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There are pending amendments to the elevator regulations that go into effect in December 2026.

815 KAR 4:010 – Annual inspection of elevators, chairlifts, fixed guideway systems and platform lifts.

What's new:

- Updated fee schedule.
- The annual inspection fee has increased by $25.
- The fee for a reinspection will be equal to the original inspection fee.
- The original inspection fee for the first ten (10) floors, plus $25 for each additional ten (10) stories or portion thereof.
- There will be a $25 fee for a replacement Certificate of Approval.

815 KAR 4:025 – Permit and inspection fees for new and altered elevators, chairlifts, and platforms lifts.

What's new:

- New acceptance, construction use, and alteration for elevators will be calculated with a flat rate fee of $400 for up to eight (8) floors. Buildings over eight (8) stories will be $25 for each additional story above eight (8).
- The fee for escalators and moving sidewalks will be $400.
- The fee for chairlifts and platform lifts will be $150.

Pre inspection check list - The pre-inspection checklist is governed by 815 KAR 4:025 and is a mandatory form that must be filled out by a licensed Kentucky elevator or chairlift mechanic/company prior to scheduling a test.

What's new:

- Escalator checklist.
- Private Residence checklist – Onsite acceptance test.
- Private Residence chairlift – Virtual or onsite.

Note: The private residence chairlift acceptance inspection has a virtual option. Virtual inspection can be a video that is sent to the local inspector (recommended). If not virtual, all acceptance tests must be scheduled with the inspector and performed by a licensed technician at the residence prior to issuance of the certification. The chairlift pre-inspection form will need to be sent to the local inspector 48 hours prior to scheduling test.

Note: It is the responsibility of the permit holder to make sure the private residence chairlift has been scheduled virtually or onsite. Failure to do so may result in suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of license pursuant to KRS 198B.4033.

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