



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: Residential Fire Sprinkler Fee Change Effective May 25, 2011

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Planning and Development Services Section is implementing a change to our fee schedule which will be effective on May 25, 2011. Fees will be assessed for plan review and inspection of residential fire sprinkler systems for all **new** homes. Fees for residential fire sprinkler systems being retrofitted or altered within existing single family homes will continue to be exempted by OCFA. The changes were approved by OCFA's Board of Directors on March 24, 2011. OCFA continues to subsidize residential fire sprinkler fees for existing homes to encourage homeowners to install residential fire sprinklers. Fire sprinklers are one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of dying in a fire and minimizing property damage caused by fire. You can find out more about residential fire sprinklers by visiting www.ocfa.org and selecting the Emergency Tab, selecting the Safety & Education option, and finally selecting the Home Safety link.

OCFA, Planning & Development staff is beginning to meet with you or your staff to share additional details about the changes and update reference documents used by your staff.

Please call me with any questions or comments at 714-573-6101 or email me at brettpetroff@ocfa.org.

Sincerely,

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