



Office of the Illinois
State Fire Marshal

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ELEVATOR SAFETY DIVISION
312-814-1325

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To All Municipalities with State Agreements:

The Elevator Safety Division has been receiving numerous complaints from conveyance owners, State legislators and Municipalities regarding the cost of conveyance inspections. It appears that some third party inspection companies are billing the maintenance company instead of the conveyance owner. The maintenance company is adding on an additional fee to cover their processing costs and then billing the conveyance owner. This is perfectly legal, however, you have the authority to regulate these fees if you desire by passing an ordinance that addresses the following:

- You may require the inspection company to bill the conveyance owner directly (eliminating the mark-up),
- establish the fees permitted to be charged by the third party inspection companies, or,
- establish a fee system the owners pays to the municipality.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or comments regarding the above.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

Robert Capuani
Director, Elevator Safety Division