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April 4, 2022

To: Interested parties
From: Tyler Glaze, policy analyst, policy and technical services
Subject: Columbia County proposed fee adoption

The State of Oregon Building Codes Division (division) has received the enclosed notice of intent to adopt building inspection program fees from Columbia County. Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule 918-020-0220, municipalities seeking to adopt fees are required to provide all 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.
- 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 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, or attend the local municipal hearing on:

Hearing Date(s) and Time(s): May 18, 2022, 10 a.m.
Address: Columbia County Courthouse
230 Strand St., Room 351
St. Helens, OR 97051

Contact information: Suzie Dahl, Building Official
230 Strand St., St. Helens, OR 97051
503-397-7242 or suzie.dahl@columbiacountyor.gov

A virtual meeting option is anticipated at the following link:
<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings>

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 30 days of the municipality's fee adoption date.

cc: Columbia County



April 1, 2022

ATTN: Julia Hier, Senior Policy Advisor
Oregon Building Codes Division
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RE: Notification of Columbia County Building, Electrical and Program Fee Changes

Dear Ms. Hier,

Please accept this as notification that Columbia County is proposing to amend its fee schedule for all state specialty codes administered locally. The items listed below are pursuant to OAR 918-020-0220.

- A. The fee increase will be for all specialty code and program areas including Structural, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Manufactured Dwellings, RV Parks/Camps, and Master Permit Electrical program.
- B. We are proposing to increase all fees on our fee schedule by 4.5% beginning July 1, 2022, based on the annual average CPI-U West (not seasonally adjusted) for the prior calendar year per Columbia County Board Order No. 16-2021. In addition, we are proposing a technology fee of 3% to all permits with fees rounded up to the next dollar.
- C. The effective date of the new fees will be July 1, 2022.
- D. The effective date of our last fee increase was July 15, 2021.
- E. The County's municipal hearing date is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 10:00 AM at the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, Room 351, St. Helens Oregon.

A virtual meeting option is anticipated at the following link:

[Columbia County, Oregon Official Website - Meetings and Agendas \(columbiacountyor.gov\)](https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/Meetings-and-Agendas)

- F. Questions or information requests may be directed to Suzie Dahl, Building Official, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Phone: 503-397-7242. Email: suzie.dahl@columbiacountyor.gov.
- G. The purpose of this fee increase, as well as future adjustments, is to capture annual inflationary adjustments across all program areas per County Board Order No. 16-2021. Sufficient revenue is necessary to offset the cost of administering the building program. This fee adjustment is necessary to meet current financial concerns and position the building fund for the 2023 fiscal budget year.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dahl, Building Official
Columbia County Land Development Services