

## **Draft of proposed rule change to permit the use of an “annual permit” for minor alterations to buildings**

A state agency, including universities, will be able to acquire an annual permit under which they could do minor alteration as defined in the rule without taking out a new separate building permit for each incident. We would issue the permit to the agency for the building or campus, not state wide (but maybe for a region). The permit would expire in one year. The agency would request inspections using that permit number. The inspector would record the inspection results and the time spent on the inspection. DBS would periodically bill the agency for those inspections at the hourly rate.

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#### **026.DEFINITIONS.**

The terms defined in this section shall have the following meaning for all parts of this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

**06. Minor Alteration.** For the purpose of administering annual permits, minor alterations shall not include: work that alters the fire resistive characteristics of the building or fire suppression systems; work that creates new openings in construction meant to compartmentalize fire such as fire walls, fire barriers, fire partitions, smoke barriers, smoke partitions, horizontal assemblies, shaft enclosures, stair enclosures; work that increases the floor area or height of the building; work that changes the structural load path of the building for gravity or horizontal loads; work that reduces the thermal resistance capacity of the building envelope; changes in the occupancy classification of the building or space; increases in the floor loads. Minor alterations shall include but are not limited to the following: partition walls constructed within a defined room; relocation of or existing openings or installation of new doors and windows in non-load bearing walls that are not in construction meant to compartmentalize fire; window replacement in unaltered existing openings; roof repairs involving installation of less than one hundred square feet of new roof covering; new suspended ceilings that are not required to be fire resistive.

*Renumber the defined terms after the new number 06.*

#### **027. PERMITS.**

**01. Building Permits.** Building permits shall be obtained from the Division prior to the construction of structures governed by the act or rules promulgated by the Board.

**02. Annual permit.** In lieu of an individual permit for each minor alteration to an already approved building, the division may issue an annual permit upon application therefor to any state agency or state government organization regularly employing one or more qualified trade persons in the building, structure or on the premises or campus owned or operated by the applicant for the permit. The agency to whom an annual permit is issued shall keep a detailed record of alterations made under such annual permit. The division shall have access to such records at all times or such records shall be filed with the division as designated. The permit holder shall request inspections and make the work accessible for inspection as is required in the adopted codes and in this rule.

**029. FEES.**

**08. Fees for annual permits.** A fee for inspections done on annual permits shall be charge at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour. The division shall bill the agency for annual permits and failure of the agency to pay the fee within sixty (60) days may result in cancellation of the annual permit.

*Renumber the existing 08 and 09*