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Abstract

Under the Catawba County Building Services Fee Schedule, the County provides owners of new construction with a rebate off of blanket permit fees if the structures achieve certification in a designated green building program. Catawba County, North Carolina, is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains which provide moderate winter temperatures and summer breezes. The County covers 405 square miles, consisting of 8 municipalities and an estimated population of over 150,000 inhabitants.

Under the fee schedule new structures are eligible for a 25% rebate from fees for meeting 1 of 5 different energy efficiency certifications. The five different energy certifications are: 1) USGBC Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification; 2) NC Healthy Built Home Certification; 3) USEPA Energy Star Certification; 4) National Association of Home Building (NAHB) Model Green Building Home Guideline Certification; 5) International Code Council (ICC)/NAHB National Green Building Standard Certification. Owners of existing structures can obtain a 50% rebate off permit fees for the installation of energy and water efficient systems.

Additionally, developers of new commercial buildings can receive a 50% rebate on plan review fees, once a third party inspection upon completion results in a finding that the structure fulfills the requirements for LEED Certification, Energy Star, and/or NC Healthy Built Homes.

Resource

Schedule J – Green Building Incentives *

New Structures	
Certification Agency	Incentive
USGBC Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)
NC Healthy Built Home Certification	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)
USEPA Energy Star Certification	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)
NAHB Model Green Building Home Guideline Certification	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)
ICC/NAHB National Green Building Standard Certification (Currently in development)	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)

Existing Structures- One & Two Family Dwellings				
Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$27.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

Existing Structures - Commercial Installations				
Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$50.00 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$25.00 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

Plan Review Fee Rebate Program*

Catawba County will rebate 50% of the fees related to plan review or express plan review for commercial buildings seeking LEED certification, Energy Star, and/or NC Healthy Built Homes.

*Regular fees must be paid in full at time of plan reviews or permit issuance. Fee rebates will be refunded upon project completion and certification by third party inspection agency.

****FEES WILL BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON ALL PERMITS WHEN ISSUED****