

**CHEROKEE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
SECTION**

**FEE SCHEDULE
FOR SERVICES**

**EFFECTIVE
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Glossary of Terms

IP - Improvement Permit - This is the first thing that Environmental Health issues to an applicant for a septic tank system. It means that the site is suitable for the proposed house or building. Usually (>90%) the IP is done together with the CA but the IP can be issued separately.

CA - Construction Authorization - This is the second thing that Environmental Health issues to an applicant for a septic tank system. It is detailed analysis of the site for the proposed system. When the CA is issued, the applicant receives a design for the system to be constructed. The applicant and fee for CA includes the OP. Usually (>90%) the CA is done together with the IP, however if an IP is already issued then the CA is done separately. A CA cannot be issued unless an IP has already been issued or unless the IP is issued at the same time as the CA.

OP - Operating Permit - This is the last thing that Environmental Health issues. Immediately after the wastewater system is installed, it is inspected to be sure that the work was done correctly and according to the design. If the system is installed early in the house building process as is frequent, then the OP is not released to the owner until after the house is substantially complete. When the house is ready, then a final walk through of the side is done to make sure that construction done after approval of the wastewater system is in accordance with the design and that no damage has been done to the system. The cost of the OP is included in the fee for the CA.

Standard IP - This is the IP that is usually done (>95%). It is good for 5 years.

Eternal IP - This is an IP that is rarely done. It is good without expiration. It is more difficult and expensive to do. See the Procedures, Improvement Permit for 5 years versus without expiration and Sanitary Wastewater System Installation and Repair for more details.

Conventional Systems - Systems that are usually installed. All installers know how to install these systems. Type I-III, except IIIb are system types defined in the N.C. Administrative Code and are considered conventional systems.

Unconventional Systems - Systems that are installed in difficult areas. These systems are more expensive and not all installers know how to install these systems. Type IIIb, IV-VI are system types defined in the N.C. Administrative Code and are considered unconventional systems.

GPD - gallons per day.

Single Family Residential Wastewater System

Description	Valid for	Amount
1. Engineered Option Permit	5 yrs	\$35
2. Authorized Onsite Wastewater Evaluator Permit	5 yrs	\$35
3. Application for IP and/or CA accompanied with a Licensed Soil Scientist full report with soil evaluations and system design.	5 yrs	40% of standard application fee
4. Application for standard IP (conventional & no pump) 3 bedrooms or less (Type I - III, except IIIb)	5 yrs	\$600
5. Application for standard IP (conventional & no pump) 4 bedrooms (Type I - III, except IIIb)	5 yrs	\$650
6. Applications for standard IP (unconventional &/or pump)* 3 bedrooms or less (Type IIIb, IV - VI)	5 yrs	\$750
7. Applications for standard IP (unconventional &/or pump)* 4 bedrooms (Type IIIb, IV - VI)	5 yrs	\$800
*If at application it is unknown if a site requires a pump, then the initial application can be made for no pump and if it is determined after the site evaluation that a pump is required then the difference shall be paid.		
8. Application for standard IP for large system (conventional & no pump, Type I - III, except IIIb)	5 yrs	\$600 min + \$1/gpd flow >600 gpd
9. Application for standard IP for large system (unconventional &/or pump, Type IIIb, IV-VI) more than 4 bedrooms	5yrs	\$750 min + \$1/gpd flow >600 gpd
10. Application for non-expiring IP (any kind) *but not less than the fee would be for standard permit	non-expiring	\$1800*
11. Application for CA if done at same time as IP		free
12. Applications for CA done after IP (conventional & no pump) 3 bedrooms or less (Type I - III, except IIIb)		\$200
13. Application for CA done after IP (conventional & no pump)		\$200

4 bedrooms (Type I - III, except IIIb)

14. Application for CA done after IP (unconventional &/or pump) 3 bedrooms or less (Type I - III, except IIIb)	\$200
15. Application for CA done after IP (unconventional &/or pump) 4 bedrooms (Type IIIb, IV - VI)	\$200
16. Application for CA for large system (conventional & no pump, Type I - III, except IIIb) more than 4 bedrooms	\$600 min + \$1/gpd flow >600 gpd
17. Application for CA for large system (unconventional &/or pump, Type IIIb, IV-VI) more than 4 bedrooms	\$750 min + \$1/gpd flow >600 gpd
18. Fee reduction for simultaneous inspection of pump with all other components (tank & drainfield) To be rebated after OP is released	(\$150)
19. IP or CA transfer between different owners (new application processing)	\$20
20. Review and reissue of certain permits	\$600
<p>CAs expire after 5 years. If a CA was issued with a non-expiring IP, it must be reviewed and reissued if the 5 year life of the CA has passed. There will be \$600 fee for this service.</p> <p>Permits issued between July 1st, 1982 and September 30, 1994 may be eligible for renewal under the provisions of Sessions Law 1997 – 443. These permits must meet all requirements of that Law.</p>	
18. Reconnection to any existing system (If site is in mobile home park, every site in the park must be Inspected for signs of failure.)	\$300
19. Revisit fee if site is not ready for evaluation	\$75
20. Re-inspection fee if site not ready for system installation inspection	\$75
21. Periodic existing systems inspection	\$65.00/hr w/2 hour min.
22. Expansion of existing system 3 bedrooms or less 4 or more bedrooms	\$600 \$50 per bedroom

Commercial and Non-Single Family Residential Wastewater System

Description	Valid for	Amount
1. Engineered Option Permit	5 yrs	\$35
2. Authorized Onsite Wastewater Evaluator Permit	5 yrs	\$35
3. Application for Migrant House, including water sample.	1 yr	\$100
4. Application for IP and/or CA accompanied with a Licensed Soil Scientist full report with soil evaluations and system design.	5 yrs	40% of commercial application fee
5. Application for IP for Commercial & Residential Use other than single family An IP is needed for the system components that are used in common for a Multi-Family system. Each individual residence also needs an IP.	5 yrs	\$600 min + \$1/gpd flow >600 gpd
6. Application for CA if at same time as IP	Up to 5 yrs	free
7. Application for CA if done after IP already issued	5 yrs from date of IP issue	\$200

Well Program Fees

Description	Valid for	Amount
1. Application for New Well Permit	5 yrs	\$300
2. Application for New Repair Permit	5 yrs	\$150
3. Application for Well Abandonment Permit		\$100
8. Well Inspection Revisit Fee		\$75

Miscellaneous Fee Services

Description	Amount
1. Application Fee for Permit for Tattoo Artist (Application is by each individual artist)	\$500/year
2. Fee for Seasonal Public Swimming Pool Permit (Includes spas, wading pools)	\$150/season
3. Fee for Year Round Public Swimming Pool Permit (Includes spas, wading pools)	\$250/year
4. Re-inspection fee for Public Swimming Pools (Pool must be ready when inspection is requested or re-inspection fee will be charged)	\$75/trip
5. Permit Fee for Additional Pools at same site (Period is year or season as appropriate)	\$100/period
6. Initial Plan Review Fee for Public Swimming Pool (Includes spas, wading pools - one time fee)	\$200
7. Plan Review for Restaurant (For restaurants without plan review in Raleigh)	\$250
8. Plan Review of food stand (For food stands without plan review in Raleigh) There is no inspection fee for those food outlets normally associated with youth leagues, Scouts, school fund projects, religious organizations, or similar groups. Discretion beyond the above described groups shall be decided by the Environmental Health Supervisor.	\$100
9. Existing system inspection for restaurant to confirm on-site wastewater system meets size requirements	
No change in number of seats	Free
Increase in number of seats	\$100