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Construction Fees

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SECTION 1. For the privilege of pursuing construction activities in counties of this State having a population of not less than 25,260 nor more than 25,270 according to the 1960 Federal Census or any subsequent Federal Census and as an incident for the obtaining of privilege licenses by all building contractors, electricians and plumbers, as provided by Section 67-4203, Tennessee Code Annotated, including those persons engaged in the construction of septic tanks and disposal fields, all such contractors as designated aforesaid shall, at the time of the purchasing of the usual privilege license and prior to entering into such construction, purchase and obtain, where in all instances septic tank and sewage disposal systems are to be installed, from the County Court Clerk a privilege permit, with the cost of such permit to be set on the basis of fifty cents (50¢) per \$1,000.00 total construction costs. Further, prior to engaging in such construction where septic tanks and sewage disposal systems are to be installed, a percolation report must be obtained and approved by the County Health Department of the county to which this Act applies, and the site for such construction must be surveyed and otherwise approved by said Department.

SECTION 2. The tax herein levied shall be collected by the County Court Clerk of the counties to which this Act applies, and the revenue derived therefrom shall be paid into the General Fund of the county for the use and benefit of said county, and any expenses incident to the collection of said taxes shall be paid from the County General Fund.

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any incorporated municipality within the counties to which this Act applies which maintains its own system of permit fees on new construction.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 175

SECTION 3. This Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by two-thirds vote of the Quarterly County Court of any county to which it may apply, on or before the next regular or special meeting of said Quarterly County Court after its approval by the Governor or after its otherwise becoming a law. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve, or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. This Act shall be effective from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it; but the provisions hereof shall not become operative until validated as provided by Section 3.

Passed: March 14, 1968.

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