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Dear Neighbors, Partners, and Community Stakeholders,

I am writing to share an important update regarding Environmental Health permitting fees at AppHealthCare, effective July 1, 2026.

After careful review, our county partners have determined that permitting fees should reflect a greater share of the direct cost of delivering Environmental Health services — reducing reliance on general tax funding while ensuring these essential programs remain fully supported and accessible. This shift in how local public health services are financed reflects a deliberate policy direction by county leadership, and AppHealthCare is committed to implementing it thoughtfully.

As a result, fees for Environmental Health permits — including those related to on-site wastewater (septic), drinking water wells, and other regulated programs — will be updated to reflect this new structure. An updated fee schedule is available at www.apphealthcare.com or upon request at any of our offices.

We recognize that for realtors, builders, and others who work closely with our permitting programs, changes like this matter for planning and budgeting. Our Environmental Health team is here to answer your questions, walk through the new fee structure, and make this transition as smooth as possible. I am also available if you have specific questions or feedback you'd like to share with me.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 828.795.1970 or visit www.apphealthcare.com for the complete updated fee schedule.

Thank you for the partnership you bring to the work of building and sustaining healthy communities across Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties. We are grateful for your continued engagement with AppHealthCare.

Warm regards,

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