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State of Oregon ~ Permit Surcharge

When is the State Surcharge fee added to a permit?

A State surcharge fee of 12% is applied to all building permit types issued in the state of Oregon. Permits are issued any time a construction activity under the state building code is authorized and will be inspected.

Fast Facts:

- ❖ Oregon has 132 municipalities that administer the State Building Code.
- ❖ Permits are required for construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of structures and buildings.
- ❖ Fees collected must be used for the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program (ORS 455.210 (3)(c)).
- ❖ Within the municipalities, a wide variety of names have been given to items on permits requiring inspections.
- ❖ Municipalities must collect and remit surcharges either monthly or quarterly depending jurisdiction population.
- ❖ Surcharge fees are calculated by taking the total permit fee x .12 (12%).

Items on permits that must include State Surcharge:

- Electrical (including services)
 - Mechanical (including components)
 - Plumbing (including fixtures)
 - Structural permits
 - Manufactured Dwellings and Recreational-Park Trailer placement and/or installation
 - New minor and bulk labels or replacement labels
 - Boiler permits
 - Elevator permits (*includes reconnections to power*)
 - Prefabricated Component and Recreational Vehicle Insignias
 - Prefabricated Building Components
 - Re-inspections
 - Double permit fees charged when construction has started prior to obtaining a permit (*also called investigation fee*)
 - Hourly and half hourly rates (*in lieu of standard permit fees for inspections*)
 - Specially requested inspections or evaluations
 - Inspections requested by a government agency under ORS 190
 - Additional inspection fees or hourly rates
 - Inspection for which no fee is specified
 - Any fee charged to activate (open) an expired permit, which will result in an inspection
 - Minimum or base fees (*includes a portion of phased or deferred submittal fees*)
 - Master permit or industrial plant inspections (*includes yearly master permit renewal, and cost of inspection, report writing time and per diem costs*)
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Fees excluded from State Surcharge

- All types of plan review fees
 - State Administrative fee (*on Manufactured Dwelling Recreational-park Trailer Placement Permit*)
 - Plan, Fire Life Safety and Seismic reviews
 - System, technology and automation fees
 - Local planning fees or surcharges (*includes long range planning*)
 - Sewer, storm sewer/drainage and septic
 - Streets, sidewalks, driveways and transportation
 - Parks
 - Water
 - General development
 - Flood plain, erosion control and hazard mitigation plan
 - City or County administration fees or surcharges
 - Site review fees
 - Demolition fees (*charged when a total structure is destroyed*)
 - Credit card usage fees (*when a customer chooses to use a credit/debit card to pay for services*)
 - Zoning fees
 - Additional clerical staff time
 - Returned checks
 - Permit transfers
 - Copying of additional sets of plans
 - Metro Excise tax
 - Rural address assignments
 - Civil penalties and investigation fees (*related to compliance*)
 - Habitat for Humanity structures (*because permit fees are waved, there are no permit values available to calculate surcharge fees*)
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