

Board of Adjustment Fee Comparison

- Dewey: \$500
- Lewes: \$1,250
- Rehoboth: \$1,000
- Bethany:
 - Basic Application: \$500
 - Application Requiring Town Solicitor Review: \$1,000
 - Application Requiring Town Solicitor & Court Stenographer: \$2,000
- South Bethany: \$1,500
- Fenwick Island:
 - Basic Application: \$1,500
 - Application Requiring Town Solicitor & Court Stenographer: \$2,500 (2 hour max, \$500 per additional hour)
- Henlopen Acres: \$1,500 base, \$750 for each additional variance or special exception



ORDINANCE NO _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 93, FEES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE TO REVISE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FEE.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach first established a Board of Adjustment application fee in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the proper handling of these applications requires a considerable amount of staff time, legal counsel, and public notice costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners find it appropriate to increase the Board of Adjustment application fee to compensate for the costs associated with the preparation and administration of these hearings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

Section 1. Amend Section 93-1 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

G. Request for variance, special exception, appeal, or interpretation requiring Board of Adjustment action: ~~\$500.~~ **\$1,000.**

Section 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on this 19th day of January, 2024.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases the cost of the Board of Adjustment application fee.

William Stevens, Mayor

Bill Zolper, Town Manager