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**Proposed Fee Increase Information
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Over the last couple of months the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) has been making efforts to meet with our Industry partners to discuss operational changes and information regarding our proposed fee increases.

Please see the information below regarding our upcoming fee increases:

Background

BDS collects fees under various fee schedules to fund inspections, plan review, permit issuance, land use review, customer assistance, and other functions. Since 1988, construction-related programs operated by BDS (approximately 90% of bureau functions) have been primarily self-supporting. BDS achieves this through a combination of strategies that allow the bureau to respond to increasing costs while being innovative and proactive in meeting changing customer needs.

Fee Increase Overview

BDS is proposing to increase fees by 5% for most programs beginning July 1, 2012. The Facilities Permit Program and Site Development permits would remain unchanged, while Environmental Soils fees will increase by 10% due to significant historical funding issues in that program.

Next Steps / For Further Information

The Portland City Council will review and listen to public testimony regarding the proposed fee increases **at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2012** in City Council chambers. The Council will vote on the changes on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. If the ordinance is passed the fee increases will go into effect on July 1, 2012.

Multnomah County fees will also be affected, since the County contracts with the City of Portland for inspection and plan review services in the unincorporated areas within the Portland urban services boundary. The County Board of Commissioners will review the proposed fee increases **on Thursday, June 7, 2012** in the County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne, first floor.

The complete fee schedules will be available online soon at <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/>.

If you have questions about the fee increases, please contact Denise Kleim, BDS Administrative Services Manager, at (503) 823-7338 or denise.kleim@portlandoregon.gov.