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Building Inspection
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INTERPRETATIONS AND APPLICATIONS OF
THE HOUSTON ADOPTED CODES
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2009 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2007

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Section 108.3 of the Building Code authorizes the building official to set the valuation of for the purposes of building permits. The code allows for the calculation to be performed solely on the value of the work for which a permit is required and states, "For alterations, remodeling, or repairs the value to be used in computing the permit fee shall be the total value of all construction work for which the permit is issued."

To more appropriate align the permit fee with the true cost of service for remodel and repair permits, valuations will only be the assessed based on the work that requires a permit. In addition, only the permitted work will be inspected and reviewed for compliance.

Section 117 of the Building Code establishes construction permit fees, many of these fees are calculated based on the permit valuation.

For new structures and build-out projects the valuation (or cost of construction) is the contracted amount.

Permit fees for alterations and repair work will hereto forward be interpreted to mean only the items that require a permit. For example, if the complete scope of a repair permit includes new custom countertops, electrical repairs, and replacing damaged studs, the permit valuation would only include the electrical work and stud replacement/repair cost inclusive of the overhead and profits for those items. Please note that the definition of valuation and the valuation determination for new construction and build-outs remain unchanged.

Approved:


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