

**Professional  
Building  
Inspections, Inc.**

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## Notice of Rate Increase

Dear Council:

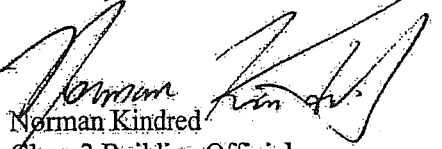
Although housing and employment costs continue to rise, we have honoured our commitment to refrain from a price increase until the end of 2011. In order to meet rising expenses while still maintaining good value for our clients we will be raising our inspection fees for new permits effective **January 1, 2012**, as follows:

- **Our basic inspection fee will increase from \$120.00 to \$140.00** on all single residential dwellings, including duplexes, as well as for additions, renovations, garages, decks, basement development, RTM's, and mobile homes. **Our new fee of \$840.00** for a home up to 139 m<sup>2</sup> (1,500 sq. ft.) is still great value considering the "cost of construction" approach common in many Saskatchewan jurisdictions can be approximately *double* that. For instance, based on a fee at \$4.50/\$1,000:   
Cost of Construction: 1,500 ft<sup>2</sup> x \$270/ft<sup>2</sup> (average) = \$405,000  
Permit Fee: \$405,000 x \$4.50 /\$1,000 = \$1,822.50  
Our 'flat-fee' system provides ease of calculation and, as shown, establishes a much lower permit fee. **Note: Permits opened before December 31, 2011 will still be charged at the old rates;** however, "Extra" inspection fees for permits opened before Dec 31/11 will only be charged at the old rates until December 31, 2012.
- The \$4.50/\$1,000 cost of construction fee for commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential development that houses three or more families will remain the same. The *minimum* charges, however, will increase from \$150.00 to \$180.00 per inspection unit.
- Travel fees, if applicable, will increase as outlined on Schedule A.

We revisit our fees periodically to ensure they reflect current costs; however, for your peace of mind, we will try to maintain these new rates until December 31, 2013.

A revised "Schedule A" itemizing our new inspection rates has been included. Please record your rates under "Fees for Municipality" and fax a copy to 306-781-2112 or mail to: **64 Great Plains Road, Emerald Park, SK S4L 1C3**. Please feel free to contact Cheryl, our Office Administrator, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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Class 3 Building Official  
Professional Building Inspections, Inc.