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**TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager**

**FROM: George E. Seagraves, Fire Chief**

**DATE: December 10, 2011**

**RE: BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASE – FY 2010**

Per direction of the Village of Lombard Board of Trustees the Fire Department has prepared a fee increase ordinance adjusting the Building Permit Fees 5%, rounding to whole dollars in most cases. Additionally the following permit fees are of special note:

- Administrative Fees will remain the same.
- Water Heater permit fees to remain unchanged.

Building Permit fees have not been increased since 2005. As related to our comparable DuPage County communities our permit fees are ranked one of the lowest. This fee increase will not change our ranking regarding fees. An exhibit is included comparing our permit fee now and with the 5% increase is included.

Water heater permits are the single largest resident complaint we get. It is important that the water heaters are permitted and inspected. I have included a photograph of a water heater found at a recent fire. The water heater was installed without benefit of a permit and inspections. Although this may be a unique situation we find many problems with water heater replacements. We would like to encourage the installations of water heaters with permits.

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