



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGES TO THE ASSESSMENT OF STATE MANDATED SURCHARGE FEES.

October 1, 2010

To All Interested Individuals:

During the 2010 legislative session, House Bill 663 was passed by the State Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Crist. A portion of this legislative bill revised the method by which the State mandated surcharge fees (formerly known as Radon Fee) are assessed. The previous method for collecting these fees which are detailed in Chapter 468.631(1) and 553.721(1) has been changed.

Effective October 1, 2010, surcharge fees will be assessed on a percentage of the permit fees associated with the enforcement of the Florida Building Code, rather than an "under roof" assessment as previously collected. All permits issued by the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Building Inspection Departments will be assessed a 1.5% surcharge fee as required by Florida Statute 468.631(1) and 1.5% as required by Florida Statute 553.721(1) for a total of 3%. Surcharge fees shall not be assessed on zoning related fees, environmental fees, driveway connection fees or other fees that are not directly associated with the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. The minimum amount collected on any permit issued shall be \$4.00. These surcharge fees are being collected for the funding of the Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund and to provide education to local jurisdictions related to the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. This change in the assessment of the surcharge fees will also include all permits issued through the internet and telephone permitting process and applies to all construction projects both residential and commercial.

This Public Service Announcement is in keeping with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County's commitment to provide timely and accurate information on all legislation that affects the construction industry. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices (City of Tallahassee at 891-7050 or Leon County at 606-1300) should you have any questions regarding the legislative change. We remain:

Your Public Servant,

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Ronnie Spooner
Building Official
City of Tallahassee

Your Public Servant,

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Edward Jarriel, Jr.
Director of Building Inspection
Leon County