

**PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET**  
**Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction**  
**Boiler Inspection Division**  
**(Amendment)**

**815 KAR 15:027. Fees and certificates for boiler and pressure vessel inspection.**

RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 236

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 236.030, 236.120, 236.130, 236.240, 236.250

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 236.030 and 236.130 require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations that establish reasonable inspection fees for boilers, pressure vessels, and pressure piping. This administrative regulation establishes the fees for permits and inspections for boilers, pressure vessels, and pressure piping.

Section 1. Fees.

(1) Permit and Repair Fees.

(a) Permits for new installations of boilers, pressure vessels, and pressure piping shall be based upon the total dollar value of each installation, either actual or estimated. The installing boiler and pressure vessel contractor shall identify the applicable cost range, which shall include both labor and material costs, but the boiler and pressure vessel contractor shall not be required to identify the exact cost.

(b) The fees for permits for new installations shall be paid prior to installation.

(c) The permit fees for boilers, pressure vessels, or pressure piping are as follows:

Cost of Inspected Item Fee	
\$2,000 or less	\$70
\$2,001 to \$10,000	\$130
\$10,001 to \$25,000	\$200
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$250
\$50,001 to \$75,000	\$300
\$75,001 to \$100,000	\$410
\$100,001 to \$150,000	\$520
\$150,001 to \$200,000	\$630
\$200,001 to \$250,000	\$740
\$250,001 to \$300,000	\$850
\$300,001 to \$400,000	\$960
\$400,001 to \$500,000	\$1,350
\$500,001 to \$600,000	\$1,500
\$600,001 to \$700,000	\$1,650
\$700,001 and over	\$1,850

(d)

1. If a boiler and pressure vessel contractor is unable to complete the work after a permit has been issued and work has begun, the permit may be taken over and responsibility assumed by a different boiler and pressure vessel contractor.

2. The new boiler and pressure vessel contractor shall pay a fee of seventy (70) dollars for a transferred permit as outlined in subparagraph 1. of this paragraph.

(2) Fees for Reinspection.

(a) Fees for the annual reinspection of power boilers pursuant to KRS 236.110(1)(a) shall be charged at the rates established in this subsection.

1. INTERNAL INSPECTIONS OF POWER BOILERS

Heating Surface (Square Feet)	Fee
100 or less	\$35
101 to 1,000	\$50
1,001 to 4,000	\$90
4,001 to 10,000	\$120
10,001 and over	\$200

2. EXTERNAL INSPECTIONS OF POWER BOILERS

Heating Surface (Square Feet)	Fee
100 or less	\$30
101 and over	\$35

(b) Fees for the biennial reinspection of heating boilers pursuant to KRS 236.110(1)(b) shall be charged at the rates established in this subsection.

Boilers with manway where internal inspection required	\$55
Other heating boilers	\$35
Hot water supply boilers	\$25
Miniature boilers	\$25

(c)

1. The fee for the initial inspection of an existing pressure vessel that has been in service for at least five (5) years and has not received a certificate of inspection shall be twenty-five (25) dollars.

2. The fee for the initial inspection of an existing pressure vessel that has been in service for less than five (5) years shall be the same as the permit fees in subsection 1 of this section.

(d) The fee for a reinspection of a pressure vessel pursuant to 815 KAR 15:026 Section 1(2) shall be twenty-five (25) dollars.

(3)

(a) An inspection made by boiler inspectors at the request of a boiler manufacturer, installer, engineering contractor, or owner conducted outside of normal business hours as established in 815 KAR 15:025 and 815 KAR 15:026 shall be charged at the rates established in this subsection:

1. \$450 for one-half (1/2) day of four (4) hours or less;
2. \$600 for one (1) day of more than four (4) hours to eight (8) hours;
3. \$600 for any part of a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday; and
4. Forty (40) dollars per hour for overtime in excess of eight (8) hours in any one (1) day.

(b) In addition to the fees listed in this subsection, the manufacturer, installer, engineering contractor, or owner shall be charged for mileage at the current state rate. The manufacturer, installer, engineering contractor, or owner may be charged for

lodging, meals, and incidentals of the boiler inspector if the inspection requires more than eight (8) hours.

(c) The fees established in this subsection shall be in addition to the regular fees for permits, inspections, and certificates of inspection.

(4) Charges for inspection of a used boiler or used pressure vessel shall be at the rates established in subsection (1) paragraph (c) of this section.

(5) Inspections of a manufacturing facility at the request of the manufacturer for the issuance of ASME or National Board Certificates of Authorization shall be charged at the rates established in this subsection:

(a) Initial inspection for ASME certificates - \$1,200;

(b) Renewal of ASME certificates - \$950; and

(c) Initial inspections and renewals for National Board R or V-R certificate - \$400.

Section 2. Certificates of Inspection. If the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel required to be inspected refuses to allow an inspection to be made, or refuses to pay the required fee, the certificate of inspection shall be suspended by the commissioner until the owner or user complies with the requirements in KRS 236 and 815 KAR Chapter 15.

Section 3. Operating Certificate Extension. The fee for an operating certificate extension is set at \$5,000 per month of extension.

Section 4. Administrative Fees. The fee for issuing a commission to a special boiler inspector is set at twenty five dollars (\$25) per commission.

*RAY A. PERRY, Secretary*

*JONATHON M. FULLER, Commissioner*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: April 9, 2026

FILED WITH LRC: April 10, 2026 at 12 noon

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on June 23, 2026, at 9 a.m., eastern time, in the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, 500 Mero Street, First Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five working days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. The hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through June 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m., eastern time. Send written notification of the intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation by the above date to the contact person below:

## REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

**Contact Person: Jonathon M. Fuller**

### **Subject Headings:**

**(1) Provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) What this administrative regulation does:**

This administrative regulation establishes the fees for the inspections of boilers and pressure vessels.

**(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:**

This administrative regulation is necessary to assist the boiler inspectors in performing their duty to monitor and inspect boiler and pressure vessel activity in the Commonwealth. This administrative regulation also aids the boiler and pressure vessel contractor, mechanic, and owners of boilers or pressure vessels in calculating the fee for a boiler or pressure vessel inspection.

**(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 236.130 requires the commissioner to establish a reasonable fee for the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels. KRS 236.120 establishes the requirements for a Certificate of Inspection. KRS 236.240 establishes the requirement for permits and authorizes the commissioner to establish reasonable fees for the permits.

**(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This administrative regulation establishes the inspection fees for boiler, pressure vessels, and pressure piping, and the Certificate of Inspection provided by the department after the inspections.

**(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:**

This regulation establishes the following fees: The existing schedule has been clarified to state that it includes repair fees; \$5,000 for an operating certificate extension; and \$25 for administrative fees related to issuing a commission to a special boiler inspector.

**(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:**

The amendment was necessary in order to clarify the existing regulation's fee schedule, establish a small administrative fee, and set up a fee that is intended to disincentivize operating certificate extensions.

**(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 236.130 requires the commissioner to establish a reasonable fee for the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels. KRS 236.120 establishes the requirements for a Certificate of Inspection. KRS 236.240 establishes the requirement for permits and authorizes the commissioner to establish reasonable fees for the permits.

**(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This amendment will establish more reasonable and up-to-date fees.

**(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? No.**

**(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:**

All individuals engaged in the boiler and pressure vessel industry, and Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction personnel.

**(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:**

**(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:**

The regulated entities will need to pay the appropriate fees, as needed. In particular, special boiler inspectors will pay \$25 for their commissions and entities seeking a voluntary operating certificate extension will pay \$5,000.

**(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):**

The department has 116 active boiler commissions. The owners of those commissions will pay \$25. The department usually issues approximately six to twelve operating certificate extensions every year. The certificate extension fee is not intended to increase revenue; instead, it is intended to disincentivize operating certificate extensions. Therefore, it is anticipated that, at most, regulated entities may pay \$63,000 in the first year, but that number will swiftly decrease in subsequent years.

**(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):**

This regulatory amendment clarifies the department's fee schedule.

**(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:**

**(a) Initially:**

There are no anticipated initial costs to administer this regulatory amendment.

**(b) On a continuing basis:**

There are no anticipated continuing costs to administer this regulatory amendment.

**(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:**

Any department costs of implementation will be met with existing department funds.

**(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:**

Yes, this regulation contains fee increases. Therefore, fee increases are necessary.

**(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:**

Yes. See the answer to (2)(a) above.

**(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?**

Tiering is not applied as all individuals in the boiler and pressure vessel industry and department personnel are affected by this amendment.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:**

. These amendments are authorized by KRS 236.030, KRS 236.130, KRS 236.120, and KRS 236.240.

**(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:**

This administrative regulation is required by KRS 236.030 and 236.130.

**(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:**

The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Plumbing, Boiler Inspection Section.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None

**2. Revenues:**

For the first year:\$63,000 at most

For subsequent years:Revenues will decrease considerably in subsequent years, because the certificate extension fee is intended to disincentivize requests for certificate extensions.

**3. Cost Savings:**

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

**(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):**

There are no anticipated local entities that will be affected by this regulatory amendment.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

**2. Revenues:**

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

**3. Cost Savings:**

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

**(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):**

Special boiler inspectors and entities applying for certificate extensions (b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (4)(a):

**(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:\$63,000 at most.**

**For subsequent years:Expenditures will decrease in subsequent years, because the certificate extension fee is intended to disincentivize requests for certificate extensions.**

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:None.**

**For subsequent years:None.**

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:None.**

**For subsequent years:None.**

**(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)**

**(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:**

The department usually issues approximately six to twelve operating certificate extensions every year. The certificate extension fee is not intended to increase revenue; instead, it is intended to disincentivize operating certificate extensions. Therefore, it is anticipated that, at most, regulated entities may pay \$60,000 in the first year, but that number will swiftly decrease in subsequent years. The fiscal impact of the special commissions is approximately \$2,900. The department determined this number by multiplying the \$25 fee by the typical number of people who receive commissions (116).

**(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

Please see the answer to (6)(a) above.

**(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):**

**(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14):**

This regulation will not have a major economic impact as defined by KRS 13A.010(14).

**(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

This amendment creates a new \$25 administrative fee that will be charged for processing and issuing special inspector commissions. Also, it is anticipated that the number of certificate extensions will decrease precipitously after the first year that this regulation is implemented.