

(c) (1) (i) A county board of health may establish a permit fee to defray county expenses in inspecting wells, collecting water samples, and issuing certificates of potability.

(ii) For an interim certificate of potability, a county board of health shall accept initial test results prepared by a private State certified laboratory.

(2) (i) The fee may be charged before a permit required under § 9-1306 of this subtitle is issued.

(ii) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE fee may not exceed \$160 per well or \$160 per cluster of wells to be used exclusively to transfer heat to or from the ground or groundwater.

**(III) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ONLY;**

**1. SUBJECT TO ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE FEE CHARGED SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST OF INSPECTING WELLS, COLLECTING WATER SAMPLES, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF POTABILITY BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH; AND**

**2. FOR A WELL DRILLED TO REPLACE AN EXISTING WELL THE FEE CHARGED SHALL BE NO MORE THAN 50% OF THE FEE AS CALCULATED UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.**

(3) A permit shall be issued within a reasonable period of time after receipt of the application and shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance by the approved delegated permitting authority.

(d) A county board of health may waive a fee for a well that is drilled to replace a well not in conformity with the regulations adopted under § 9-1305 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 24, 2008.