A CHANGE IN THE CONFIGURATION OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES
BEGINNING AUGUST 6, 2008

The cost of building and trade permits will increase to $15.00 (fifteen dollars) per one thousand dollars worth of construction cost or fraction thereof; (for example, a job costing $1500 would be charged a fee of $30.00). The mandated CT Training Fee is included as part of this fee. Building permits, except those for new single family homes, can be issued as a blanket permit (meaning the total cost of the job including trade permits is accounted for); or as a non-blanket permit (meaning the general construction cost is accounted for and the trade permits are paid for individually). In either case, individual trade permits must still be obtained.

All building permits for new single family homes will be issued as blanket permits. Individual trade permits must still be obtained even though there is no further cost involved. The total cost of construction for new homes will be figured using the following values:

- $74.00 per square foot for heated habitable space (not including basement space)
- $37.00 per square foot for heated habitable space in the basement
- $37.00 per square foot for unheated habitable space (such as finished porches, finished attic space, etc.)
- $12.00 per square foot for garages

Do not include unfinished basements, unfinished attics, unfinished porches, and decks in the cost of construction.

Construction cost will be based on the latest Building Valuation Data published in the Building Safety Journal, a publication issued to building officials by the International Code Council. The Building Valuation Data tables represent the current average construction costs per square foot. The average costs include structural, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, interior finish, normal site preparation (excavation and backfill for building), architectural and design fees, overhead and profit. The data is compiled using the Marshall Valuation Service as published by the Marshall and Swift Publication Company.

The declared cost of construction for new commercial projects and commercial additions will have to meet the minimum values described in the Building Valuation Data tables for the type of construction being used. A cost affidavit may be requested at the completion of the project to verify the actual cost.