



INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

- 1.1 Method of Payment. All fees required by these regulations shall be submitted to the Agency by Certified check, Bank or Cashier's check or money order payable to the Town of Easton at the time the application is filed with the Agency.
- 1.2 No application shall be granted or approved by the Agency unless the correct application fee is paid in full or unless a waiver has been granted by the Agency pursuant to subsection 4 of these Regulations.
- 1.3 The application fee is not refundable.
- 2.1 Fee Schedule. Read carefully, more than one fee may apply. **State fees are additional.** Application fees for activities in a regulated area shall be based on the following schedule:
 - a. New Residence or residences
 1. Single residence: \$1,100 (includes one driveway and normal walkways)
 2. Subdivision: \$1,000 + \$500 for each residence (includes one driveway per house, common drives, and normal walkways).
 - b. Pools, tennis courts, or any permanent disturbance greater than 300 square feet: \$300 EACH.
 - c. Permanent wetland crossing: \$550. This is in addition to a or b
 - d. Other Regulated Activity \$125 (Does not apply if a fee under a, b or c does apply).
 - e. After-the-Fact Surcharge of 200% of fees paid under a, b, c, or d. That is, the total amount paid will be three times the amount that would have been due had the application not been after-the-fact. This surcharge is

in addition to any other fines or penalties that may be assessed.

- f. Public hearing fee: \$450 + photocopying, document and notification delivery.
 - g. Amended permit and/or extension of permit - \$100.
 - h. Complex Application Fee – The Inland Wetlands Agency may charge an additional fee sufficient to cover the cost of reviewing and acting on complex applications. Such fee may include, but not be limited to, the cost of retaining experts to analyze, review, and report on issues requiring such experts. The Agency or the duly authorized agent shall estimate the complex application fee which shall be paid within 10 days of the applicant's receipt or notice of such estimate. Any portion of the complex application fee in excess of the actual cost shall be refunded to the applicant no later than 30 days after publication of the agency's decision. The Agency may adjust its initial estimate and require additional funds be paid.
- 3.1 Exemption. Boards, commissions, and departments of the Town of Easton are exempt from all fee requirements under section 2 of these regulations.
- 4.1 Waiver. The applicant may petition the Agency to waive, reduce or allow delayed payment of the fee required by Section 2 of these Regulations. Such petitions shall be in writing and shall state fully the facts and circumstances the Agency should consider in its determination under this section. The Agency may waive all or part of the application fee if the Agency determines that:
- a. The activity applied for would clearly result in a substantial public benefit to the environment or to the public health and safety and the applicant would reasonably be deterred from initiating the activity solely or primarily as result of the amount of the application fee, or
 - b. The amount of the application fee is clearly excessive in relation to the cost to the Town for reviewing and processing the application.

The Agency shall state upon its record the basis for all actions under this section.