

TA2013005 News Item:

NOTICE OF MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

**Location: Board of Supervisors Auditorium,
205 W. Jefferson St.**

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors will host a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the following regulatory amendment including new fees:

TA2013005 – Annual Facilities Permit (AFP): This is a text amendment to the Maricopa County Local Additions & Addenda revising Section 301 (with reference to Sections 105.1.1 & 105.1.2 of the 2012 International Building Code regarding an annual permit and annual permit records) to create a process for an Annual Facilities Permit (AFP) and adoption of related fees in Section 208. This is intended to improve customer service, reduce regulatory burden, and streamline the permitting process. This item was recommended for approval at the 1/28/14 meeting of the Maricopa County Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB) and the 3/27/14 Planning & Zoning Commission. The amendment, including the new fees, will become effective 30 days after Board approval. The proposed language is:

Section 301 – 2012 International Building Code:

The 2012 International Building Code has been adopted as the building code for Maricopa County along with the following amendments:

Delete Sections 105.1.1 and 105.1.2 and replace with:

105.1 Annual Facility Permits.

105.1.1. General. The Annual Facilities Permit is an administrative system intended to simplify the permitting and inspection process for qualified facilities by allowing inspectors to review plans and maintaining inspectors familiar with the construction history of such facilities. Qualified facilities electing to participate in this program are exempt from the requirement to obtain individual permits for the work regulated by this code when such work does not increase the floor area, does not constitute a change of use or occupancy classification, and is performed on existing buildings, structures, and utilities associated with that qualified facility. This alternative permit process shall not exempt compliance with the technical requirements of this code, the technical

codes, or with other County, State, or Federal laws, nor exempt work from inspection prior to concealment.

105.1.2. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall apply:

AGENT: An architect or engineer registered in the State of Arizona and who is responsible for complying with the substantive provisions of this Chapter. The agent, as authorized by rules established by the Arizona Board of Technical Registration, shall assure work has been performed in accordance with this code and the technical codes.

QUALIFIED FACILITY: A firm, corporation, or political entity engaged in manufacturing, processing, service, or property management that occupies and controls specialized buildings and building service equipment to the extent that full-time personnel are required to manage, operate, or maintain such buildings and equipment in compliance with all the provisions of this code and the technical codes.

105.1.3. Annual Facilities Permit Transferability. An Annual Facilities Permit is not transferable.

105.1.4. Annual Facilities Permit Renewal. An Annual Facilities Permit may be renewed every twelve (12) months by payment of a renewal fee as set forth in the Maricopa County Schedule of Fees. Additional hourly charges will be assessed for each work project. Renewal fees shall be due and payable prior to the permit expiration date, or a new initial application shall be required. Work performed after the permit expiration date shall be in violation of this code and subject to penalty.

105.1.5. Annual Facilities Permit Operation. The agent shall notify the Building Official or his/her designee prior to the start of any work involving alteration of the building structure system, alteration of any fire-resistive wall, floor, or ceiling assembly, alteration of any fire corridor system, or installation of any structural, mechanical, plumbing, or electrical work intended to be enclosed or concealed. The Building Official shall determine the nature and extent of plan reviews and/or inspections required. Maricopa County shall invoice the Qualified Facility and the Qualified Facility shall pay for the professional services rendered as set forth in the Maricopa County Schedule of Fees.

105.1.6 Annual Facilities Permit Records. The agent shall keep a detailed record of alterations made under an Annual Facilities Permit. The building official shall have access to such records at all times or such records shall be filed with the building official as designated.

Section 208 – Other Inspections and Fees:

14. Annual Facilities Permit Program:

<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>\$750</u>
<u>Annual Facilities Permit</u>	<u>\$500 per year</u>
<u>Inspection Fee</u>	<u>\$190 per hour</u>

The public may submit comments to the project manager, Darren Gerard, at:
<http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/comments.aspx>.