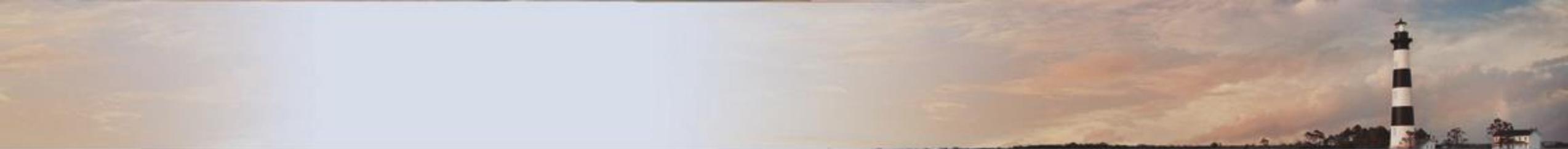
(f) The applicant for a major development extension request shall submit, with the request, a check or money order payable to the Department in the sum of one hundred nineteen dollars ~~(\$100.00)~~ (\$119.00).

15A NCAC 07J .0406(e) Permit Issuance and Transfer

(e) The applicant for a permit transfer shall submit with the request a check or money order payable to the Department in the sum of one hundred nineteen dollars ~~(\$100.00)~~ (\$119.00).

15A NCAC 07J .0405(e) Permit Modification

(e) The applicant for a major permit modification shall submit with the request a check or money order payable to the Department in the sum of one hundred nineteen dollars ~~(\$100.00)~~ (\$119.00) for a minor modification and two hundred fifty ninety-seven dollars ~~(\$250.00)~~ (\$297.00) for a major modification.



Questions?