

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ESCROW MONEY:

Per Franklin County Commission Order 02-026: At the time a permit is paid for, cash or a separate check will be required by the department. This amount is not part of the permit fee but will be deposited in a separate account until which time the final inspection has been completed for that permit. This money will be returned to you or your contractor (whoever sent the original check) within one month after the final inspection has been completed. The permit is valid for one year and must be kept active in order to receive your escrow money back. Approximately one month before the expiration date you will receive a notice advising you of such. At that time you either need to pay one-half the amount of the original permit fee to renew the permit for one term before the expiration date or you must have a final inspection completed.

Per Franklin County Commission Order 07-340, dated November 27, 2007, an escrow amount of \$200.00 will be required when an on-site sewer permit is issued and it will be returned after the Final Inspection has been performed and passed providing the permit is still valid. Lagoons and Mound Systems must be seeded and strawed.

If neither of the above is addressed, the escrow money will be transferred to the Franklin County General Fund at that time.

If the permit has expired and has not been renewed or a final inspection completed, your options are as follows: If you just have the final inspection to do, you may pay \$50.00 for that one time inspection. If you have more than the final inspection to complete, you must pay one-half the cost of the original permit to proceed; BUT THE ESCROW FEE WILL HAVE BEEN FORFEITED because action was not taken prior to expiration of the permit.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE ABOVE:

Per Commission Order 03-255: On residential and non-residential permits where the permit fee exceeds \$1,500.00, the permit will be valid for 18 months instead of 12 months. On residential permits only, where the permit fee exceeds \$1,500.00 the escrow will be \$500.00 instead of \$350.00.

If these permits need to be extended you may do so for one-half the original fee for an additional 18 months.

Any permit issued to a government entity or not-for-profit organization may be extended for a like term without any additional fee.

EXPIRED UNFINALED PERMITS: Per Commission Order 02-026. In no event shall another building permit be issued on a given building or structure on a parcel of land that has an inactive permit which has not been finalized on that parcel of land. Example: If you have a permit for a residence etc. but have not had a passing final inspection on that project, and you wish to apply for a permit to build a detached garage etc. on the same piece of property....we will not be able to issue the new permit until the old project has passed a final inspection.

REASONS TO OBTAIN FINAL INSPECTIONS:

1. As noted above, no other permit can be issued on that tract of land until any other permits issued for that property have been finalized.

2. Liability to the property owner.
3. To keep the Escrow money from being forfeited by you and transferred to the Franklin County General Fund.
4. There is no assurance that all corrections have been made unless a final inspection has been completed.
5. In some cases, if a structure is damaged or destroyed by fire, fire investigators will research our files for information on the property.
6. If the property is put up for sale and the purchaser or their agent inquires about inspections completed on the project and no final has been done, problems could arise. It is the property owner's responsibility to see that all inspections have been completed.