



City of Modesto

Community and Economic Development Department
Building Safety and Neighborhood Preservation Division

New 2011 Fee Announcement

Beginning July 1, 2011 the City of Modesto Building Safety Division will begin assessing building permit fees in accordance with the 2011 Fee Schedule for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services. Please ask us for a copy if you do not already have one or download a copy at:

<http://www.modestogov.com/development/>

Following are a couple of important changes that you need to be aware of:

1. There will no longer be a separate Plan Review and Building Permit Fee. The new fee schedule is based on historical data that captures administrative, plan review and inspection time. All time is captured into one flat fee and will be payable at permit application.
2. Other fees associated with the building permit application that in the past, have been collected at permit issuance will continue to be collected in the same way.
3. For some types of applications that may include a wide range of both plan review and/or inspection time required, you will notice that the flat fee on the schedule has a note of "deposit" below the fee. For permits in these categories, that amount will be collected at permit application. At permit issuance you will be provided an accounting of how much time has been used for administration and plan review on that application. You will have the opportunity to evaluate the deposit balance against the inspections required for that type of application. Upon request, you may add to that deposit if there is a concern the balance will not meet the minimum inspection time required. After the permit is issued but prior to a "Certificate of Occupancy", there will be a final accounting. A refund will be granted for balances greater than \$5.00 or if all inspections were not covered by the deposit, the amount due to cover the cost of inspections will be required to be paid prior to the issuance of the "Certificate of Occupancy".