(d) **Commitment fee.** A commitment fee which, when added to the application fee, will aggregate $4.00 per thousand of the amount of the fire safety loan (with a minimum total of $50.00 for both fees) set forth in the commitment, and shall be paid prior to issuance of the commitment.

(e) **Reopening of expired commitments.** An expired commitment may be reopened if a request for reopening is received by the Commissioner within 10 days of the expiration of the commitment. The reopening request shall be accompanied by a fee of 50 cents per thousand dollars of the amount of the expired commitment. If the reopening request is not received by the Commissioner within the required 10-day period, a new application, accompanied by the required application and commitment fee, must be submitted.

(f) **Increase in commitment prior to endorsement.** An application, filed prior to endorsement, for an increase in the amount of an outstanding firm commitment shall be accompanied by a combined additional application and commitment fee. The combined additional fee shall be in an amount which will aggregate $4.00 per thousand dollars of the amount of the requested increase. If an inspection fee was required in the original commitment, an additional inspection fee shall be paid in an amount computed at the same dollar rate per thousand dollars of the amount of increase in commitment as was used for the inspection fee required in the original commitment. The additional inspection fee shall be paid prior to the date installation of fire safety equipment, is begun or, if installation has begun, it shall be paid with the application for increase.

§ 232.515 Refund of fees.

If the amount of the commitment issued or an increase in loan prior to endorsement is less than the amount applied for, the Commissioner shall refund the excess amount of the application and commitment fees submitted by the applicant. If an application is rejected before it is assigned for processing, or in such other instances as the Commissioner may determine, the entire application and commitment fees or any portion thereof may be returned to the applicant. Commitment and reopening fees may be refunded, in whole or in part, if it is determined by the Commissioner that the installation of fire safety equipment for the project has been prevented because of condemnation proceedings or other legal action taken by a governmental body or public agency, or in such other instances as the Commissioner may determine.

§ 232.520 Maximum fees and charges by lender.

The lender may collect from the borrower the amount of the fees provided for in this subpart. The lender may also collect from the borrower an initial service charge in an amount not to exceed one and one-half of one percent of the original principal amount of the loan to reimburse the lender for the cost of originating and closing the transaction. Any additional charges shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner.

§ 232.522 Inspection fee.

The commitment shall provide for the payment of an inspection fee in an amount not to exceed $5.00 per thousand dollars of the commitment. The minimum inspection fee shall be $50.00 paid prior to the date construction is begun: Provided, however, That in no case shall the combined total of the fees provided for in §§ 232.505, 232.510 of this section exceed one percent of the original principal face amount of the loan.

**Eligible Security Instruments**

§ 232.525 Note and security form.

The lender shall present for insurance a note and security instrument, if required, on forms approved by the Commissioner for use in the jurisdiction in which the property to be improved is located.

§ 232.530 Disbursement of proceeds.

At the time of endorsement for insurance of the note by the Commissioner, the entire principal amount of the note shall have been disbursed to the borrower or to his creditors for his account and with his consent.