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**New inspection fees to take effect Jan. 1**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Department of Metropolitan Development’s (DMD) Division of Compliance has adjusted fees for two types of building inspections to cover the increasing costs of service, said division administrator Rick Powers. The changes will take effect January 1, 2005.

By law, contractors are required to request inspections at various stages in the construction process and have the work accessible for inspection by the city for at least 48 hours. Contractors who want to expedite construction and continue work before the 48-hour deadline can request an “accelerated” inspection, which means city inspectors must change scheduled routine inspections that day in order to fulfill the accelerated request.

The current fee for all accelerated inspections is $40. Under the new fee schedule, the cost of the inspection will depend on the timeframe of the request. For instance, a next day accelerated inspection will cost $100, while a same day request will cost $150. Any accelerated inspection after business hours (5 p.m.) or on weekends will cost $400 to cover the cost of overtime pay for inspectors.

DMD also adjusted the building re-inspection fee from $75 to $125. This fee may be accessed by DMD when an additional inspection visit to a construction site is required because of an incorrect address, the area targeted for inspection is not accessible, the work is not yet completed, or the work is concealed and not visible for inspection.

“These fee changes were made to balance out the increasing costs of service,” said Powers.

Powers pointed to a cost analysis done by the department that concluded DMD was losing money because fees have not kept pace with the costs of inspections.

“DMD has not increased fees since 1989, and the cost to the department for these building inspection services has far exceeded the rates being charged.”

The new fee schedule was part of the city’s 2005 budget approved in September by the Indianapolis/Marion County City-County Council.

DMD’s Division of Compliance is funded exclusively by fees charged by the division, rather than property or other local taxes.

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