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## ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Business Owners and Managers

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SUBJECT: **FIRE SAFETY PERMIT FEE INCREASE**

The City and County of Denver has recently approved an increase in the Fire Safety Permit fees charged by the Denver Fire Department. Fire Safety Permits are operational permits involving hazardous processes, storage and use of hazardous substances, pyrotechnics, special events, etc.

Most of these permit fees have not been raised since their creation in the 1960s. We trust you will understand that the City of Denver faces economic challenges just as you do, and that we need to accommodate the changing costs of doing business. We are doing our best to keep these fees reasonable for you, and we appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

Many Fire Safety Permits require an on-site inspection. This is different than the annual Fire Safety Inspection that each commercial occupancy receives. There is no separate charge for the inspection conducted in connection with a Fire Safety Permit.

Fire Safety Permit fees have been raised as follows:

- All Permit Fees formerly \$25 to \$100 have been increased by \$25
- All Permit Fees formerly \$100 to \$250 have been increased by \$50
- All Permit Fees formerly \$250 and higher will be increased by \$75
- Permits for LPG are based on quantity. Permits for industrial battery systems are based on volume and the nature of the hazardous materials involved. For a complete schedule of fees of these types, please contact our office.

The financial impact in 2009 to the majority of Denver businesses will be minimal:

- 75% of existing Denver businesses are assessed only 1 to 2 permits annually; therefore, 75% of all Denver businesses will experience, on average, a \$25 to \$150 impact due to permit fee increases in 2008.
- Only 7% of Denver's businesses are assessed more than 4 permits annually.

A complete list of standard permits and current fees is available at our website. Go to: [http://www.denvergov.org/Fire\\_Prevention](http://www.denvergov.org/Fire_Prevention) and click on "Fire Safety Permits."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.