

INVESTIGATION FEE POLICY

Ordinance 07-300, Section 16 states that an investigation is required where work is started prior to obtaining the appropriate permit. A fee may be charged for the investigation.

It is the policy of Mid Columbia Building Code Services, that an investigation fee, equal to the amount of the permit fee, will be assessed for these investigations, except, the fee may be waived where all of the following have been determined to occur:

- The violator is not a repeat offender;
- The violation does not appear to be willful or intentional;
- The violator makes application for the permit (including payment of fees) within 5 business days of the initial contact, whether written or verbal (may be extended upon written request received within 5 days, documenting adequate reason why the application cannot be made within 5 days, upon specific approval of the Building Official

Or, the fee will be waived if the work is emergency repair, and the permit is obtained within 5 business days of the beginning of work.