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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 City of Bend Building Official, Robert Mathias (541) 330-4010 or Community Development Director, Mel Oberst (541) 330-4017 or attend the local municipal hearing on June 16, 2010 in Bend City Hall Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend OR at 7:00 p.m. 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 60 days of the municipality's letter of notice to the division.

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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 last proposed fee increase was to stagger a 20% increase effective May 1, 2009 and then an additional increase of 10% to be effective July 1, 2009 for a total 30% increase in order to fully recover the cost of services provided for enforcement of building and electrical codes as determined by a fee study completed by FCS Group of Redmond Washington in February 2009. The increase as proposed was not adopted by our City Council but rather a 15% increase was approved to be effective July 1, 2009 with the request to propose the additional 15% for the 10-11 budget cycle. This change will result in a 15% increase on all fees within the affected codes which will allow for each program to be self-supporting.

The proposed adoptive date is June 16, 2010 and the proposed effective date is July 1, 2010.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Bend City Hall Council Chambers, located at 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon.

While the city understands that fee increases are a difficult request to consider in economic downturns 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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