

**481—300.5(103A) Inspections.**

**300.5(1)** Any building or facility for which construction is subject to a plan review by the commissioner, except construction involving any building or facility owned by the board of regents or by any institution subject to the authority of the board of regents, is subject to inspection by the commissioner or staff of the bureau or division at the direction of the commissioner or by a third party with whom the commissioner contracts to conduct inspections of buildings and facilities subject to the state building code.

EXCEPTION: Construction that is limited to building renovations or repairs is not subject to inspection by the commissioner.

**300.5(2)** Any construction involving any building or facility owned by the board of regents or by an institution subject to the authority of the board of regents is subject to inspection by the commissioner or staff of the bureau or division at the direction of the commissioner.

EXCEPTION: Construction that is limited to building renovations or repairs is not subject to inspection by the commissioner.

**300.5(3)** Buildings subject to inspection by the commissioner, except construction involving any building or facility owned by the board of regents or by any institution subject to the authority of the board of regents, shall pay an inspection fee based upon the construction cost of the project. The inspection fee is calculated as follows:

Construction Cost	Base Inspection Fee
Up to \$100,000	\$598
\$100,001 to \$1,000,000	\$645
\$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$722
\$10,000,001 and above	\$783
Follow-up inspection	\$214

The base inspection fee covers three inspections—a foundation, rough-in, and final. The base inspection fee is due and payable at the time completed construction documents are submitted for review. The plan review will not be conducted until the proper base inspection fee is paid. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer, State of Iowa, and delivered to the bureau office. This fee is separate and distinct from the plan review fee established in subrule 300.4(2).

Additional inspections may occur for any of the following reasons:

- a. During one of the three base inspections, code violations are identified that require that a follow-up inspection be conducted to verify that the violations have been corrected.
- b. The inspector finds that the project is not ready for the type of inspection requested.
- c. By special request of the project designer, contractor, or owner.
- d. Upon order of the building code commissioner (no additional charge).

The fee for each additional inspection is calculated as follows:

One hour on site = \$206

One to two hours on site = \$240

Two to three hours on site = \$273

Three to four hours on site = \$307

Four to five hours on site = \$341

Five to six hours on site = \$374

Additional inspection fees will be billed to the responsible architect or building contractor on a monthly basis. The building may receive only temporary approval for occupancy if unpaid inspection fees remain at the time of final inspection.

Inspection fees and standard operating procedures for construction involving any building or facility owned by the board of regents or by any institution subject to the authority of the board of regents will be established through a written agreement between the commissioner and the board of regents.

**300.5(4)** Any person who performs a building code inspection on behalf of the building code commissioner will have and maintain one of the following: (1) current certification as a commercial building inspector by the International Code Council, or (2) other equivalent certification approved by the

building code commissioner. An employee of the department who performs an inspection on behalf of the building code commissioner will, in addition, meet any requirements for the job class in which the employee is classified as established by the department of administrative services, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 8A, subchapter IV, part 2.

EXCEPTION: An employee of the department who performs inspections on behalf of the building code commissioner may perform such inspections for no more than six months prior to obtaining certification.

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