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**§ 53036. Application for License; Rules; Fees.**

(a) Any person desiring a license or renewal of a license under this chapter shall make application to the Commission upon forms to be furnished by the Commission showing the name and address of the applicant, the names and addresses of the applicant's employees, location of the place of business that is to be operated under the license, and such other pertinent information as the Commission may require. No license shall be granted or renewed until the applicant has complied with the provisions of this chapter and the rules of the Commission.

(b) The Commission may reject any application that is not submitted in the form required by rule. The Commission shall give applicants an opportunity to be heard if an application is rejected.

(c) The Commission shall give applicants an opportunity to be heard if it refuses to issue or renew a license under this chapter.

(d) The Commission shall assess annual nonrefundable license fees and annual nonrefundable fees for processing a new or renewal application for each license as set forth below:

| <b>License</b>                                       | <b>Application Fee</b> | <b>License Fee</b> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 CMC § 53022. Production License.                   |                        |                    |
| Class 1-Less than 750 square feet under cultivation  | \$500                  | \$1,000            |
| Class 2-750 to 2,999 square feet under cultivation   | \$750                  | \$3,700            |
| Class 3-3,000 to 5,000 square feet under cultivation | \$1,000                | \$6,500            |
| 4 CMC § 53023. Processor License.                    | \$1,000                | \$4,500            |
| 4 CMC § 53024. Wholesale License.                    | \$250                  | \$2,000            |
| 4 CMC § 53025. Retail License.                       | \$1,000                | \$6,000            |
| 4 CMC § 53026. Marijuana Lounge License.             |                        |                    |
| Class 1  | \$1,500                | \$5,000            |
| Class 2  | \$1,500                | \$3,500            |
| 4 CMC § 53027. Marijuana Testing Facility License.   | \$1,500                | \$4,500            |
| Section 128.* Transfer of Ownership                  | \$500                  |                    |

(e) The Commission may review the application fees and license fees and determine if any changes in the fees are needed. If the Commission finds that changes in the fees are needed, the Commission may by regulation increase by any percentage any of the license fees or application fees; provided that the Commission shall not reduce the fees by more than twenty-five percent (25%).

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(f) The annual license fee for a micro production license shall not exceed \$500 with an application fee of \$250. The license fee is nonrefundable and shall be paid by each applicant upon the granting or committing of a license.

(g) All license fees and application fees shall be placed in an account separate from the general fund to pay the expenses necessary for the operation on the Commission subject to appropriation by the legislature. The Chairman of the Commission or his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority.

\* So in original.

**Source:** PL 20-66 § 2(136) (Sept. 21, 2018), modified; amended by PL 21-05, § 2(H) (Aug. 21, 2019), modified.

**Commission Comment:** In codifying PL 20-66, the Commission retained the Governor's strikethrough in subsecs. (d) and (e). For more information on the Governor's exercise of line-item veto authority, see the Governor's signing statement to PL 20-66. The Commission changed "Act" to "chapter" in (a), (c), (d), and (g) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).

In codifying PL 21-05, the Commission changed reference numbers "Section 122," "Section 123," "Section 124," "Section 125," "Section 126," and "Section 127" to their corresponding redesignated sections at 4 CMC §§ 53022, 53023, 53024, 53025, 53026, and 53027, respectively, pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(c) and (g).