

Rule L – Permit Fees

1 Policy

It is the determination of the Board of Managers that:

- 1.1 Charging a minimal permit application fee will increase public awareness of and compliance with District permitting requirements, and will reduce enforcement and inspection costs;
- 1.2 The public interest will benefit from inspection by District staff of certain large-scale projects in locations presenting particular risk to water resources to provide the Board of Managers with sufficient information to evaluate compliance with District rules and applicable law, and the District's annual tax levy should not be used to pay such costs; and
- 1.3 From time to time persons perform work requiring a permit from the District without a permit, and persons perform work in violation of an issued District permit. The Board of Managers determines that its costs of inspection and analysis in such cases will exceed the costs incurred where an applicant has complied with District requirements. The Board of Managers further concludes that its annual tax levy should not be used to pay costs incurred because of a failure to meet District requirements but rather such costs should be recovered from the responsible parties.

2 Requirement

The District will charge applicants permit fees in accordance with a schedule that will be maintained and revised from time to time by resolution of the Board of Managers to ensure that permit fees cover the District's actual costs of administrating and enforcing permits and the actual costs related to field inspections of permitted projects, such as investigation of the area affected by the proposed activity, analysis of the proposed activity, services of a consultant and any required subsequent monitoring of the proposed activity. Costs of monitoring an activity authorized by permit may be charged and collected as necessary after issuance of the permit. The fee schedule may be obtained from the District office or the District's web site at <http://www.rpbcd.org>. A permit applicant must submit the required permit fee to the District at the time it submits the relevant permit application. The fee provided for in this rule will not be charged to any agency of the United States or of any governmental unit or political subdivision of the State of Minnesota.