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## Frequently Asked Questions False Final Inspections

### 1. Question: What constitutes as a false final inspection?

**Answer:** A final inspection is required upon the completion of a state-regulated project in order to grant fire safety approval to the project. The inspection would be considered a "false" final inspection when the project remains incomplete and/or noncompliant with a previous inspection report or plan of correction requested by the state fire marshal inspector and therefore causing the inspector to return to the site for an additional final inspection.

### 2. Question: Is there a penalty for requesting a false final inspection?

**Answer:** Yes. Pursuant to [Public Act 252, House Bill 5313 Omnibus budget appropriation bill](#), the Bureau of Fire Services may assess a fee when a state fire marshal inspector responds to a false final inspection appointment.

### 3. Question: How much will the false final inspection fee cost? Answer: An

invoice for a false final inspection fee may be issued up to \$200.00.

### 4. Question: How will we know if we will be receiving a false final inspection fee?

**Answer:** If the state fire marshal inspector responds to a final inspection appointment and determines upon inspection that the project remains incomplete and/or noncompliant with a previous inspection report or plan of correction that was requested, the inspector shall inform the requesting facility representative that a false final inspection fee will be issued at that time. The inspector's findings will be documented in the inspection report and issued along with the invoice upon his/her return to the office.

### 5. Question: Who will receive the false final inspection invoice?

**Answer:** The invoice will be sent to the facility representative who requested the false final inspection.

**Note:** The requesting facility representative may be the project architect, project/site superintendent, fire alarm and/or sprinkler certified firm or representative, or other facility representative.

Auxiliary aids, services and other reasonable accommodations are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

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**6. Question: How can I pay for my invoice?**

**Answer: Acceptable payment options include:**

**Check or money order payments are also accepted. Please make the check or money order payable to the "State of Michigan" and send one of the addresses listed below:**

- **For regular mail sent via the U.S. Postal Service:**

**LARA/Bureau of Fire Services  
2407 N. Grand River Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906**

- **If sending via courier service other than the U.S. Postal Service:**

**LARA/Bureau of Fire Services  
P.O. Box 30700  
Lansing, MI 48909**

**7. Question: How long do I have to pay the invoice?**

**Answer: The invoice shall be paid within 30 calendar days from the date that the invoice was issued. Please note: If the invoice remains unpaid after three (3) invoice attempts from the Bureau, the invoice will be turned over to the [Michigan Department of Treasury](#) for collections.**

**8. Question: Will an unpaid invoice cause the project not to receive a final**

**inspection? Answer: Yes. All fees must be paid prior to scheduling the final inspection.**