



# Oregon

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## Department of Consumer and Business Services

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**July 1, 2008**

**To: INTERESTED PARTIES**

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

**Subject: COLUMBIA 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.

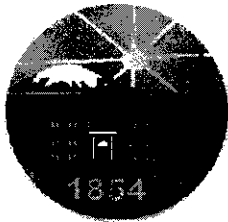
- (A) The affected specialty code or program areas;
- (B) A description of the proposed building inspection program fees including the approximate percentage change when applicable;
- (C) The proposed affective date;
- (D) The date of the last fee increase in the specialty code or program area if applicable;
- (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 Bill Potter, 503-397-1501, or attend the local municipal hearing on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Columbia County Courthouse, Room 158. 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: Columbia County

COLUMBIA COUNTY



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**DEPARTMENT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon 97051

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Bill Potter

June 23,2008

**NOTIFICATION OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASE**

(Proposed Effective Date September 1,2008)

As of 1997 the State of Oregon has mandated that all Building Department Permit Fees be deposited in a dedicated fund for use solely by that department for incurred operating expenses. The following fee increases are needed to meet that requirement of the State.

The last fee adjustments(increases) to Mechanical, Plumbing and Miscellaneous permits were in 2004. This Increase is based on the Consumer Price Index since last increase. With these Permit Fee increases Columbia County Building Department should be able to be self-supportive per State mandate, pay competitive wages to staff, make needed upgrades to equipment and provide services requested at our recent Roundtable meetings.

Public hearing per OAR 918-020-0220 is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Location will be Columbia County Courthouse - Room 158 at 2:00 PM

Plumbing Permit Fees..... 14% increase

Residential Mechanical Permit Fees..... 14% increase

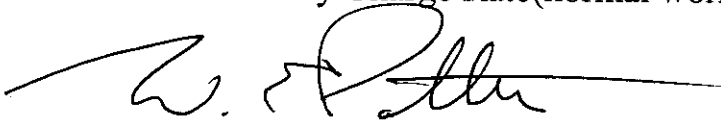
Commercial Mechanical Permit Fees (change fee methodology to evaluation from fixture to meet new anticipated State rules)

Manufactured and Modular Structures ..... 14% increase

Administration Fee ..... 14% increase

Minimum Structural, Mechanical or Plumbing Permit Fee..... \$45.00

Minimum Hourly Charge Rate(normal working hours) ..... \$80.00

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Potter", written over a horizontal line.

Bill Potter/Columbia County Building Official