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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2008
TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Brad Solon, Building Official
SUBJECT: Structural Inspections for Billboards Signs

Three structural engineering companies in Rapid City were contacted by staff and each was asked what cost is involved in performing a structural integrity inspection on a billboard sign in Rapid City.

The cost per company would vary greatly. For a basic inspection and report, the cost would be between \$400 and \$1500. A \$400 inspection report would only state that an inspection was performed and no deficiencies were noted. One company stated the cost would be at least \$2.00 per square foot of sign, possibly \$2.25 per square foot of sign. All three stated that a detailed, accurate report would cost \$2500, possibly more depending on the complexity of the sign.

Also, the inspection fee would not include any third party assistance such x-ray, soil sampling, crane service, or exploratory drilling.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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