

**§ 14-159.53. Appeal.**

An unauthorized person, property owner, or authorized representative of the property owner may appeal a court order issued pursuant to G.S. 14-159.52(b) to the district court for a trial de novo. If the court finds for the property owner or the authorized representative of the property owner, the court shall determine the amount of the appeal bond that the unauthorized person shall be required to post should the unauthorized person seek to appeal the court order. The amount of the bond shall be a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), but may be set at a higher amount based on an estimate of the rent that could reasonably be charged for a valid rental of the property during the time the unauthorized person is prosecuting the appeal and reasonable damages that the property owner may suffer, including damage to property and damages arising from the inability of the property owner to reside in or rent the property during the unauthorized person's possession of the property. (2025-88, s. 1.)