



Fee and Rate Overview

Our services are adapted to your project. Whether it is consultancy or full-service design to define your surroundings, we utilize one or more of the following.

Hourly Rate

Compensation is based on actual time expended on consulting and project service. For long term projects, there maybe a cap placed on the hourly rate, so that the client knows ahead of time the maximum design fee.

Flat Fee

A specific fee (price) is identified that cover costs, exclusive of expense reimbursements. One total fee is paid in segments and applies to a complete range of design services, from conceptual development through layouts, specifications and final installation.

Percentage Based Fee

For large design projects, primarily commercial spaces, a percentage of the total project cost serves as compensation. If selected for an entire building renovation/decoration, generally a percentage of the entire project results in the final fee. This structure ensures that the design firm will receive appropriate payment based on the size of the job and that additional costs are covered if the scope of the project is modified. Percentage-based projects will only be accepted if a certain minimum amount is guaranteed.

Cost Plus

Through our firm's office we will procure and purchase materials, furnishings and trade services (e.g., furniture, carpentry, drapery fabrication, etc.) at wholesale or a negotiated cost from suppliers. A predetermined contracted percentage will be added to costs as designer resale compensation and service. The resale price generally results in less than suggested retail for the client and is subject to state tax.

Fee Based on Square Footage

Generally this fee for a project is a predetermined rate per square foot of interior space. This is more common when measurements are existing or one room floor plans. The established fee is according to the project's scope of work. It is often utilized when selecting initial materials, hardware, flooring, fixtures, cabinetry, and wall finishes.

Retainer Fee

In some projects, clients are asked to retain our services with a set rate upon signing an agreement. This retainer fee is a set amount of money paid to Bright Design Group in advance of design services and applied to each invoice or a final balance due once the project is completed. The retainer allows for continual design assistance until the fee is exhausted.

Things to consider: Design is a wonderful process and sometimes changes in the design plan will occur. Antiques, art and any luxury items used to define your surroundings may have an impact on the final cost of the project. Any hidden obstacles or any structural modifications that involve altering or moving load-bearing walls will significantly increase the cost of your project. A rule of thumb we share is to add 10-20% cushion when preparing your budget. Fortunately, in most cases this extra amount is not utilized.

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