

SCHEDULE OF FEES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

| | <u>FEE**</u> | <u>WITH REQUIRED STATE FEE INCLUDED</u> |
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| WETLANDS MAP AMENDMENT (no extra public hearing charge) | \$300 | \$360 |
| WETLAND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (no extra public hearing charge) | \$1,000 | \$1,060 |
| APPLICATIONS LIMITED TO BASIC MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING: MINIMAL TREE CUTTING ONLY, POND DREDGING, PATH CLEARING, OR INSTALLATION OF A FENCE OR STONE WALL OR SITE DISTURBANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 200 SQUARE FEET OR LESS AND OTHER MINIMAL ACTIVITIES | \$240 | \$300 |
| CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OR REPLACEMENT PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE; SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES WITHIN A REGULATED WETLAND; OR SIGNIFICANT FILLING & GRADING WITHIN AN UPLAND REVIEW AREA | \$1,440 | \$1,500 |
| ALL OTHER ACTIVITY FOR WORK WITHIN WETLANDS AND/OR THE REGULATED AREA | \$890 | \$950 |
| PUBLIC HEARING FEE (IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE) | \$400 | N/A |

NOTE: The Town of Darien and its agencies shall not be liable for payment of any of the above fees.

***All fees specifically exclude any fee required by the State of Connecticut per Section 22a-27j of the Connecticut General Statutes, which must be collected by the Town. As of July 1, 2004, the State fee was \$30.00 per application. As of October 1, 2009, the State fee was \$60 per application.*

SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE OF FEES

TECHNICAL REVIEW FEES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

Within ten days of official receipt of an application, the Director of Planning & Zoning, or his/her designee, shall make a determination whether an outside expert is needed to analyze, review and report on areas requiring technical review in order to assist the Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Environmental Protection Commission. Such experts may include, but shall not be limited to, engineers, surveyors, architects, soil scientists, wetland biologists, wildlife biologists, and hydrogeologists.

If such a determination is made, the Director may assess the reasonable cost for such expert to the applicant based upon a preliminary estimate from the expert. The Director may collect 125% of the estimate from the applicant, which amount shall be held in escrow until the technical review is completed, and which will be the outside limit of the applicant's responsibility. Any excess amount collected over the actual cost shall be refunded to the applicant. This payment shall be considered an integral component of the application. The failure by the applicant to make this payment within five (5) days of notice of the fee assessment shall render the application incomplete.

In the event the Director does not make a determination that an outside expert is needed, the Planning & Zoning Commission, Environmental Protection Commission and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals may make such a determination up to two (2) weeks after the commencement of its public hearing on the application. However, prior to making such a determination, the respective commission or board shall determine: 1) that evidence in the record of the proceedings has been produced or is likely to be produced which requires the hiring of such an expert; 2) that the department staff will be unable to perform the technical review; and 3) that adequate time exists for the applicant to review and respond to such expert's report. The respective commission or board shall then make such a reasonable assessment and collect 125% of the estimate from the applicant, which amount shall be held in escrow until the technical review is completed and which will be the outside limit of the applicant's responsibility. Any excess amount collected over the actual cost shall be refunded to the applicant. This payment shall be considered an integral component of the application. The failure by the applicant to make this payment within five (5) days of notice of the fee assessment shall render the application incomplete.

If adequate time is not available for the Director, commission or board's review and determination on the necessity for outside expert review and/or if adequate time is not available for the outside expert to perform the analysis and report his or her findings, then the Director will advise the applicant and seek the applicant's consent for an extension of the relevant time period in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 8-7d.