



# Oregon

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## Department of Consumer and Business Services

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**February 3, 2009**

**To: INTERESTED PARTIES**

**From: CHRIS HUNTINGTON, MANAGER  
POLICY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**Subject: KLAMATH COUNTY PROPOSED FEE ADOPTION**

The State Building Codes Division (division) has received the enclosed notice of intent to adopt building inspection program fees from the above listed municipality. Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule 918-020-0220, municipalities seeking to adopt fees are required to provide the following summary information 45 days prior to the proposed adoptive date.

- (A) The affected specialty code or program areas;
- (B) A description of the proposed building inspection program fees including the approximate percentage change when applicable;
- (C) The proposed effective date;
- (D) The date of the last fee increase in the specialty code or program area if applicable;
- (E) The anticipated date, time and location of the local municipal hearing scheduled pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 294.160;
- (F) The name, phone number, and title of a contact person; and
- (G) A narrative explaining the purpose of the proposed fee adoption.

The division is required to notify interested parties after receiving a notice of intent to adopt building inspection program fees from a municipality. Enclosed is the information the municipality provided to the division pursuant to the above administrative rule requirements.

If you have concerns about this proposed fee change, you may contact the municipality directly by contacting Rex Turner, 541-883-5121, or attend the local municipal hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Klamath County Hearing Room, 305 Main Street, Klamath Falls. If you still have unresolved concerns, you may, pursuant to ORS 455.210(3) and 479.845, appeal this fee adoption by sending a written request to the division within 30 days of the municipality's fee adoption date.

cc: Klamath County



**KLAMATH COUNTY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

305 Main Street, Klamath Falls OR 97601

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Building Division, Planning Division, Code Enforcement,  
On-Site Sanitation, Parks and Solid Waste Division

Date: February 3, 2009

To: Chris Huntington  
Oregon Building Codes Division  
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Subject: Klamath County Proposed Fee Adoption

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (OR) 918-020-0220, Klamath County Building Division is providing notification to the Oregon State Building Codes Division of intent to modify fees. Please see OAR citations and requisite explanations below:

**918-020-0220 Fee Adoption Standards**

**(1)(a) The municipality shall notify the division of such adoption 45 days prior to the adoptive date. The notification shall include a summary the following:**

**(A) The affected specialty code or program areas;**

Oregon Specialty Codes affected: Residential, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Manufactured Dwelling and Park.

**(B) A description of the proposed building inspection program fees including the approximate percentage increase when applicable;**

Residential Structural (Building Permit) - 30%: Current fee table is based on 1979 UBC. Implement fee table based on 2003 IBC with minimum permit fee of \$60. Valuations shall be benchmarked against ICC valuation table and updated annually.

Commercial Structural (Building Permit) - 30%: Current fee table is based on 1979 UBC. Implement fee table based on 2003 IBC with minimum permit fee of \$60. Valuations shall be benchmarked against ICC valuation table and updated annually.

Residential Mechanical - 30%: Revise fee schedule.

Commercial Mechanical - calculate by valuation: Fee calculation shall be by valuation per State mandate. Implement fee table based on 2003 IBC.

Residential & Commercial Electrical 25%: Revise fee schedule. Hourly rate shall be reduced from \$88.00 per hour, to same rate as other trades. See below.

Residential & Commercial Plumbing 25%: Revise fee schedule.

Manufactured Dwelling 10%: Revise fee schedule.

General: Minimum permit costs shall be \$60.00. Hourly rate for investigations, re-inspections and special inspections shall be \$60.00 per hour with one-hour minimum. Work outside of normal scope or business hours shall be charged at 1-1/2 times the hourly rate. Rates shall be increase annually by 10% on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010-2013.

**(C) The proposed effective date;**

Effective date for fee modification is anticipated to be April 1, 2009; and annually through 2013.

**(D) The date of the last fee increase in the specialty code or program area if applicable;**

Residential Structural (Building Permit): 1979 UBC Fee Table  
Commercial Structural (Building Permit): 1979 UBC Fee Table  
Residential Mechanical: No record of fee increase  
Commercial Mechanical: No record of fee increase  
Residential & Commercial Electrical: 60% increase in 2002  
Residential & Commercial Plumbing: No record of fee increase  
Manufactured Dwelling: No record of fee increase

**(E) The anticipated date, time, and location of the municipal hearing scheduled pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 294.160;**

Location: Klamath County Hearing Room  
305 Main Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
Anticipated Date: February 17, 2009  
Anticipated Time: 10:00 AM

**(F) The name, phone number and title of a contact person;**

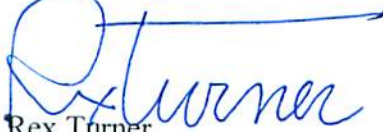
Contact Information: Rex Turner, Building Official  
305 Main Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
Ph: 541-883-5121, Email: rturner@co.klamath.or.us

**(G) A narrative explaining the purpose of the proposed fee adoption;**

As indicated, Klamath County's Building Fees were last adjusted for Commercial/Residential Electrical in 2002. For all other specialty code areas, we either have no record of fee increases, or we utilize dated methodologies; for example, we currently use the 1979 UBC Fee Table. The proposed fee increases will: enable the Klamath County Building Division to align with the new State mandated fee methodologies required in OAR 918-050; implement the 2003 IBC Fee Table; assist in recovering costs for inspection, plan review, and other services relating to the administration the Building Division's program for building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and manufactured dwellings.

This fee adoption, along with an anticipated annual rate increase of 10%, is a critical element of a 5-year plan that will enable the Building Division to accomplish its mandated mission and restore solvency to its program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rex Turner", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the top of the signature.

Rex Turner  
Building Official