



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

OPERATING TRUST FUND SURCHARGE

(Formerly known as Radon Fee)

August 24, 2009

To All Interested Individuals:

Effective August 24, 2009 the Leon County Building Inspection Department will begin assessing Operating Trust Fund Surcharge fees on building permits for additions, alterations and renovations. This assessment is in keeping with the State requirements found in Chapter 553.721 Chapter 468.631 F.S. and the recent changes in Section 9B-62.003 of the Florida Administrative Code. As per the Rule, a surcharge of one-half cent per square foot shall be assessed on new construction and on additions, alterations, or renovations to existing buildings for which a county or municipality normally issues building permits and charges a permit fee. For new construction, the surcharge shall be computed on the under-roof-floor space. For additions, the surcharge shall be computed on the under-roof floor space being added. For alterations or renovations, the surcharge shall be computed on the under-roof floor space affected by the alteration, renovation or repair.

(2) Exclusions. The following are no longer excluded from the Operating Trust Fund surcharge fee collections:

(a) Recreational vehicles;

(b) Mobile or manufactured homes, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, which are constructed in accordance with the Federal Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards. However, when a mobile or manufactured home has an addition, alteration, or renovation which is subject to the locally adopted building code and meets the minimum requirements of subsection 9B-62.003(1), F.A.C., the addition, alteration, or renovation is not excluded;

(c) Accessory structures or buildings which do not have conditioned floor area. Examples of accessory structures include utility buildings and sheds, freestanding carports, boathouses, structures that solely house electrical and mechanical equipment, non-residential farm buildings on farms, and temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes;

(d) Buildings for which permits are otherwise normally exempted from permit fees by the municipality or county.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 606-1300 should you have any questions regarding this issue.

Your Public Servant;

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Director of Building Inspection