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This is a notice to all who are or will be involved with building projects which require a plan review from the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office:

Those plans may include any of the following: UCA 53-7-104
K-12 Schools & Charter Schools Memory Care Facilities
State funded Universities Asylums, Mental Hospitals, Sanitariums
Hospitals DFCM and State-owned projects
Nursing Homes Institutional type occupancies, etc.
Assisted Living Facilities Plans reviewed at the request of other jurisdictions
(This is not intended to be an exhaustive list)

During the 2020 Legislative Session, the State Legislature passed **H.B. 8 *State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations***. This bill was signed by the Governor on 30 March 2020 and has an effective date of 01 July 2020.

Funding used to conduct fire plan review services for the aforementioned buildings was, for many years, covered by a portion of fire insurance premium taxes, which were also used to fund the state fire marshal's office. Legislative priorities, over the past five years, have shifted premium tax monies to a variety of different uses. This revenue shift will now require the plan review processes to be funded directly by those utilizing this service, in the form of a fee.

Within the body of the bill, under the title: **Fire Marshal - Fire Operations**; was added the following fee: **Fire and Life Safety Plan Review (0.022 per Square Foot)**.

Included in the 'Fire and Life Safety Plan Review' will be an overall review of the property site; fire department access to the building; water supply for fire protection; automatic fire sprinkler systems; fire alarm/notification systems; carbon monoxide (CO) detection systems (where required); additional built-in fire protection/detection systems; other relevant fire and life safety systems or requirements as identified in Title 15A *State Construction and Fire Codes Act*, and relevant parts of Title 53 *Public Safety Code*, Chapter 7 *Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act*.

Square footage fee examples:

Building dimensions: 10,000 square feet

General Fire Plan (FD access, water supply, life safety, etc.) $10,000 \times 0.022 = \$220.00$

Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Plan $10,000 \times 0.022 = \$220.00$

Fire/Smoke/Heat/CO detection system plans $10,000 \times 0.022 = \$220.00$

Total for all three reviews = \$660.00

If I can be of any assistance in answering specific questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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