

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2001

RE: FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002

Building Codes Division has initiated a combination of revenue increases and expense reductions to balance revenue and expense in a slowed economy. This notice follows the public hearing held December 18, 2001 (official record closed at 5:00 PM, December 20, 2001) and is to inform you that the following fee changes will be **effective January 1, 2002:**

1. UPDATE BUILDING VALUATION TABLE (ICBO March/April 2001 Table): The Division is updating the current building valuation data table used to calculate plan review and building permit fees to the ICBO April 1, 2001 table (see back of memo). BCD currently uses the March/April 1994 Table. Using the April 1, 2001 table will result in fees comparable to the actual plan review and building permit fees charged by many other local jurisdictions. The fee increase is needed to support required plan review and inspection services.

2. PHASED PERMITTING / DEFFERED SUBMITTALS: The Division will review and approve plans for phased construction or deferred plan submittals under the Oregon Structural Specialty Codes or the One- and Two-Family Dwelling Specialty Code. Fees are modeled after proposed fee increases in Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties and will cover the costs of processing phased projects as follows:

- (a) Phased Projects. There shall be an application fee of \$100 (Oregon Structural Specialty Code) or \$50 (One-and Two-Family Dwelling Specialty Code) for each separate phase of the project. In addition, the plan review fee shall be increased in an amount equal to 10 percent of the building permit fee calculated using the value of the particular phase of the project, not to exceed an additional \$1,500 for each phase.
- (b) Deferred Submittals. The fee for processing and reviewing deferred plan submittals shall be an amount equal to 65 percent of the building permit fee calculated using the value of the particular deferred portion or portions of the project. This fee is in addition to the project plan review fee based on total project value.

3. CONSULTATION FEES: Pre-development consultation services provided by the Division related to structural, mechanical and fire and life safety plans shall be \$70 per hour or fraction thereof, with a minimum charge of one hour. Consultation and approval of alternate materials and methods shall be \$75 per hour or fraction thereof for each employee, with a minimum charge of one hour.

4. MASTER PLAN REVIEW FEE: Plans submitted to the Division for approval in one or more municipalities as a "master plan" shall be reviewed at a minimum hourly rate of \$70 per hour for each applicable specialty code with a minimum charge of one hour for structures less than 1,000 square feet. Structures 1,000 square feet and larger shall be reviewed using structural and fire and life safety plan review fees. Fees for mechanical, plumbing and electrical plan reviews shall be determined in accordance with applicable codes and rules. This does not apply to plan reviews for prefabricated structures.

Please contact Linda Riddell, Field Operations Manager, at 503.378.6871 if you have questions.