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To: INTERESTED PARTIES

**From: CHRIS HUNTINGTON, MANAGER
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Subject: CITY OF BEND 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 Robert Mathias, Building Official, 541-330-4010, or attend the local municipal hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the City of Bend, City Hall Council Chambers, located at 710 NW Wall Street, Bend. 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 Bend



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This letter serves as notification, in compliance with the requirements of OAR 918-020-0220, that the City of Bend is proposing an increase in fees for structural, plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits. The affected specialty codes include residential and commercial building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, medical gas, residential fire suppression and manufactured dwelling and park codes.

The proposed changes include changing the calculation methodology for structural permits from a table based structure to a percentage structure and change the calculation methodology for commercial mechanical, medical gas and residential fire suppression systems to a table based structure. These changes will result in an approximate 30% increase on all fees within the affected codes which will allow for each program to be self-supporting.

The proposed effective date is May 1, 2009 for an initial 20% increase with the last 10% increase becoming effective July 1, 2009.

The last fee increase became effective July 1, 2007, was a 35% increase and affected the residential and commercial building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, medical gas and manufactured dwelling and park codes.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Bend, City Hall Council Chambers, located at 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon.

This increase is being proposed in order to allow the City of Bend's Building Division to maintain plan review and inspection standards as outlined in our Operating Plan. As required in section 1.806 of our local Bend Code, the costs of building code administration and enforcement are to be fully recovered in permit and inspection fees. We have recently undergone a fee study, completed by FCS Group of Redmond, Washington. The determination of the study was that the local program was not fully recovering costs associated with administration and enforcement of the code by approximately 30%. While the city understands that fee increases

are a difficult request to consider in economic downtimes such as these we also understand the vital role the building safety division is assigned in ensuring safe construction and must ensure we have the staffing levels and expertise to fulfill this role.

Any parties interested in discussing this proposed increase may contact:

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A link to the fee study can be found on our website:

http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/community_development/docs/Bend_Final_Report_Binder_2_9_09.pdf

Regards,



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