



**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-05**

Amendment to the 2009 Unified Fee Schedule

WHEREAS, the 2009 Unified Fee Schedule lists fees for the Executive Office: and,

WHEREAS, user fees are reviewed and adjustments are made to reflect market conditions, use, and cost of services; and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive is authorized by County Ordinance No. 2007-070 to make modifications to the Unified Fee Schedule by Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, BY VIRTURE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE March 24, 2009 THAT THE 2009 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE SHALL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEES TO BE LISTED UNDER THE HEADING OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Reference Number	Description of Fee/Charge	Current Fee	New Fee	Fee Note
Please see attached information				

Dated this 24th day of March, 2009.

Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive

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UFS #	Description	Rate	Rate Basis	Authorization	Reason
8245	Natural Resources Office Review	\$200	\$200 base up to 2 hours, then \$100/hr for each additional hour per application	WCC 16.16, 20, 23	Omitted Authorization 20, 23
2171	Repeat Permit Review: PDS Staff	\$100	Per Hour, 1/2 hour minimum	WCC 15.04.010, 16, 20, 21, 23	Omitted Authorization 23
2074	Hearing Examiner: Appeal - Other Admin Decisions to Hearing Examiner	\$750	Per Appeal; Set up file, review proposal, prepare staff report on initially submitted application and process resulting in initial uncontested decision; \$100/hr over 8 hrs	WCC 15, 16, 20, 21, 23	Omitted Authorization 23
8435	Critical Areas (CA) Variance/Reasonable Use Hearing Examiner application	\$2,000	Per application up to 15 hours then \$100/hour for each additional hour	WCC 16.16, 20	No change in fee. Add "Reasonable Use" to name of fee description.
8268	Grading Permit	\$500	\$500 up to 10,000 cubic yards then \$100 for each additional 10,000 cubic yards per application	WCC 20	No change in fee. Remove "application" from the name of the description. UFS 8264 is the application fee, this is the permit fee.
8269	Clearing Permit	\$300	\$300 for up to 5 acres then \$50 for each additional acre per application	WCC 20	No Change in fee. Remove "application" from the name of the description. UFS 8264 is the application fee, this is the permit fee.
8428	Records/Archiving	\$25	Per case except Mechanical, Plumbing, & Burn	WCC 15, 16, 20, 21 & 23	No Change in fee. Add WCC 23 to authorization so that fee can be collected on shoreline permits.
8295	Zoning Inspection Discretionary Fee	\$100	Per Inspection. Inspections required as conditions of discretionary permit approval	Unified Fee Schedule	Change Rate Basis from per application (\$160) to per inspection.
8246	Natural Resources Site Inspection, Grading, CPAL, Pre-Development Site Inspection	\$200	\$200 up to 2 hours, then \$100/hr over two hours.	WCC 16.16, 20, 23 & Unified Fee Schedule	No change in fee. Drop "For each Natural Resource Inspection" from description. CPAL review fee for a farm plan being prepared by an applicant or consultant outside of the technical assistance of Whatcom Conservation District.
8265	Critical Area (CA) Conservation Plan (CPAL) Review / Farm Plan Created Outside Whatcom Conservation District	\$300	\$300 up to three hours, then \$100/hr over three hours.	WCC 16.16	No change in fee. Change in description to include "Farm Plan Created Outside Whatcom Conservation District".

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UFS #	Description	Rate	Rate Basis	Authorization	Reason
8266	Critical Area (CA) Conservation Plan (CPAL) Site Inspection	Delete		WCC 16.16	Duplicative of 8246 Fee
8269	Clearing Permit Application	\$300	\$300 for up to 5 acres the \$50 for each additional acre per application.	WCC 20	Correct typo (450 to \$50)
8431	Critical Area (CA) Conservation Plan (CPAL) Review / Farm Plan Created with Whatcom Conservation District	\$100	Per farm plan, including site inspection.	WCC 16	No change in fee. Change in description to include "Critical Area (CA) Conservation Plan (CPAL) Review / Farm Plan Created with Whatcom Conservation District".
8435	Critical Areas (CA) Variance/Reasonable Use Hearing Examiner Application	\$2,000	Per application up to 15 hours then \$100/hour for each additional hour.	WCC 16.16, 20	No change in fee. Add "Reasonable Use" to description
8441	Natural Resources Written Notification Processing Fee	\$25	Per notification	WCC 16.16.235	No change in fee. Add "WCC 16.16.235" to Authorization
NEW	Docketing application fee	\$350	Per application	WCC 20	New fee for initial review of docketing application