RESOLUTION NO. RS-2022- Ac

(Enacting Revised Fee System for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review and Field Services)

RECITALS

Md. Code, <u>Agriculture Article</u>, §8-306(a)(18) provides that a soil conservation district may recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing grading and sediment control plans. Subject to §8-311 of the aforesaid article, any recommended fee shall take effect upon enactment by the local governing body.

A fee system was enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board") on August 1, 1996, to cover the cost of plan review services provided to developers, engineers, homeowners, local government, municipalities, woodland owners, and the forest product industry.

The original fee system was revised by resolutions adopted by the Board on August 21, 2001, effective October 1, 2001; February 15, 2005, effective March 1, 2005; December 11, 2007, effective January 1, 2008; May 25, 2010, effective July 1, 2010; and September 12, 2017, effective October 1, 2017; and April 16, 2019, effective July 1, 2019.

The Washington County Soil Conservation District ("SCD") has indicated to the Board that it has now become necessary to increase the fees in order to meet obligations for staff salary and benefits, to improve customer service to the development community, and to provide additional services.

SCD presented a proposed revised fee system to the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 26, 2022.

The Board has considered the revised fee system proposed and presented by SCD and any comments received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, that:

- 1. All previous resolutions adopted by the Board, relating to the fee system for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review and Field Services are hereby repealed.
- 2. The following fee system for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review and Field Services is hereby adopted:

FEE SYSTEM FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN REVIEW AND FIELD SERVICES

(Effective September 1, 2022)

Standard Plans for Forest Harvest Operations	\$ 190.00
Standard Grading, Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan for	
Single-Lot Single-Family Residential Construction and Minor	\$ 315.00
Earth Disturbances	
(For earth disturbances ≥ 5,000 square feet of area and/or 100	
cubic yards of cut/fill and ≤ 30,000 square feet of area and 1,000	
cubic yards of cut/fill).	
Site Plans, Engineered Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans	
(For earth disturbances > 30,000 square feet of area and/or 1,000	
cubic yards of cut/fill).	
Application Fee	\$ 630.00
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Per acre of soil disturbance (0.0 acres – 50.0 acres)	\$ 250.00
	Minimum Fee –
	\$1,380.00
	4.20
Per acre of soil disturbance (50.1 acres & larger)	\$ 20
Site Plans, Engineered Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans 2-	
Year Updates	\$ 565.00
(Plan approvals are in effect for 24 months and must be	\$ 555.55
reapproved after that time)	
reapproved arter that time,	

Site Plan 5-Year Updates (Mining-Quarry)	Fee based on adopted fee
	schedule and disturbed acres,
	not to exceed fee for 60 acres
Pond As-Built Plan Review and Approval	\$630.00
Environmental Site Design Concept Plan	\$ 500.00
Field Services-PreConstruction Meetings, Interim WQ Inspections,	
& Final Site Closeout Reviews (Final Inspections – 95% overall	
vegetation)	\$785.00
(For earth disturbances > 15,000 square feet of area and/or 500	
cubic yards of cut/fill).	

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

Effective the 1st day of September, 2022.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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