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April 23, 2009

To: INTERESTED PARTIES

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

Subject: DOUGLAS 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 Aaron Yuma, 541-440-4559, or attend the local municipal hearing on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 9:00 AM, Douglas County Courthouse, Justice Building, Room 216, Roseburg. 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: Douglas County



Building Department

Douglas County Building Department

1036 SE Douglas, Room 106

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Roseburg, Oregon 97470

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Date: April 14, 2009

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Subject: Douglas County Proposed Fee Adoption

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (OAR) 918-020-0220, Douglas County Building Department is providing notification to the State of Oregon 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 of 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) – 15% increase: Current fee table is based on 1979 UBC. This table will be revised to reflect the 15% increase with a minimum permit fee of \$50.

Commercial Structural (Building Permit) – 15% increase: Current fee table is based on 1979 UBC. This table will be revised to reflect the 15% increase with a minimum permit fee of \$50.

Residential Mechanical – 15% increase: Revise fee schedule.

Commercial Mechanical – no change: Calculation by valuation as per State mandate (County Adopted December 2008).

Residential and Commercial Electrical- 15% increase: Revise fee schedule.

Residential and Commercial Plumbing – 15% increase: Revise fee schedule.

Manufactured Dwelling – 15% increase: Revise fee schedule.

General: Minimum permit fee shall be \$50 for all permit types. Hourly rate for investigations, re-inspections and special inspections shall be \$85 per hour (one hour minimum). Work outside of normal scope of business hours shall be charged at \$130 per hour (2 hour minimum).

C) The proposed effective date;

Effective date for fee modification is anticipated to be June 24, 2009.

(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 and Commercial Electrical: No record of fee increase
Residential and Commercial Plumbing: No record of fee increase
Manufactured Dwelling: fee increase \$100 in 1997

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

Location: Douglas County Courthouse, Room
1036 SE Douglas Ave.
Roseburg, OR 97470
Anticipated Date: June 3, 2009
Anticipated Time: 9:00 AM

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

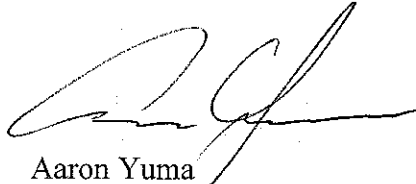
Contact Information: Aaron Yuma, Building Official
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Douglas County Courthouse
Roseburg, Oregon 97470
Ph: 541-440-4559 Email: aryuma@co.douglas.or.us

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

As outlined above, Douglas County has not raised fees significantly in over 20 years. For example we currently use the 1979 UBC Fee Table. With the exception of recent fee methodology modifications mandated by OAR 918-050 in December of 2008 (Commercial Mechanical, Residential Sprinkler Systems, and Medical Gas Systems) most fees are proposed to be increased by 15%.

Due to increased personnel costs over the years, increase costs to implement more complex and more regulations within the codes, fuel, vehicles, central service fees, upgrades in technology, and general inflation, we have determined these fee increases to be reasonable and appropriate to cover our expected business costs in the near future. Even though we have reduced our staff and cut our expenditures by 33% we project our expenditures will continue to out pace our revenues. If no other action is taken, even with bare minimum staff levels, our projections indicate our dedicated reserves will be depleted in the very near future. After having consulted with our local stakeholders, we believe this is the appropriate step to take at this time.

I have also done some research on surrounding jurisdictions. My findings indicate we will remain below the average for most structural permits. If our proposal is accepted by our local County Board of Commissioners on June 3, 2009, it is anticipated the fee increase will become effective June 24, 2009.



Aaron Yuma
Building Official