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BUILDING STANDARDS BULLETIN 08-01

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2008

TO: CITY, COUNTY, AND CITY AND COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

SUBJECT: Chapter 719, Statutes of 2008 (Senate Bill No. 1473, Calderon)

On September 30th of this year Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 1473 into law. It will take effect on January 1, 2009. Among other things, the bill provides for the creation of the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund, which is established in the State Treasury. Moneys deposited in this fund will come from a surcharge on both residential and non-residential building permits.

The bill requires that each city, county, and city and county collect a fee from an applicant for a building permit, assessed at the rate of four dollars ($4) per one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in valuation, with appropriate fractions thereof, but not less than one dollar ($1). "Appropriate fractions thereof" is interpreted to be $1 per every twenty-five thousand ($25,000) in valuation per table illustrated below. Fees will be submitted quarterly to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), as follows:

Permit Valuation	Fee
$1 – 25,000	$1
$25,001 – 50,000	$2
$50,001 – 75,000	$3
$75,001 – 100,000	$4
Every $25,000 or fraction thereof above $100,000	Add $1

In addition, SB 1473 provides that the city, county, or city and county may retain up to ten (10) percent of the fees collected for related administrative costs and for code enforcement education. The bill requires that the local jurisdiction transmit the remainder to CBSC for deposit in the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund.

Once appropriated, moneys deposited in this fund will be available to CBSC, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal for expenditure in carrying out the provisions of the State Building Standards Law and provisions of State Housing Law that relate to building standards. Emphasis is to be placed on the development, adoption, publication, updating, and educational efforts associated with green building standards.

Notification that the first quarter's fees will be due on April 15, 2009, and a reporting form for the first quarter beginning January 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2009, will be distributed to each city, county, and city and county, and placed on CBSC's website at www.bsc.ca.gov in the first part of 2009. If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact Jane Taylor, Senior Architect, by telephone at (916) 263-0807, or via email at Jane.Taylor@dgs.ca.gov .

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