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To: INTERESTED PARTIES

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

Subject: CITY OF BEAVERTON 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 affective 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 Brad Roast, 503-526-2524, or attend the local municipal hearing on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers at Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Drive. 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: City of Beaverton



CITY of BEAVERTON

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Mark Long
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RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Dear Mr. Long:

On Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., the Beaverton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a 3-percent increase in building permit fees, a 10-percent increase in plumbing permit fees, and a 10-percent increase in electrical permit fees. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon. All questions concerning the proposal should be directed to Brad Roast, Building Official, at (503) 526-2524 or broast@ci.beaverton.or.us. The adjustments are proposed to take effect January 1, 2009.

Revenues, expenditures, and contingency fund levels for the Building Services Division (Division) continue to be evaluated on an annual basis. Over the past several years, the Division has increased permit fees in areas where expenditures exceeded revenues because the contingency fund had dropped below a six-month level (most notably in the Plumbing and Electrical programs). Those incremental permit fee increases have slowed the fund losses and provided some stability to the contingency fund; however, the overall fund will continue to experience increases in operating costs and some program losses. As part of an effort to stabilize the program contingency, the fiscal year 2008-09 budget included a reduction of five full time staff positions. Even with the staff reductions, there are programs that will continue to experience losses. In order to maintain the health of the building program, fee adjustments (for implementation January 1, 2009) outlined below are being considered.

Increase building permit fees 3 percent.

The Building Permit Program includes fees for plans review and inspections. The proposed fee increase is intended to maintain the fund's expenditure and revenues at an even level. The proposed 3-percent increase is estimated to generate \$22,703 of additional revenue in FY 2008-09 as a method to maintain the program contingency.

Estimated increases in building permit/plans review costs:

Single-family home (\$250,000 value)	\$60.00
Apartment (\$500,000 value)	\$180.00
Commercial building (\$1,500,000 value)	\$219.00

Increase plumbing permit fees 10 percent.

The Plumbing program has experienced fund losses for the last three fiscal years. The Plumbing Permit Program includes fees for plans review and inspection. Even with a reduction of one staff position, the Plumbing Permit Program reflects expenditures exceeding revenues. The proposed incremental increase of 10 percent January 1, 2009 is estimated to generate \$15,500 of additional revenue in FY 2008-09. The program, however, will experience a loss of \$70,467 in FY 2008-09.

Staff also proposes an increase of the minimum permit fee from \$40 to \$60. An increase in the hourly and reinspection fee rates (currently \$60 per hour and \$60 per reinspection) to \$80 each is proposed to equal to the Building/Mechanical fees. A common hourly rate and reinspection fee for all permit types will make it easier for both our customers and staff to administer.

Estimated increases in permit/plans review costs:

Single-family home (3-bath).....	\$22.00
Apartment (5 unit, 1-bath [45 Fixtures]).....	\$61.00
Commercial Building (10 fixtures).....	\$21.00

Increase electrical permits fees 10 percent.

The Electrical program has experienced fund losses for the last three fiscal years. The Electrical Permit Program includes fees for plans review and inspection. Even with a reduction of one staff position, the Electrical Permit Program reflects expenditures exceeding revenues. The proposed incremental increase of 10 percent January 1, 2009 is estimated to generate \$13,000 of additional revenue in FY 2008-09. The program, however, will experience a loss of \$20,258 in FY 2008-09.

Estimated increases in permit/plans review costs:

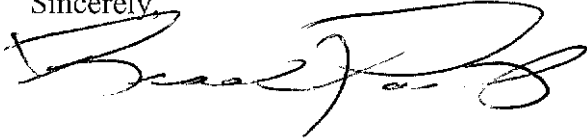
Single-family home (2,500 square feet).....	\$20.00
Apartment (5 unit, 5,550 square feet)	\$70.00
Commercial building (400 amp, 20 circuits)	\$22.00

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I will personally contact our local Development Liaison Committee, The Metropolitan Home Builders Association, Associated General Contractors, Local 290 Plumbers and Steamfitters, Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, and the National Electrical Contractors Association regarding the proposed fee adjustments, providing them with the same information.

If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 526-2524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Roast". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "R".

Brad Roast
Building Official

BR/jrc