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**CITY OFFERS FIRST-EVER REDUCED PERMIT FEES FOR GREEN BUILDING**

The city of Phoenix Planning and Development Services Department will offer money-saving incentives to promote “green” construction in homes and businesses beginning Oct 1. The Green Building Incentives Program is funded by a \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

“This is the first time in our history that we will offer incentives to our customers,” said Cindy Stotler, acting assistant director, Planning and Development Services. “We are very excited that these incentives will help promote sustainable building in Phoenix.”

The program offers incentives for small home-improvement projects and large-scale home and business remodels. Home-improvement projects covered by the program include items ranging from the replacement of a water heater with an Energy Star model to the installation of photovoltaic solar systems. In some cases, permit fees will be reduced 100 percent.

Permit fee reductions for large-scale projects are calculated using a point system. Points are accumulated for a variety of items including duct sealing, insulation, lighting, appliances, rainwater harvesting systems, HVAC systems and more. Large-scale projects also will benefit from a free expedited plan review, saving time and money.

Planning and Development Services is using a portion of this grant to create a voluntary Green Building Code, to be implemented in late 2011.

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