



**SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP**

**FEE SCHEDULE**

**A. Single Family Subdivision - (detached single family on a single lot)**

<u>No. of Lots</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u>
1-5	\$340.00
6-15	520.00
16-30	700.00
Over 30	1,245.00

**NOTE: SINCE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP IMPLEMENTS SOIL EROSION CONTROL UNDER A STATE APPROVED ORDINANCE AND THE DISTRICT ONLY DOES REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION, PLEASE INSERT A NOTE ON THE SOIL EROSION PLAN THAT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER WILL RECEIVE 72-HOUR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE START OF LAND DISTURBANCE.**

**B. Multi-family Residential – (townhouse, condominium, apartments, duplexes)**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u>
5000 Sq.Ft.-1 Ac.	\$340.00
2-5 Ac.	520.00
6-25 Ac.	700.00
26-50 Ac.	970.00
Over 50 Ac.	1,060.00

**C. Site Plan – (commercial, industrial, parking lot, pipelines, utilities, roads, public facilities, land grading, quarrying, mining, landfills and demolitions)**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u>
5000 Sq.Ft.-1 Ac.	\$340.00
2-5 Ac.	520.00
6-25 Ac.	700.00
26-50 Ac.	970.00
Over 50 Ac.	1,060.00

\* Round off acres to the nearest whole number

**NOTE: All Certification Fees include a \$25.00 fee which represents a uniform statewide per application surcharge established by the State Soil Conservation Committee on Chapter 251 applications submitted to a N.J. Soil Conservation District. The fee will be used by the State Soil Conservation Committee to support program administration and is effective April 15, 2010.**

**D. Re-certification Fee**

A fee of \$90.00 per hour will be charged to review plans that have been revised since certification or the certification has expired. The inspection fee will also be reviewed in accordance with the current fee schedule and the difference, if any, between the fees held by the District and the current fee will be charged. The minimum time charged will be one hour.

**E. Resubmission Fee**

A fee of \$90.00 per hour will be charged to review plans that have been withdrawn or denied. The inspection fee will also be reviewed in accordance with the current fee schedule and the difference, if any, between the fees held by the District and current fee will be charged. Plans on which the fees have been refunded will be considered new applications and appropriate fees under the current fee schedule submitted. The minimum time charged will be one hour.

**F. Non-Compliance Fee**

An additional fee of \$180.00 per inspection will be assessed on those sites where additional inspections are required as a result of non-compliance with the approved plan. This also includes projects which have not notified the District of start of construction on which a Violation Notice has been issued, or for each additional inspection after a requested Report of Compliance inspection has been made. No Report of Compliance will be issued until all non-compliance fees assessed by the District are paid in full.

**G. Additional Fees For Projects Where the Original Fee Has Been Exhausted**

Where a project continues beyond the original certification period or where extraordinary review, inspections or other services have exhausted the original project fee payment, the District shall notify the applicant that additional fees shall be required.

Such additional fees shall, at the option of the District, be based upon: (1) the hourly rates for such required additional services as established in the approved District fee schedule or (2) based upon the current approved fees for the area, number of lots or other units remaining to be completed and stabilized with permanent measures to control soil erosion and sedimentation. The District shall, upon the applicant's request, provide an accounting of services provided which have resulted in the exhaustion of the original inspection and enforcement fee payment.

With respect to this policy, extraordinary means additional required project review and inspection related services which exceed those anticipated under fees previously paid and cannot be covered by that fee amount.

**H. Stop Construction Order Reimbursement Cost Fee**

In the event that a Stop Construction Order must be issued by the District in order to obtain compliance with the provisions of a soil erosion control plan and/or the N.J. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, Chapter 251, P.L. 1975, an additional fee to cover the reimbursement of legal, administrative and certification/inspection costs shall be charged. Such fees will be based upon current net hourly salary rates of applicable District officials and are calculated on the number of hours expended on the project in addition to any legal fees starting with the date of the Violation Notice. Net hourly salary means actual costs to the District and does not include public funds. All fees must be paid to the District within 14 days of the rescinding of the Stop Construction Order or the Order will be reinstated. The applicant will be notified by the District of the fee with cost documentation in writing.

I. **Plan Withdrawal Policy**

Upon written request by the applicant and approval by the Board of Supervisors, the unused portion of the certification fee and all inspection fees may be returned if the applicant withdraws the plan prior to certification. The portion of the certification fee refunded will be calculated by subtracting from the certification fee the current expense times the number of hours expended on the project.

If a request is made after certification has been obtained, the unused portion of the inspection fee may be returned. The amount will be calculated by subtracting from the inspection fee the current hourly expense times the number of hours expended on the project.

J. **Returned Check Charge**

A charge of \$35.00 will be assessed for any check which fails to properly clear through the bank. All work on the application will be stopped until all fees are paid.

Effective 3/1/2015