

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 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, is amended by adding a new Article III, INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY FEES, and a new Section 27-5 as follows:

§27-7 Inland Wetlands Agency fees.

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.

1.a. Short Form - Request for review of Upland Review Officer (URO)
(includes administrative processing cost) \$40.00

1.b. Long Form –
Recommendation of URO that application be presented to IWA
(includes fee to State of CT \$58.00) additional \$70.00
Total application fee not to exceed \$135.00

2. Declaratory Ruling (no additional fee above application fee)

3. Summary Ruling
Up to 5.0 acres \$25.00/acre

(*Note- if a limit of investigation is used as a basis for decision,
it shall be used to determine the fee structure.)

Each additional acre or part thereof, up to 25 acres \$10.00/acre

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Subdivision (in addition to above) \$100.00/lot

4. Plenary Ruling
Up to 5.0 acres \$250.00

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Each additional acre or part thereof, up to 25 acres \$25.00/acre

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Subdivision (in addition to above) \$100.00/lot

5. Map Revision

Up to 5.0 acres \$100.00

Over 5.0 acres (Flat fee) \$150.00

6. Public Hearing

First three hours or part thereof \$250.00

Each hour or part thereof beyond (including continuation hours) \$150.00

7. Fee for field inspection of regulated activities conducted prior to the issuance of a permit

\$500.00

8. Fee for field inspection

\$100.00

9. 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.

These fees shall apply to applications submitted, and to inspections requested or conducted, on or after June 1, 2014, the effective revision date of the current Bethlehem Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Section 3. State land use fee.

If the State of Connecticut changes the DEEP land use permit surcharge fee (current by \$58.00), these fees shall adjust automatically to include the new state surcharge fee with no loss of revenue to the Town of Bethlehem.

Section 4. 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).

Adopted by town meeting on November, 17, 2016.

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