

Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund Now in Effect

On September 30th 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 1473 into law. This law goes into effect January 1, 2009.

Among other things, the bill provides for the creation of the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund, which is established in the State Treasury. Moneys deposited in this fund will come from a surcharge on both residential and non-residential building permits.

The bill requires that each city collect a fee from an applicant for a building permit, assessed at the rate of four dollars (\$4) per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in valuation, with appropriate fractions thereof, but not less than one dollar (\$1).

Permit Valuation	Fee
\$1 - 25,000	\$1
\$25,001 - 50,000	\$2
\$50,001 - 75,000	\$3
\$75,001 - 100,000	\$4
Every \$25,000 or fraction thereof above \$100,000	Add \$1

Once appropriated, moneys deposited in this fund will be available to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal for expenditure in carrying out the provisions of the State Building Standards Law and provisions of State Housing Law that relate to building standards. Emphasis is to be placed on the development, adoption, publication, updating, and educational efforts associated with green building standards.