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Re: Modification of Plans Review Fees
Effective: January 1, 2018

Pursuant to Title 25 § 2450 fees for the review of plans for new construction, change of occupancies reviewed as new construction, and renovations will no longer be based on square footage.

As of January 1, 2018, plan review fees will be based on the cost of construction*.

The fee shall be calculated 1.5% of 1/10 of the cost of construction (multiplier of 0.0015)
Eg. \$100,000 project cost x 0.0015 = \$150 fee

*The cost of construction for use in the fee calculation shall be based only on the building and portions of the building that are to be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Examples of what would *not* be included in the cost of construction are; purchase price, site work, equipment, furniture, sprinkler systems, plumbing and HVAC (unless part of a smoke removal system). NFPA96 extinguishing exhaust hoods do require permitting and shall be included in the construction cost.

Unaffected by this change are the Barrier-Free Permit fee and Building Code Surcharge.

This information as well as revised Construction and Barrier-Free Applications can be located on the State of Maine's Office of State Fire Marshal's website: <http://maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm>

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