

880-X-8B-.07 Permit Fees.

Each application for a permit, and each application for a permit revision, renewal or transfer and each application for a coal exploration permit shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee consisting of a basic fee and an acreage fee. Applications for revisions to or transfers of a permit shall not require an additional acreage fee if no new acreage is added to the increment upon which operations are taking place. ~~The acreage fee shall be Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) per acre for each acre in a permit. This acreage fee shall be paid prior to the initiation of operations on the permit or on an increment if increments are used. The acreage fee shall not be paid for acreage in an increment on which the fee has been previously paid, except that in the case of renewals, this fee shall be paid on all bonded acreage covered by the renewal.~~

The basic fee for a permit application is Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); the basic fee for a coal exploration permit application is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (~~\$2,000.00~~\$2,500.00); the basic fee for a permit renewal application is ~~One Two~~ Five Hundred Dollars (~~\$1,000.00~~\$2,500.00); the basic fee for a permit transfer application is ~~Two Five~~ Hundred Dollars (~~\$200.00~~\$500.00); ~~and~~ the basic fee for a permit revision application involving only an incidental boundary revision is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); the basic fee for a permit revision application involving an insignificant alteration to the mining and reclamation plan is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00); and the basic fee for a permit revision application involving a significant alteration to the mining and reclamation plan is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

The initial acreage fee shall be Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per acre for each acre in a permit covered by a performance bond. The initial acreage fee shall be paid prior to the initiation of operations on the permit or on an increment if increments are used. In the case of permit renewals, the initial acreage fee shall be paid on all bonded acreage covered by the renewal.

Upon expiration of a permit, an annual acreage fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per acre shall be paid on an annual basis for each acre covered by a performance bond as of October 1st of the year. This annual acreage fee for expired permits shall be paid by December 31st of each year.

The above fee shall be deposited to the Alabama Surface Mining Fund, to be expended by the Commission for the purposes of reviewing, administering, inspecting, and enforcing the permit.

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