

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Plan Review Staff

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RE: System Review Processing for State and Local Subdivisions

LRS 1574.1 contains this office's plan review fee schedule. LRS 40:1574.1.C.(3) states that for the first submission only state and local political subdivisions shall be exempt from the payment of all other charges provided herein. Thereafter, local political subdivisions shall pay the required fees for all subsequent submissions.

Apparently some state and municipal subdivisions are unwilling/unable to perform their own review of professionally prepared preliminary fire alarm design documents. This office will now log in and review "preliminary" fire alarm reviews as "architectural" reviews. These projects will be treated in a similar manner to those provided in completing typical architectural construction documents.

They will be given a cursory review for architectural compliance with the appropriate NFPA 101 Life Safety Code edition. Evaluation criteria for the buildings' occupancy classification shall include minimum design, initiation, and notification requirements.

Our standard architectural review letters for these projects will be supplemented with notes to the inspector indicating that a final architectural inspection will not be required. The final field inspection will occur only at the time for the final fire alarm scope of work inspection.

Neither the "architectural" review for the fire alarm or the "final fire alarm" review will require a fee. Only submittals for not in compliance resubmittals will be assigned a fee.

DZ/md