State of Oregon Permit Surcharge

When is the State Surcharge fee added to a permit?
The state surcharge fee is applied on all construction permits and hourly inspection charges (including amusement ride, boiler, elevator, manufactured dwelling, prefabricated structure, and recreational vehicle permits and hourly inspection rates).

What is the current surcharge fee?
The current rate is 12%.

How is the surcharge calculated?
The method used to calculate the surcharge is to multiply the permit and/or hourly inspection charges by .12. This amount is then added to the fees.

What does the surcharge pay for?
Fees collected must be used for the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program. ORS 455.210 (3) (c). The surcharge includes:

- 4 percent to defray state administrative costs. ORS 455.210 (4)(a)
- 2 percent to defray state inspection costs. ORS 455.210 (4)(b)
- 1 percent to defray state administrative costs for administering and enforcing the state code. ORS 455.210 (4)(c)
- 1 percent to defray the costs of training and other educational programs administered by the division. ORS 455.220(1)
- 4 percent to defray the cost of developing and administering the electronic building codes information system. ORS 455.210(4)(d)

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