

NOTICE to CONTRACTORS and PERMIT APPLICANTS

PERMIT FEES WILL INCREASE JANUARY 1, 2005

Contractors and Permit Applicants are advised that fees for Department of Highways and Traffic services and permits will increase on January 1, 2005. The increases will be as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Special Use Permit	\$ 208.00 / Unit
Special Use Permit – Utilities*	116.00 / Unit
Compression Strength Testing	11.00 / Each
Core Drilling and Extraction	43.00 / Each
Steel Testing Services	45.00 / Each
Subdivision Inspection Fees	108.00 / Hour

The Department of Highways and Traffic has not had an increase in their rates since 1989. St. Louis County hired an independent firm, MAXIMUS, to conduct a study of all St. Louis County rates in 2003. The new rates listed above are per their recommendation, with the exception of Special Use Permits related to utilities. The study recommended a rate of \$208.00 per unit, but upon further evaluation of MAXIMUS' figures by our Department, we discovered an error in the methodology and recalculated the rate as shown.

The St. Louis County Council passed ordinances 22,102 and 22,069 in 2004, which authorizes the increase of these fees. The ordinances can be viewed on-line at <http://gis.stlouisco.com/ordinance/>, under "Enter Search Request", type 22,102 and click on search. Click on 22102.DOC in the left-hand column.

*Special Use Permit – Utilities shall be defined as permits for utility companies, plumbers, banners, over-dimensional moves, etc. that either do not require plans, or that require plans but do not require the seal of a Missouri Professional Engineer.