

NOTICE to CONTRACTORS and PERMIT APPLICANTS

PERMIT FEES WILL INCREASE JANUARY 1, 2005

Contractors and Permit Applicants are advised that fees for construction permits will increase on January 1, 2005. Some of the new fee rates that will apply to a significant number of permits issued by this Department are:

- For permits that do not require plan review, the minimum total permit fee for work requiring one inspection will be \$63.00 and for work requiring two inspections will be \$104.00.
- For permits requiring a plan review, the minimum total permit fee for work requiring at least two inspections will be \$144.00.
- Permit fees for Multiple-Family Residential projects will be based on the commercial construction fee schedule.
- Inspection fees on inspection fee based permits generally will be \$41.00 per inspection performed.
- The fee for extra or additional inspections will be \$41.00. Additional amounts may be charged when such inspections take more than one hour, including travel time.

PERMIT FEES WILL BE ROUNDED TO WHOLE DOLLARS

Beginning January 1, 2005 calculated permit fees resulting in cents will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Amounts under 50 cents will be dropped and amounts from 50 to 99 cents will be increased to the next whole dollar.

The increase in construction permit fees is the result of a study of fee revenue of various County Departments, including Public Works, that was done in 2003 by an independent consultant. The study compared the cost of providing code enforcement services with the fees associated with such services. The study concluded that the County needed to increase many Code Enforcement Program Permit Fees to cover the cost of conducting such programs. Code Enforcement Fee Schedules were amended accordingly by St. Louis County Ordinance 22015, 2004.

Copies of a user-friendly fee ordinance may be obtained from the Department of Public Works for \$2.50 at our Clayton location. Copies of the fee ordinance can be mailed to the requesting individual for an additional charge of \$2.50 (postage & handling). Make checks payable to: Treasurer – St. Louis County. Your request may be mailed to: Attn: Permit Processing, Department of Public Works, 41 South Central Ave., Clayton, MO 63105. An official fee ordinance can be purchased at the St. Louis County Clerk's office.

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