

INDUSTRY NOTICE

INCREASES IN RECORDING FEES AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Good afternoon. There are a couple of upcoming fee changes I want to make sure you are aware of:

Pierce County Auditor's Office Recording Fees Increase

The Pierce County Auditor's office will be increasing recording fees by \$25.00, **effective June 7, 2018**. This is in response to two House Bills (HB 1570 & SHB2578)

For a complete detail on why the recording fees will be increased, please see attached document from the Pierce County Auditor or visit the Auditor's website at <http://www.piercecountywa.org/359/Recording> .

State Building Code Council Building Permit Fee Increase

Governor Inslee signed House Bill 1622 modifying the fees for the State Building Code Council (SBCC) for building permits, commonly called a state surcharge.

Effective July 1, 2018 the SBCC fees will be as follows:

- Residential building permits (single family, duplex, garage or similar structure): \$6.50 fee to the SBCC for each building permit, plus an additional surcharge of \$2.00 for any second residential unit. For comparison sake, currently there is a \$4.50 fee to the SBCC for each building permit plus an additional surcharge of \$2.00 for any second residential unit.
- Commercial building permits (residential structures with three or more units -triplex, apartment, etc.- and all other structures): \$25.00 fee to the SBCC for each building permit, plus an additional surcharge of \$2.00 for each additional residential unit.

We are anticipating a busy summer, and working hard to keep permit review times as short as possible. Right now, we are two weeks out for first review on commercial and residential building permits. So, beat the fee changes and come on in or apply online. Let's do some business together!

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