

Benchmark Activity 39.3:

The local board of health shall annually review and approve the local health department budget and approve fees in accordance with G.S. 130A-39(g).

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: 08-10-2023
Agenda Item Subject: FY 23-24 ENV HLTH Fee Changes per SL 2023-90
Attachment (s): Fee Changes
Staff or Board Member Reporting: Patrick Eaton

Purpose: X Action
_____ Information only
_____ Information with possible action

Objective: Required modification of FY 23-24 Fee Schedule (Activity 39.3)

Summary Information: Days after the BOCC approved the department’s proposed fee schedule, Session Law 2023-90 (H628) was passed. In addition to changes in regulatory activities and Onsite Water Protection permitting requirements, this session law also requires modifications to Environmental Health’s approved FY24 fee schedule effective September 1, 2023.

The impact to total revenue cannot be determined as it depends upon how many “private permitting options” are executed in FY24. The number of Private Permit options has been very low for Durham County but it is anticipated to increase in the future.

Summary of changes are: (a2) IP/CA (improvement permit/construction alteration) IP (currently \$250.00) up to 100%, CA (ranges from \$200.00 to \$525.00 depending on system type) up to 40%, IP+CA submitted together up to 40%. Engineered Option Permits (EOP) is currently \$150.00 and must be lowered to no more than \$35.00. Approved Onsite Wastewater Evaluator (AOWE) permit, newly created, charge can be no more than \$35.00.

Recommended Action: _____ Approve
 X Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
_____ Approve & forward to _____
_____ Accept as information
_____ Revise & schedule for future action
_____ Other (details): _____

Environmental Health Fee Changes Needed Per NCGA Session Law 2023-90***Effective September 1, 2023***

Division	Description	Current	Update	Comment
EH	Application for Improvement Permit - a(2) IP only	NA	\$ 250	New fee
EH	Construction Authorization Type I & II - a(2) CA only	NA	\$ 80	New fee
EH	Improvement Permit + Type I or II Construction Authorization - a(2)	NA	\$ 180	New fee
EH	Construction Authorization Type III (pump) - a(2) CA only	NA	\$ 140	New fee
EH	Improvement Permit + Type III (pump) Construction Authorization - a(2)	NA	\$ 240	New fee
EH	Construction Authorization Type IV/V/VI - a(2) CA only	NA	\$ 210	New fee
EH	Improvement Permit + Type IV/V/VI Construction Authorization - a(2)	NA	\$ 310	New fee
EH	Engineered Option Permit (aka EOP)	\$ 150	\$ 35	Established Fee
EH	Authorized On-Site Wastewater Evalutaor Permit (AOWE)	NA	\$ 35	New fee