RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP BERKS COUNTY, PA

SCHEDULE OF FEES

I. Applications to the Planning Commission:

At the time a permit application is submitted, the Township will require a minimum, non-refundable fee to satisfy the direct and indirect costs associated with processing the application. Additionally, an escrow deposit to secure reimbursement of consultants' fees shall be established (see III. C below) in all applications for subdivision and land development plan approval. All professional consultant review and inspection fees will be billed in accordance with the ordinary and customary charges of the Township's professional consultants. The applicant shall, prior to Township approval of the Final Plan, satisfy all outstanding professional consultant review fees incurred in reviewing plans/reports. No development or subdivision plan will be released for recording unless all fees have been paid in full.

Type of Application	Amount of Non-refundable

Filing Fee

Minor Subdivision or Annexation Plans \$1,500.00

Sketch Plan (Residential) \$750.00

Sketch Plan (Commercial) \$1,000.00

Preliminary Plans

Residential \$2,500.00 (up to 10 lots)

plus, lot or dwelling unit fee

Commercial/ Industrial/ Non-Residential \$3,000.00 (up to 5 acres)

Plus \$200 per additional acre or part thereof

Final Plans

Residential \$2,500.00 (up to 10 lots)

plus, lot or dwelling unit fee

Commercial/ Industrial/ Non-Residential \$3,000.00 (up to 5 acres)

plus, \$100 per additional acre or part thereof

Lot or dwelling unit fee as follows:

11 or mor units (each) \$75.00

Revision to Plan of Record \$1,100.00

II. Applications to Zoning Officer

Zoning Officer/Preliminary Determination Fee: Any request for a preliminary determination or preliminary opinion shall result in the payment of a fee in the amount of the hourly rate of the Zoning Officer (see Appendix A), as required to review such request and issue such determination/opinion, in addition to the costs of advertising and posting any notices required for the same.

III. Applications to the Zoning Hearing Board:

Variances, Special Exceptions, and Appeals:

Single Residential Property \$900.00**

Commercial and Multi-Family

Residential Property \$1,400.00**

Industrial \$1,600.00**

**Plus \$300.00 per each Additional Session of Testimony.

Challenges to Validity of an Ordinance \$1,500.00

IV. Applications to the Board of Supervisors:

A. Conditional Use Application

Single Residential Property \$900.00**

Commercial and Multi-Family

Residential Property \$1,400.00**

Industrial \$1,600.00**

B. Curative Amendment/Zoning Text Amendment \$1,000.00 \$2,500.00 (Applicant is required to replenish escrow account for each and every \$1,000 of escrow drawn to cover expenses incurred. Any unused portion of the total Escrow charged to any applicant will be returned to the applicant. This refund will be made only after final action has been taken.)

C. Advance Escrow Deposit of Consultants' Review Fees

Applicant shall, upon submission of a subdivision and/or land development application, be required to establish a cash escrow to guarantee reimbursement of all professional consultant review fees or other costs incurred by the Township in reviewing said plans. Any amount not expended will be returned to the Applicant upon final approval of the plan, and payment of all outstanding professional consultant review fees.

^{**}Plus \$300.00 per each Additional Session of Testimony.

Developer shall establish the escrow in the initial amount of \$5,000 or ten percent (10%) of the anticipated cost of plan review, whichever is less, to be held by the Township, in the name of the Township, at a financial institution of the Township's choice (known as the "Professional Consultants' Review Fees Escrow"). Contemporaneous therewith, Applicant shall execute a Cash Escrow Agreement at the time of application in form and substance acceptable to the Township. While Developer agrees to remit payment to the Township for all Professional Consultants' Review Fees as the same become due and owing in a timely manner, in the event the Developer fails to do so the Township may draw down upon the cash escrow to reimburse the Township to be utilized by the Township to pay all such Professional Consultants' Review Fees. Developer shall then be required to replenish the Professional Consultants' Review Fees Escrow to the full amount referenced above. Developer shall not be permitted to request a reduction of the Professional Consultants' Review Fees Escrow in order to satisfy its obligations to pay contractors or subcontractors performing the work related to the improvements, nor shall the Township be required to authorize the reduction of the Professional Consultants' review Fees Escrow for such costs.

In unique circumstances, as determined exclusively by the Board of Supervisors, the Township may agree to modify the amount of the escrow deposit required by this Resolution, upon receipt of a written request from an Applicant.

D. Advance Escrow Deposit of Consultants' Inspection Fees

Upon approval of the subdivision and/or land development plan, and prior to the commencement of construction of a subdivision and/or land development project, the Township Engineer shall recommend an amount to be escrowed after the review and approval of the project's Opinion of Probable Cost to cover the anticipated cost of construction observation and related administrative responsibilities, and said amount shall be included as a line item in the Financial Security Agreement associated with the subdivision and/or land development. This amount shall not be greater than seven percent (7%) of the subtotal of the Opinion of Probable Cost. Concurrently, the Applicant shall establish a cash escrow account with the Township in an amount equal to the amount not less than seven percent (7%) of the subtotal of the Opinion of Probable Cost, whichever is less, unless otherwise specified by the Township Engineer (known as the "Professional Consultants' inspection Fees Escrow").

While Developer agrees to remit payment to the Township for all Professional Consultants' Inspection Fees as the same become due an doing in a timely manner, in the event the Developer fails to do so, the Township may draw down upon the cash escrow to reimburse the Township to be utilized by the Township to pay all such Professional Consultants' Inspection Fees. Developer shall than be required to replenish the Professional Consultants' Inspection Fees Escrow to the full amount referenced above. Developer shall not be permitted to request a reduction of the Professional Consultants' Inspection Fees Escrow in order to satisfy its obligations to pay contractors or subcontractors performing the work related to the improvements, nor shall the Township be required to authorize the reduction of the Professional Consultants' Inspection Fees Escrow for such costs.

In unique circumstances, as determined exclusively by the Board of Supervisors, the Township may agree to modify the amount of the escrow deposit required by this Resolution, upon receipt of a written request from an Applicant.

V. Applications to the Board of Appeals:

(Under UCC Building and Fire Prevention Codes)

\$200.00 plus costs

VI. Applications for Building and Systems Permits:

(It is required that a Permit Fee shall be paid at the time a permit application is submitted; said fee to be calculated by the Township. If after the application, it is determined that the fee is higher due to methods used to calculate the fees, the applicant shall be required to pay the difference before the permit is issued. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the inspectors at the required times.)

A. Calculation of Fees

1. Square Foot Basis

The square footage shall be calculated based on the out-to-out dimensions of the building structure and shall include all areas, whether finished or unfinished, that have a minimum headroom on 7'-6" or are finished as habitable space including, but not limited to, basements, bays, hallways, stairways, utility rooms, storage rooms, lobbies, attached garages, detached garages, foyers and attics.

2. Certificate of Use and Occupancy

The Fee for a Certificate of Use and occupancy is in addition to the Building Permit Fee(s) and payment is required at the time the Building Permit is issued. See Section V. §F. <u>CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY</u> for a listing of when the permit is required.

3. <u>Multiple Permits</u>

When a single project consists of multiple buildings or structures, accessory building, or structures, and/or signs, separate application and permits shall be required for each building, structure, and/or sign.

4. Plan Review Fees

The building permit fee will include one (1) review of building plans and related documentation. Fees for additional reviews required due to revisions to the original plans and/or related documentation will be invoiced to the permit holder as detailed in Section V. §H

5. Inspection Fees

The building permit fee will include one (1) round of inspections for each of the following items footing, foundation, rough framing, energy, wallboard, and final. The permit holder will be responsible for scheduling inspections with the Township's Building Inspector. The fees for any re-inspections required due to the item failing initial inspection will be invoiced to the permit holder as detailed in Section V. §H.

The following construction activities or structures are not regulated under Act 45 (Building Code) However, they shall require a Zoning Permit.

Section A – Zoning Permits

1. The following structures if the structure has a building area less than 600 square feet, and is accessory to a detached one- or two-family dwelling, and multi-family dwelling units:

	awen	ing units.	
	a.	Detached Carport	\$95.00
	b.	Detached private garage less than 600 sq. ft.	\$95.00
	c.	Greenhouse	\$95.00
	d.	Sheds and gazebos less than 150 sq. ft. Sheds and gazebos between 151 sq. ft. to 600 sq. ft.	\$75.00 \$95.00
2.		gricultural Building(s), irrespective of size, as and by Act 45 Section 103	\$95.00
3.		vered decks and patios, with a floor height " or less above finished grade	\$95.00
4.		s that are no more than 6'0" in height cultural fencing is exempt)	\$75.00
5.	chang	ace of a Use and Occupancy Permit for a e of use of an existing building to a r type use, with no structural alterations	\$140.00
6.	Signs		
	a. I	Residential Home Occupation or Home Related Business	\$75.00
	b. (Commercial Non-structural replacement or repair of an existing sign	\$95.00

Building Permits are required for the following, with the fees set as follows:

All residential buildings and structures over 600 sq. ft. and addition(s) to any principal building require a building permit, see Section A. A state mandated fee of \$4.50 is charged to the applicant for issuance of building permit.

Section A – Residential

1. New one- and two-family dwelling unit, multiple family dwelling unit, or similar residential structure; fee shall be computed on a square foot basis as measured out-to-out of the structure, and shall include basements, bays, storage rooms, lobbies, attached garages, foyers, and attics that have a minimum of 6-foot headroom

\$100.00 plus \$0.40 per sq. ft. of floor area

2. Additions, attached and detached structures accessory to a residential dwellings to include roofed porches. \$100.00 plus \$0.40 per sq. ft. of floor area (min. bldg. fee \$395.00)

3. Manufactured Housing Units (inspection of basements, piers, footers and final inspection is required).

\$395.00 plus electrical inspection

4. Alterations, renovations, or modifications of existing buildings or structures to include but not limited to: uncovered decks and patios with a floor height greater than 30" above finished grade.

\$100.00 plus \$0.40 per sq. ft. of floor area (min. bldg. fee \$235.00)

5. Miscellaneous Structures

\$100.00 plus review and inspection fees Structure to include but not limited to

- Communication towers or antennas
- Retaining Walls (over 4' in height)
- Alternative energy systems

Plan review/re-reviews

Inspections to include electrical, if needed

\$59.50 per hour \$95.00 per insp. as determined by inspector

6. Demolition Permit:

a. Residential and detached accessory structure

\$90.00

7. Swimming Pools and spas:

a. Above ground (pools capable of holding 24 inches or more of water) includes (2) inspections

\$275.00

b. In-ground

Includes (3) inspections

\$475.00

8. Re-inspection \$95.00/inspection

9. Re-review \$59.50/ hour

*Permit Conditions

When scheduling inspections, the contractor must ensure he/she has completed all items necessary for the inspection. Should the Building Inspector be required to make additional inspections, a fee of \$95.00 will be due to defray the cost of the inspection. The entire fee must be paid prior to the inspection.

Section B - Commercial

1. Commercial, Industrial, Institutional Buildings

a. First \$1,000.00 of project cost* \$100.00
 b. Each additional \$1,000.00 or part \$9.75

thereof

c. Plan review and Accessibility \$87.50 per hour

plan review fee

d. Accessibility inspectionse. Minimum building permit fee\$405.00

2. Review of revisions to

Previously approved plans \$87.50 per hour

 Additions, alterations, renovations, or modification of existing buildings or structures

a. First \$1,000.00 of project cost* \$100.00

b. Each additional \$1,000.00 or part

thereof \$9.75

c. Plan review and Accessibility

plan review fee \$87.50 per hour

d. Accessibility inspectionse. Minimum building permit fee\$405.00

4. Special Structures to include, \$100.00 plus review and inspection fees

but not limited to towers, storage, tanks, cell tower, retaining walls (over 4' in height) and commercial signs

a. Plan review \$87.50 per hour

b. Inspection fee \$95.00 per inspection as determined by inspector

5. Demolition Permit:

a. Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and

detached accessory structures \$180.00

*Permit Conditions

When scheduling inspections, the contractor must ensure he/she has completed all items necessary for the inspection. Should the Building Inspector be required to make additional inspections, a fee of \$95.00 will be due to defray the cost of the inspection. The entire fee must be paid prior to the inspection.

Plumbing/ Mechanical/ HVAC (each system is a separate permit with separate fees)

a.	Residential	Permit
а.	residential	1 CIIIIII

1.	Administration	\$25.00
2.	Plan Review	\$59.50 / hour
3.	Inspection	\$100.00 / each
4.	Re-Inspection	\$95.00

b. Commercial Permit

1.	Administration	\$50.00
2.	Plan Review	\$59.50 / hour
3.	Inspection	\$100.00 / for
	First \$1,000 of project cost	
	for Each \$1,000 thereafter	\$9.75
4.	Re-inspection	\$95.00
5.	Minimum Permit Charge of	\$275.00

Electrical (each system is a separate permit with separate fees)

a. Residential Permit

1. Ad	ministration	\$25.00
2. Pla	n Review	\$59.50 / hour
3. Ins	pections	
i.	Service	\$100.00 each
ii.	Rough	\$100.00 each
iii.	Final	\$100.00 each
4. Re-	-Inspection	\$95.00

b. Commercial Permit

1.	Administration	\$50.00
2.	Plan Review	\$59.50 / hour
3.	Each Inspection	\$100.00 / for
	First \$1,000 of project cost	
	for Each \$1,000 thereafter	\$9.75
4.	Re-Inspection	\$95.00
5.	Minimum Permit Charge of	\$275.00

ACT 167 Storm Water Plan Review

- 1. If Act 167 Storm Water submission is made concurrently with a Land Development Plan, Fee is included with the fee for application to the Planning Commission.
- 2. \$250.00, if applicable, applied to the engineering review. Applicant shall be billed additional costs incurred if filing fee is exceeded.

Flood Plain Review

Administration Fee for review of Floodplain Submittals:

\$75.00

Posting of Permits

The Building Permit Placard shall be visibly posted on the site of operations during the entire time of construction. (Zoning Ordinance Section 702.4)

Expiration of Permits

- 1. Building/Structure Permits Construction must begin within six (6) months from permit issuance. An extension may be requested, in writing, to commence construction or continue suspended construction for just cause. The Permit shall expire five (5) years from the date of issuance.
- 2. Sign Permits All Sign Permits granted shall remain valid for a period of six (6) months. If, by the expiration of such time, the applicant has failed to erect the sign, or undertaken a significant portion of the work thereof, the Permit shall expire and a new Sign Permit shall be required. (Zoning Ordinance Section 704.6).

Logging/Timber Harvesting Review

1. Ten (10) harvested acres or less –
Review and one (1) Site Inspection Review/Inspection Fee:

\$200.00

2. More than ten (10) harvested acres – Review and three (3) Site Inspections Review/Inspection Fee:

\$450.00

3. Cost of bond as determined by the Township Engineer or Zoning Officer If applicable per the Zoning Ordinance No. 239 Section 506 and Ordinance Amendment 249. Applicant shall be billed additional costs incurred during the Bonding determination if the review/inspection fee is exceeded.

Fire Prevention Code Application:

New construction/ renovations involving commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities that require a Fire Prevention Code Permit will pay a fee equal to 50% of the building permit fee for the Fire Prevention Code Permit Fee.

The minimum charge for any Fire Prevention Code Permit is

\$70.00

Inspection of Fuel Oil Tanks and All Other Permits:	\$70.00
Burning Permit Fee (good for 15 days):	\$10.00
Hourly Rate for Fire Marshall Plan Reviews	\$59.50
Explosives/Fireworks Permit (Ordinance 309)	\$500.00
Soliciting Permits:	\$50.00

Driveway and Highway Occupancy Permits:

Permit Fee	\$75.00***
Inspection Fee	\$100.00***

Highway Occupancy Permits will also have an escrow amount established and the Amount is to be determined by the Township Engineer. This escrow will be used to make all necessary repairs deemed necessary by the Township Engineer and not performed by the applicant. Engineering costs will also be paid out of the escrow account.

***270 Square Feet or Less Plus \$10.00 per additional 100 square feet or part thereof

Sidewalk Permits

A.	New	\$35.00
B.	Repair	No Charge

Sewage Permits

A. Repair Permit

\$275.00

The installation or replacement of the following components (not requiring soil testing): Examples: tank(s), distribution box, building sewer, delivery, and lateral pipes, pump replacement. (included permit and one inspection).

B. Modification Permit

\$155.00

The installation or replacement of the following components (not requiring soil testing): Examples: Tank baffle/gas deflector, cracked lid, Inspection port, effluent filter, lateral clean-out, floats tank riser(s). (Includes permit and one inspection).

C. In-ground Permit

\$450.00

(includes design review, issuing permit, and 3 installation inspections) See Note 1

D. Sand-mound Permit and Alternate At-Grad Bed Permit

\$565.00

(includes design review, issuing permit, and 4 installation inspections) See Note 1

E. Individual Residential Spray Irrigation System (IRSIS)

\$595.00

(includes design review, issuing permit, and 4 installation inspections) See Note 1

F. All other Alternate Sewage Disposal System Permits

\$595.00

(Initial review, application of "Best Technical Guidance" and additional PADEP requirements, issuance of permit, and 4 installation inspections. Note: It is impossible to assess a fixed "fee" to these systems due to the subjective nature of

the design. Applicants shall be assessed an initial fee, assuming a minimum permit standard, and then charged at an hourly rate for work required beyond this permitted activity.

\$195.00
\$90.00
\$185.00
\$60.00/ hr
\$95.00
\$60.00

All permit related fees are required prior to issuing permit. If additional fees are applicable, they must be paid prior to final inspection.

Note 1: The applicant shall be charged for any work performed outside the permitted scope of work outlined in this fee schedule at the hourly rate of \$60.00. These charges shall be restricted to plan reviews resulting from the applicant's agent's failure to comply with PADEP regulations.

G. Fees for Soil Testing

1.	Initial 2 Probes	\$210.00
2.	Additional Probes	\$90.00
3.	Percolation tests (6-hole perc test)*	\$600.00
	Percolation test (12-hole perc test)*	\$785.00
4.	Other SEO Work (hourly rate)	\$60.00

^{*}Percolation test fee includes digging, presoak of the percolation holes and conducting percolation test.

The applicant is responsible to provide reasonable access to percolation test site as approved by the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Additional charges to the applicant may be assessed if excessive rock is encountered during preparing percolation holes.

Additional SEO work (hourly rate) including, but not limited to the following: administrative work, recording soil testing data, site layout of percolation test area, planning module review(s) and Township submittals.

The applicant is responsible for all mileage charges incurred for all sewage enforcement activities (including soil testing). Mileage charges will be billed at the prevailing IRS mileage rate.

Books, Ordinances, and Maps for Sale:

1.	Zoning Ordinance	\$25.00
2.	Zoning Ordinance (CD Version)	\$10.00
3.	Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance	\$20.00
4.	Zoning Map (small	\$5.00
5.	Zoning Map (large)	\$20.00
6.	Stormwater Ordinance	\$10.00
7.	Block Range Map	\$5.00

Reimbursement for Expenses Incurred

When the Township incurs expenses that are reimbursable to the Township, such as for site inspections, consultations, attendance at meetings, and other actions performed by contactors to the Township (i.e. Engineer, Planner, Technical Advisors, Solicitor, etc.; see Appendixes) or for material costs or labor costs incurred by the Township, Caernarvon Township will invoice the responsible party for the cost of the expenses incurred plus an administrative fee of up to \$10.00 to cover administrative costs and fees. Travel charges will be charged at the prevailing IRS Mileage Rate.

Photocopying

Photocopying of Records/Documents	\$0.25 per page
Certified Copies	\$5.00

Research Time

Research time to search for archived documents or specifics in meeting minutes or Township records (when allowed per Act 3). \$35.00 per hour

Interest

Interest at the rate of $\frac{1 \frac{1}{2} \% \text{ per month } (18\% \text{ per year})}{2}$ will be added to all invoices that are overdue to the Township in excess of thirty (30) days.

Interest rate of 10% per annum shall be added on all unpaid account balances subject to the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law

Flood Plain Reviews

Flood Plain Reviews not covered by subdivision applications, land development applications or building permit applications will be performed by the Township engineer at the rate of **\$80.00 per hour plus expenses** billable to the applicant. This is in addition to the Administrative Fee listed above (V. §K)

Accidents Reports

Copies of accident reports for accidents occurring in and reported by the Caernarvon Township, Berks County Police Department will cost \$15.00 each.

Fingerprinting

The cost of fingerprinting a person will be \$25.00 for those persons requiring fingerprinting for non-criminal purposes.

Mailing

The charge for mailing requested items other than those that can be mailed in a regular first class stamped envelope will be \$5.00

Photograph Reproduction

The cost of reproducing photographs by the Police Department will be the actual reproduction costs plus the normal mailing fee.

Maintenance Department Labor

Labor to be expended by the Maintenance Department for accident clean-up or for lawn cutting will be charged at the rate of \$100.00 per hour to include up to three persons and one piece of equipment (either a pick-up truck or mower).

Returned Checks

When checks are returned to the Township or to any other municipal entity or official, for any reason, a fee of \$30.00 will be charged to the person submitting the check.

Building Code Board of Appeals

The application fee for those wishing a hearing before the Building Code Board of Appeals will be charged a fee of \$200.00 plus costs.

Act 537 Plan Part "B"

Copies of the 2005 issue of the Caernarvon Township Act 537 Plan Part "B" will be available through the Township Office for a fee of \$175.00 plus mailing.

Tax Certifications

A charge of \$40.00 will be made for tax certifications provided by the Tax Collector. Checks for this service will be made payable directly to the current Tax Collector.

Duplicate Tax Bills

A charge of \$7.00 will be made for duplicate tax bills that must be sent directly to mortgage institutions or any other requestor, other than the property owner, by the Tax Collector. Checks for this service will be made payable directly to the current Tax Collector.

Park and Pavilion Rental

A. The fee for the rental of the pavilion at the Caernarvon-Friendship Township Park will be \$100.00 per day plus a security deposit of \$100.00. Organized groups must also provide to the Township a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming Caernarvon Township as an "additional insured". The rental will be limited to the use of the pavilion and the open areas for non-commercial use and will be limited to the use of the buildings or the ball field other than the pavilion.

Please Note: Rental of the Caernarvon-Friendship Township Park Stage is \$250.00 per day which includes rental of the pavilion area. Insurance Certificate, security deposit, and Facility Rental Agreement required.

B. The fee for the use of Athletic Fields (i.e. Ball fields, Recreation Facilities, Soccer Fields, etc.) that will be used for **large organized events** (i.e. use will entail having large numbers of individuals present, making use of facilities, restrooms, portable toilets, water, sewer, etc.) shall be \$400.00 per day plus a refundable security deposit of \$1,000.00 (refund only after the Township verifies that trash, debris, graffiti, etc. has been cleaned up). All groups wishing to make use of this permit must also provide to the Township a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming Caernarvon Township as an "additional insured".

For residents, a \$50.00 damage deposit will be required along with a signed Hold Harmless Waiver Form.

All rentals will be approved by the Board of Supervisors, or their representative.

The Friendship Park Pavilion rental will be limited to the use of the pavilion and the open areas for non-commercial use and will not include the use of the buildings or the ball field other than the pavilion.

C. The fee for the use of the Township Social Hall is regulated by the Caernarvon Township Social Hall Rental Agreement.

These fees may be amended from time to time by the Caernarvon Township Board of Supervisors as they may see fit.

Adopted as Resolution 2024-03 at the Township Reorganizational Meeting held on

DULY ENACTED THIS 2nd day of January 2024, by the Supervisors of Caernarvon Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

	CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP
	BY:
	Chairperson
ATTEST: Township Secretary	