

Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry



BASIS STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

FOR THE REVISION OF

CHAPTER 1: FEE SCHEDULE

April 8, 2026

Finally Adopted

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1 M.R.S. § 408-A
12 M.R.S. § 684
12 M.R.S. § 685-B(2)
12 M.R.S. § 685-C(3)

FACTUAL AND POLICY BASIS FOR THE RULE AMENDMENT:

Pursuant to 12 M.R.S. § 685-C(3), the Maine Land Use Planning Commission has adopted rules to establish a schedule of reasonable fees for the administration of this Chapter. Pursuant to 12 M.R.S. § 685-C(3), amendments to the Commission's fee schedule are major substantive rules as defined in 5 M.R.S. § 8071(3).

General Provisions, Chapter 1 of the Commission's rules, establish a fee schedule for a variety of services offered by the Commission or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed revisions aim to simplify the application fee structure for residential development, while retaining some equity based on project size and scope. Revisions also include clerical edits.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

At a meeting conducted on July 9, 2025, the Commission voted to post the proposed Chapter 1 rulemaking revisions to a public hearing and comment period. Legal notice was posted in the State's consolidated Weekly Rulemaking Notice on July 23, 2025. In addition to the legal notice, the Commission posted notice by e-mail through the State's GovDelivery system to all individuals wishing to be contacted regarding any proposed changes to the Commission's rules or regarding any hearing conducted by the Commission. Notice of the proposed revisions was also posted on the

agency's rulemaking webpage. A public hearing was held on August 13, 2025. No comments were offered at the hearing.

The record remained open until September 2, 2025, to allow interested persons to file written comments with the Commission, and for an additional 14 days until September 16, 2025, to allow interested persons to file written rebuttal comments.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES:

No oral comments were provided at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted during the comment period.