

## Bylaw 16305

A Bylaw to Amend the Fee Schedule in the Safety Codes Permit Bylaw 15894

### Purpose

To amend the fee schedules in the Safety Codes Permit Bylaw 15894.

### Readings

Bylaw 16305 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 16305 be considered for third reading."

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

**This bylaw will amend Schedule A of the Safety Codes Bylaw 15894, effective January 1, 2013.**

### Report

- The Safety Codes Bylaw includes the fees for building, gas, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical permits.
- The electrical permit fees have not increased from 2012 rates.
- The fees for any permit for commercial, industrial, or institutional development have not increased from 2012 rates.
- The building permit fee for any commercial, industrial, institutional, or multi-family development has been revised. The fee for permits for development with construction value under \$1,000,000 will remain unchanged. However, those permits for development with construction value over \$1,000,000 will have a reduced fee. The fee will be \$1 less, per \$1,000 of construction value for any construction value over \$1,000,000, than the 2012 rate. This decrease will result in significantly lower building permit fees for large construction projects.
- The combination fees for new single detached houses have not increased from 2012 rates.
- The minimum fee for minor residential building permits has increased from \$88 to \$100. The building permit fee for additions and alterations with construction value between \$5,001 and \$10,000 has increased from \$128 to \$145 to align with the minimum fee increase. The minimum fee for gas, plumbing, and HVAC permits has increased from \$85 to \$100. The overall permit fees that a resident pays, however, will remain relatively constant from 2012 since the corresponding development permit fees are proposed to decrease. This change reflects a better alignment of fees with the costs involved in processing these permits. The minimum fee for building and mechanical permits has historically been significantly lower than the cost to process these permits. This increase will bring the fee closer to the actual processing cost without imposing an unreasonable cost on applicants.
- The fee for any inspections that are in addition to those included with a permit has increased from \$216 to \$240. This increase reflects the costs involved in completing these additional inspections as well as the need for a fee that is high enough to

discourage unnecessary inspection requests.

**Policy**

Current Planning Branch – Revised  
Business Model Policy C557

**Corporate Outcomes**

*The Way Ahead*, Edmonton's Strategic Plan, 2009-2018:

- Ensure Edmonton's Financial Sustainability

**Budget/Financial Implications**

The proposed fee changes align with the revenue projections for the Current Planning Branch, as presented to Council in the 2013 Proposed Operating Budget.

**Attachments**

1. Bylaw 16305
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments

**Others Reviewing this Report**

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services
- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer