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## Annual Adjustments to Development Cost Levy (DCL) Rates

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In 2009, Council adopted an annual inflationary rate adjustment system for the Vancouver (City-wide) and ten area-specific Development Cost Levy areas. Under the adopted system, new rates are reported each July with new rates coming into effect on September 30th of each year.

DCLs are payable at Building Permit issuance and at the rate in effect at that time. However, Building Permit applicants with projects in-stream are exempt from DCL rate increases for a period of 12 months from the date of DCL rate amendments. If a satisfactory Building Permit application is submitted and the permit fee is paid prior to September 30, the DCL will be based on the rate in effect on the date of permit fee payment, locked-in for one year from the next DCL rate increase. This applies to applications submitted after January 1, 2011 only.

Nominal rates for school use, parking garage, child care use, temporary building and community energy centre are unchanged.

Further DCL information, including rates, may be found at:  
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/infobul1.htm>

The City cannot guarantee that any building permit applications will be issued before the DCL rate increases. For those applicants with a building permit application currently in process, you may wish to contact the following staff regarding the status of your application and strategies for improving the likelihood of permit issuance prior to the DCL increase:

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For further information you may contact a DCL Coordinator at the By-law Administration Counter at 604-873-7760.

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