



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

Dear Residential Building Owner,

Beginning in January 2008, the Fire Prevention Bureau will begin to implement a previously approved inspection fee for buildings designated as "R" Residential occupancies within the city (R-2 Occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including apartment houses, boarding houses, and condominiums). To help defray the cost of inspection services the City will apply the standard building inspection fee. The hourly fee will be broken down into 15-minute increments, so that the fee can be adjusted for the many buildings that require less than one hour to inspect.

Annual inspections are a critical component of ensuring a safe environment for all Pasadena residents. The Fire Department takes a customer-centered approach by advising residential building owners of conditions that could lead to loss of property, injury and environmental damage and how to correct them. While most residential building owners and operators can look forward to a "clean bill of health" on their facility, some will learn about deficiencies that will require correction.

No one looks forward to a correction notice, but taking action to assure compliance with safety standards will help prevent liability challenges, loss of property, and potential tragedy. As an added benefit, many insurance carriers will accept the City's inspection report as the proof of compliance they may require before coverage is provided.

For further information contact
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