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Notice of New Building Permit Plan Review Fees for Commercial and Multifamily Building Permits - Effective January 1, 2017

During the 2017 City budget process, the Planning & Development Services Department requested a new plans examination/building inspection position for the Building Safety Division to assist with building permit plan review and inspection, *primarily for multifamily and commercial building permit projects*, in order to maintain or enhance current levels of service. The request was based on significant increases over the past several years in: (1) the number of building permit preliminary meetings with applicants and designers; (2) building permit and plan review volumes; (3) building permit plans examiner coordination responsibilities (coordinating reviews among multiple departments); and (4) building permit inspections. This increased level of building permit activity is projected to continue.

On August 16, 2016, in conjunction with adoption of the City of Lawrence, Kansas 2017 budget, the City Commission authorized hiring of a new plans examination-building inspector position for the Planning & Development Services Department/Building Safety Division, beginning in 2017. To help offset costs of the new position, the Commission also approved a new "Plan Review Fee" for commercial and multifamily building permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2017. The new Plan Review Fee will be equal to 20% of the building permit fee and in addition to the building permit fee (building permit fees are not being increased). The amended "Schedule of Permit Fees", which includes the new Plan Review Fee, is provided at the end of this Notice. The new Plan Review Fee will NOT be charged on building permits for one or two-family projects or for multifamily or commercial "MEP" permits (mechanical, electrical or plumbing work only).

If you are involved in preliminary planning, design and/or bidding of multifamily or commercial building construction or remodeling projects (architects, engineering consulting firms, licensed Class A and Class B general contractors), the new Plan Review Fee information will be important in estimating building permitting fees for applications submitted to Building Safety on or after January 1, 2017. We are requesting your help in providing information about the new Plan Review Fee to others in your firm or company, as appropriate, and to your clients.

Information about building permit processes, adopted building, energy, trade and fire codes and building permit inspections can be found at http://lawrenceks.org/pds/building_permits. If you have questions or would like to speak with a representative of the Building Safety Division, please call 785-832-7700, option 2, or email your question or request to buildinginspections@lawrenceks.org.

Chapter V, Article 1, Section 5-176 of the City of Lawrence, Kansas Code

CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS - SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES.

On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

Permit Fee Schedule: Plan Review Fee items highlighted in grey become effective 1-1-17

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1 to \$500	\$23.50
\$501 to \$2,000	\$23.50 for the first \$500 plus \$3.05 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000
\$2,001 to \$25,000	\$69.25 for the first \$2,000 plus \$14.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$391.25 for the first \$25,000 plus \$10.10 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$643.75 for the first \$50,000 plus \$7.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$993.75 for the first \$100,000 plus \$5.60 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$3,233.75 for the first \$500,000 plus \$4.75 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	\$5608.75 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$3.15 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 to \$15,000,000	\$17,980.92 for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$1.54 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including
\$15,000,001 and above	\$33,562.30 for the first \$15,000,000 plus \$1.02 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof

Other Inspections and Fees:

Plan review fees for commercial and multi-family structures	20% of the Permit Fee¹
Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge - two hours)	\$47.00 per hour ²
Re-inspection fees when assessed by the building official under the provisions of Section 108.8	\$47.00 per hour ²
Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge - one-half hour)	\$47.00 per hour ²
Additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans (minimum charge - one-half hour)	\$47.00 per hour ²
Permits for Residential Furnaces and Air Conditioners	\$65.00³
Permits for Solar, Thermal, and Photovoltaic Systems (requiring no structural change to the building)	\$65.00³
Demolition Permits	\$100.00

¹ **Plan review fees are in addition to permit fees established by the building permit fee schedule.**

² **Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is greater. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.**

³ **Per piece of equipment.**