



St Joseph County

**Drain Commissioner Jeffery Wenzel**

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**FEE SCHEDULE**

**SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL  
 PERMIT, REVIEW & VIOLATIONS**

**PERMIT FEE REQUIREMENTS**

A land owner or developer who contracts for, allows or engages in an earth change in this County shall obtain a permit from the Soil Erosion Control Agent **prior to commencement of an earth change** which disturbs one or more acres of land or if the earth change is within 500 feet of a lake, river, stream, watercourse, or wetland of this County.

- Please allow **15** working days for review, inspection and issuance of permit
- If construction or earth change is started without a permit or continues without a permit, **the total fee will be doubled.**
- Select SESC Plans may require Professional engineering review. Costs incurred to be added to total fee and invoiced to property owner.
- A project of 5 or more acres will require a Bond, Surety, or Irrevocable Letter or credit.
  - First 5 acres..... \$5,000.00
  - Each additional acre or fraction thereof ..... \$1,000.00

**APPLICATION-PERMIT-INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE**

**RESIDENTIAL-SINGLE OR DUPLEX**

New residential building	\$125.00
Bldg. addition, improvement, pole building/garage, sanitary waste system, addition of beach sand on lakeshores, other related improvement	\$75.00

**SUBDIVISION OR PLAT UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

Plat developments, mobile home parks, multiple housing unit/apartments, etc.	1 acre - \$175.00
Each additional acre or fractional acre	\$35.00

**RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL**

New construction or site improvements including land balance, clearing, etc.	1 acre - \$125.00
Each additional acre or fractional acre	\$35.00

**SERVICE / GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

Sanitary landfills, airports, schools, shopping centers, office, etc.	1 acre - \$175.00
Each additional acre or fractional acre	\$35.00

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**TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Streets, highways, railroad, and mass transit facilities	1 mile - \$175.00
Each additional mile or fractional mile	\$35.00

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds, parks, trails, rest areas, etc.	1 acre - \$175.00
Each additional acre or fractional acre	\$35.00

**WATER IMPOUNDMENTS, WATERWAY, DRAIN CONSTRUCTION & OTHER WATER IMPROV.**

Seawalls, ponds, drains etc...	1 acre or 1 mile - \$125.00
Each additional acre/mile or fractional acre/mile	\$35.00

**UTILITIES**

Underground cables, conduit, pipelines, etc.	1 mile - \$175.00
Each additional mile or fractional mile	\$35.00

**OIL, GAS, & MINERAL WELLS**

Production operation / flow lines	1 mile - \$175.00
Each additional mile or fractional mile	\$35.00

**SITE EVALUATION / CONSULTATION**

Per hour - \$50.00

**4 - WORKING DAY SERVICE OPTION**

Per permit - \$60.00

**PERMIT EXTENSION**

Residential: One 6 month extension per permit, then new permit must be obtained	\$45.00
All Others: One 6 month extension per permit, then new permit must be obtained	\$100.00

**GRAVEL PITS / MINING**

2-year permit - \$250.00

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#### VIOLATIONS - FINES

##### RESIDENTIAL VIOLATIONS

Separate offenses	Fine	Single continuing offense	Fine
1st offense*	WARNING/\$75.00	1st: Notice of Violation*	\$75.00
2nd offense	\$150.00	2nd: Notice of Determination	\$150.00
3rd offense	\$225.00	3rd: Ticket issued; permit revoked**	\$225.00
*Minor violations will be issued a warning and Notice of Violation. Major violations; \$75.00 fine.		*After 5 days of non-compliance after receiving Notice of Violation, per Part 91 a minimum \$250 per day fine will be invoked.	
All corrected measure(s) required and corrective measure completeness will be ultimately left at the discretion of the soil erosion agent.		**Permit must be re-applied for with corresponding fees. A Bond letter must accompany application.	

##### COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL / RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT VIOLATIONS

Separate offenses	Fine	Single continuing offense	Fine
1st offense	WARNING/\$150.00	1st: Notice of Violation*	\$150.00
2nd offense	\$225.00	2nd: Notice of Determination	\$225.00
3rd offense	\$300.00	3rd: Ticket issued; permit revoked**	\$300.00
*Minor violations will be issued a warning and Notice of Violation. Major violations; \$150.00 fine.		*After 5 days of non-compliance after receiving Notice of Violation, per Part 91 a \$2500 per day fine will be invoked.	
All corrected measure(s) required and corrective measure(s) completeness will be ultimately left at the discretion of the soil erosion agent.		**Permit must be re-applied for with corresponding fees.	

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Permit will not be processed until fee is paid**
- Checks are to be made payable to "ST JOSEPH COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER"
- Permits are open for one year unless otherwise stated or permit is closed due to project completion.

*\*Approved by St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners May 15, 2012.*