

# **Alternate Language for State Model Floodplain Management Ordinance**

## **Article IV – Application FEE**

In recognition of the varying degree of difficulty and amounts of time required for reviewing and processing flood hazard development permit applications, some communities are inserting language for a split or sliding fee schedule.

Some communities already have fee structures in other ordinances that are set according to the value of the proposed project. In order to promote consistency between their ordinances they might choose to adopt a similar fee structure for the floodplain ordinance. Other communities want the flexibility of allowing their Board of Selectmen to reassess and establish fees annually, without specifying the exact amount within the ordinance. Many communities simply assess a larger fee for new construction or substantial improvement projects (which often require more time and effort to review) and a smaller fee for all other (minor) projects.

Some options may be:

1. Assess a fee that is a percentage of the proposed project value, (i.e. 1%/\$1000)
2. Set fees according to monetary thresholds based on the value of the proposed project

Examples:

\$10 - project value < \$1,000

\$20 - project value ≥ \$1,000 but < \$10,000

\$30 - project value ≥ \$10,000 but < \$25,000

\$40 - project value ≥ \$25,000 but < \$50,000

\$50 - project value ≥ \$50,000

3. Split Fee Example:  
A nonrefundable application fee of \$25 for minor development or \$50 for new construction or substantial improvements shall be paid to the City/Town Clerk and a copy of a receipt for the same shall accompany the application.
4. Allowing the Board of Selectman to annually establish a fee.

Example:

A nonrefundable application fee, as established annually by the Board of Selectmen shall be paid to the City/Town Clerk and a copy of a receipt for the same shall accompany the application.

5. Some larger towns or cities may want to consider assessing fees based on the amount of time required to process the application.

Ex ample:

Applications shall be submitted to the Town Clerk accompanied by the prescribed application fee. The application fee shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Planning of Board. The fee shall be designed to approximate the costs incurred by the Town for administering the ordinance. Upon receipt of an application and the required fee, the Town Clerk will stamp the application with the date of receipt and forward the application to the Code Enforcement Offer.