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Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

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To: All Building Professionals

From: Tom Stolz, Director – Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

Dear Building Contractor:

The renewal time for building contractor licenses is approaching for years 2015 and 2016. Historically, all building contractors had to renew separately with the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, paying at both stops. Due to the ongoing city/county merger, contractors will now only need to purchase a single countywide license which will allow them to operate anywhere in Sedgwick County and City of Wichita (plus 10 smaller cities within the county – see attached sheet). Fees have been consolidated between city and county and will now renew every OTHER year instead of annually. For those who are Class A through D contractors plus cell tower and mobile home installers who do business in the city and county, the combined license cost has been reduced by 10% when compared to 2012. Roofing, siding, sign, swimming pool, and wrecking contractors will see a small increase in license fees but will be able to work in the whole jurisdiction mentioned above.

As we continue rate analysis, these costs could change in future years depending on what the studies show. One of the main goals of the city/county merger is to provide efficiency (keeping costs as low as possible) while increasing customer service to you. The merger is moving forward and will be completed in 2015 when this department co-locates to a common building along with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and the Sedgwick County Appraisers Office. This facility move is a work in progress at this time – you will be receiving further information from me in the future regarding this process. Within this packet is a fact sheet regarding status of the merger. Please read it at your convenience and direct any questions to me. Thank you for your support during the consolidation process. It continues to be an honor to work with this industry and I look forward to our continued partnership in the future.

Tom Stolz
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