



## COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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### NEW GREEN BUILDING FEE

On September 30th of this year, Governor Schwarzenegger signed **SB 1473** into law. It will take effect on 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. This bill requires the Building Standards Commission to adopt, approve, codify, update, and publish green building standards for any occupancy. Moneys deposited in this fund will come from a surcharge on both residential and nonresidential building permits.

The bill requires that each city, county, or city and county 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). **The cost of a typical 3,000 square foot dwelling with a 750 square foot garage will increase by approximately \$12.** Fees collected will be submitted quarterly to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC).

The bill requires that the local jurisdiction transmit the moneys collected to CBSC for deposit in the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund. Once appropriated, moneys deposited in this fund will be available to 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.**

In addition, SB 1473 provides that the city, county, or city and county may retain up to ten (10) percent of the fees collected for related administrative costs and for code enforcement education.

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