

Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: **01-672 MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION,**
Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: **Chapter 1, Fee Schedule**

TYPE OF RULE (*check one*): ☐ Routine Technical ☒ Major Substantive

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1 M.R.S. §408-A; 12 M.R.S. §§ 684, 685-B(2), 685-C(3)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Road, Brewer, Maine. The hearing will be conducted in hybrid format. Oral public comment on the proposed revisions will be accepted in-person or using the Microsoft Teams meeting platform. Information on how to access and participate in the hearing remotely will be posted at least seven days in advance of the hearing on the Commission's rulemaking webpage.

COMMENT DEADLINE:

Written comments must be submitted on or prior to September 2, 2025;
Written rebuttal comments must be submitted on or prior to September 16, 2025.

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)]
The Commission proposes revising Chapter 1 to simplify the application fee structure for residential development to address delays in the review process for residential permit applications.

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE? ___YES XNO [§8056(1)(B)]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)]

The proposed revisions will make it significantly easier for applicants and staff to calculate the applicable application fee for residential development permits. This is anticipated to reduce permit processing times for many residential building permit applications. While there is some variation in fee amounts between the proposed fee structure and the existing fee structure for some types of residential applications, the fee amounts overall are comparable to existing regulations.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE
(including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [*see* §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B]

Relevant information considered during development of the rule included data collected from the Commission's permitting records, Maine Revised Statutes, investigating the building permit fee schedules adopted by municipalities adjacent to the Commission's service area, and professional judgment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)]

None.

FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:
[see §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED
AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [see §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [see §8057-A(2)(C)]

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.