

EMPLOYMENT OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS
and Establishment of Reasonable Fees
 (Approved at Public Hearing 2/12/2008)

Authority

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) derives its authority for the establishment consultant fee accounts from M.G.L. Chapter 44 (Municipal Finance), section 53G as most recently amended September 26, 2007. The ZBA’s principal authority with respect to the employment of outside consultants and the establishment of reasonable fees derives from M.G.L.40A, s. 12, which establishes the town’s Zoning Board of Appeals and which is the applicable reference in M.G.L. CH.44, s. 53G.

When the ZBA acts in its capacity as an appeals board for the granting of variances, administrative appeals or Special Permits, the board is empowered to do so under M.G.L. 40A, s. 14; and as Siteplan Review Board by authority of the Town of Becket Zoning By-Laws as most recently revised (July 2007).

Rules for the establishment and administration of consultant fee accounts can be found in ADDENDUM TO ZONING BYLAWS, “Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch CH 44, s. 53G and as recently amended 26 September 2007.

APPROVED (2/12/08) fee schedule for Site Plan Review: (cf. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNTS)

<u>Fee Structure</u>	<u>Minimum Fees</u>
...[...]... (existing)	
Other special use/specific	2,500.
<u>Add the following (2/12/08):</u>	
<u>Site Plan Review:*</u>	
Commercial, industrial-less than 5 acres	500.-
Commercial, industrial- less than 10 acres	1,500.-
Commercial, industrial-more than 10 acres	2,500.-
Residential	250.-
Institutional exempt uses (G.L. 40A, s.3) and certain municipal uses	
Less than 10 parking places	300.-
More than 10 parking places	30.- per parking place

* Please refer to **Table A: Table of Use Regulations** for specific instances where Site Plan Review is described.

Dimensional Special Permit

Similar categories as outlined above under Siteplan Review.

G. (This section, already in existence, establishes procedures in case “Minimum Fees” are insufficient.)

