



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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DATE: May 15, 2008

TO: All Architects, Builders, Developers, Engineers, Contractors and Surveyors
Practicing in Fairfax County

SUBJECT: Changes to the *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* (Fairfax County Code)
Related to Fire Marshal Fees for Plan Reviewer Time and Inspector Time

TITLE: Fire Marshal Fee Increase for Plan Reviewer Time or Inspector Time

Effective July 1, 2008, revisions to Chapter 61 (Building Provisions), Chapter 62 (Fire Protection), Chapter 101 (Subdivisions), and Chapter 112 (Zoning) of the Fairfax County Code were adopted that authorize an increase in Fire Marshal fees for plan reviewer time or inspector time from \$96 per hour, charged on the quarter hour to \$128 per hour, charged on the quarter hour. Fees are charged per required reviewer or inspector.

Background: On April 28, 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved increased Fire Marshal fees specifically for plan reviewer time and inspector time. The changes impact the construction or renovation of all commercial and multi-family projects and, as incurred, plan review and/or inspection for "Fire Prevention Code Permits." Permit fees will remain the same.

Business process changes: The increased rate will become effective July 1, 2008, as the actual service is rendered. Any plans reviewed or inspections conducted prior to July 1, 2008, will be charged at \$96 per hour, charged on the quarter hour--the rate in effect prior to July 1, 2008. Plans logged in prior to July 1, 2008, and inspections scheduled prior to July 1, 2008, but performed on or after July 1, 2008, will be charged at the rate of \$128 per hour, charged on the quarter hour, per required reviewer or inspector.

Questions may be directed to the Fire Prevention Division at 703-246-4753, TTY 711.

Sincerely,

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