

BUILDING CODE MANUAL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION Based on the 2008 LACBC

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PERMIT VALUATION

The valuation shall be determined by the plan check engineer per Section 107 1 The plan check engineer is responsible for independently calculating a proper construction valuation using the Building Valuation Guide sheet and determine if a higher valuation is justified compared to the value shown on the permit application.

The following procedure shall be used in calculating the valuation.

- 1 The applicant is to include their estimate of the valuation on the permit application
- 2 The plan check engineer must verify the permit valuation using the Building Valuation Guide Sheet based on the occupancy, type of construction, quality and extent of construction or alteration.
- 3. Where the valuation shown on the permit application is lower in comparison to the calculated estimate, the plan check engineer shall update the valuation on the correction sheet and notify the applicant of the supplemental fees that must be paid at the time of plan resubmittal. The plan check engineer shall also update DAPTS accordingly. If the application valuation is greater that the calculated estimate, no further work is necessary.
- 4. For permits issued at the time of application, the plan check engineer must verify a correct valuation prior to issuing the permit.

Additional information and consideration:

<u>Valuation</u>

Section 107 1 states. "The valuation to be used in computing the permit and plan check fees shall be the total value of all construction work for which the permit is issued, as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire extinguishing systems* and any other permanent work or permanent equipment." This value is to include foundations, normal site preparation, contractor's profit, plan preparation, soil reports, HVAC equipment, etc. It does not include manufacturing or processing equipment, furnishings or display fixtures and similar items not related to the building construction

Relocated Building

Relocated buildings or structures require the plan check engineer to estimate the value of the work. The estimate is to include the amount of work required to refurbish the building to comply with the requirements of the code, the cost of relocating the building and the new site construction costs. The total valuation should be somewhere between 75% and 100% of the valuation for a new building based upon the Building Valuation Guide Sheet.

Remodeled Areas

Remodeled buildings or structures require the plan check engineer to estimate the value of the work depending on the extent of the proposed remodel. The amount of work required to refurbish the existing building or structure may range between 75% and 100% of the valuation for a new building based upon the Building Valuation Guide Sheet.

Where there are major discrepancies between the applicant provided valuation and the calculated amount, the office manager shall determine the final valuation

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