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# **COMAR 26.11.02.17 Fee Schedule: Permit to Construct**



**AQCAC meeting – June 6, 2016**

# Background

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- This action is part of the Governor's regulatory initiative to reduce fees for Maryland taxpayers and small businesses
- The total reduction or elimination of 155 fees across State agencies will save Marylanders \$12 million a year for a total of \$60 million over five years
- These fee reductions and eliminations are in addition to \$50 million in fees that State agencies reduced last year, as well as, \$270 million in toll reductions



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# Sources Affected

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- The purpose of this action is to reduce the permit to construct fees under COMAR 26.11.02.17 for the following sources:
  - ❖ Charbroilers and pit barbecues
  - ❖ Small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr



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# General Permit to Construct: Charbroilers and Pit Barbecues

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- The permit applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates a non-residential charbroiler or pit barbecue with a total cooking area that is greater than 5 square feet
- The one-time permit fee is currently \$200 per unit and this regulatory action will reduce the fee to \$100
- The Department averages 50 permits a year in this category. This will result in annual savings for Maryland taxpayers and businesses of \$5,100



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# General Permit to Construct: Small Fuel Burning Equipment

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- The permit applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr
- Fuel burning equipment is any boiler that has the primary function of producing hot air, hot water, or steam through indirect heat transfer from the burning of fuels
- This primarily affects small businesses and small schools and institutions. The one-time permit fee is currently \$500 per unit and this regulatory action will reduce the fee to \$400
- The Department averages 90 permits a year in this category. This will result in annual average savings for Maryland taxpayers and businesses of \$9,100



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# MDE Budget Review

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The Department is working on a strategic plan to address budget reductions while ensuring continued implementation of Clean Air Act programs over the next 10 years



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# Questions and Discussion

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