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## Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program NOTICE OF MARICOPA COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**CANCELLED. SEE JANUARY 28, 2014 MEETING NOTICE**

**Date/Time: Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Gold Room, 501 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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The Maricopa County Planning & Development Department will host a Maricopa County Building Advisory Board (BCAB) Meeting to conduct a public hearing to discuss initialization of proposed regulatory amendments and to consider recommendation of the following to the Board of Supervisors:

**TA2013004 – Exemption for building/structures existing prior to 1/1/2000:** This is a text amendment to the Maricopa County Local Additions & Addenda, Sec. 205, Building Permit Exceptions to exempt construction of buildings and other structures that have been in existence prior to January 1, 2000, from the requirement to obtain a Building Permit. This is intended to improve customer service and reduce regulatory burden. It will bring the critical date for a building permit requirement in alignment with that for drainage clearance and zoning clearance in the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance, January 1, 2000. The proposed language is:

*A building permit shall not be required for a building or structure that was existing, or any use of land that was lawfully existing, as of January 1, 2000 or as of the effective date of subsequent amendments to this regulation provided there are no visible signs of defects or unsafe conditions. When verification is required by the Building Official a Certificate of Observable Compliance from a third party Registered Architect or Structural Engineer must be submitted.*

**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. The proposed language is (changes since the 10/25/13 stakeholder meeting are highlighted):

### **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:** A full-time or contract employee of a Qualified Facility, who is an architect or engineer registered and residing 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:**

Registration Fee	\$750
Annual Facilities Permit	\$500 per year
Inspection Fee	\$190 per hour

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