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**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI Fire Code; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 22.602.045, 22.602.050, 22.602.070, 22.602.080, and 22.602.090, to add, delete and revise various Seattle Fire Department permit, certificate, inspection and plan review fees and related provisions.

WHEREAS, Seattle Fire Department permit, certificate, inspection and plan review fees were last modified on January 1, 2011, as authorized in Ordinance 123444; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the fire code from time to time require the introduction of new Seattle Fire Department permits, or modifications to permit titles and administration, to ensure consistency between the permit structure and fire code regulations; and

WHEREAS, as industrial needs and customer business practices evolve, older permit categories and certification examinations may no longer be in use; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to maintain or improve cost recovery for the provision of fire prevention services related to specific permitted activities, inspections, plan reviews, and certifications; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2013, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.045, last amended by Ordinance 123444, is hereby amended as follows:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The fees for Code Nos. 2500 PA (Place of Assembly, temporary, farmers market program where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes - No Fee) and 2500 LPG (LPG, portable outdoor heating, annual, when issued with a Place of Assembly Permit Code 2500 - \$277) were inadvertently and unintentionally omitted from SMC 22.602.045 Schedule B in Ordinance 123444. It is the intent of the City Council that such unintentional omission had no legal effect and the changes indicated in this ordinance are to be construed as if no omission had occurred.



**22.602.045 Fees**

A. The fees for the following non-hazardous material permits are established in Schedule A.  
 See Table 22.602.045A.

**Non-Hazardous Materials Permit Fees**  
**Effective January 1, 2013**

Schedule A Table 22.602.045 A			
See footnotes Time Charge <sup>a</sup> , Late Fee <sup>b</sup> applicable to all Schedule A permit fees.			
Code No.	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
((101))	((Annual rangehood and duct cleaning))	(((\$199))	(((\$199))
((105 (NH)))	((Requests for code alternate / variance))	(((\$205))	((No renewal))
999T	<u>Christmas Tree Lot, temporary</u> ((Temporary permit plus time charge))	\$154 plus time charge	No renewal
2501	Place of Assembly, non-profit	No fee	No fee
<u>2501.1</u>	<u>Place of Assembly, non-profit, Occupant Load 100-999 and no stage</u>	<u>No fee</u>	<u>No fee</u>
<u>2501.2</u>	<u>Place of Assembly, non-profit, Occupant Load 1,000 or greater, or any Occupant Load with a stage</u>	<u>No fee</u>	<u>No fee</u>
2502.1	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 100-199	\$351	\$351
2502.2	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 200-999	\$439	\$439
2504.1	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 1,000-2,999	\$526	\$526
2504.2	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 3,000-9,999	\$895	\$895



1	2504.3	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 10,000- 19,999	\$1,537	\$1,537
2	2504.4	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 20,000 and over	\$2,047	\$2,047
3	2504.5	<u>Covered and Open Mall Buildings, annual, includes vehicle display</u>	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$300</u>
4	<del>((2508))</del>	<del>((Exhibition (non-profit), Place of Assembly))</del>	<del>((No fee))</del>	<del>((No fee))</del>
5	2509	Open flame, Place of Assembly, <u>Occupant load 50-99</u>	\$154	\$154
6	2510	Open flame (non-profit), Place of assembly, <u>Occupant load 50-99</u>	No fee	No fee

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a **Time Charge.** Where a time charge is indicated, a fee shall be charged equal to actual labor costs plus administrative overhead costs for field inspection and/or review exceeding one hour. When requested or when necessary for Fire Prevention Division staff to conduct inspections for the purpose of Seattle Fire Code compliance for any of the above Schedule A permits outside of regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to ~~((4:30))~~ 5:00 PM) a time charge will be added to the above permit cost. The time charge, when applicable, will be equal to the actual labor cost, including administrative overhead costs and other services.

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b **Late Fee.** Payment for Schedule A permit renewals, where allowed, which is received more than 30 calendar days but less than 91 calendar days past the permit expiration date shall be equal to 1.25 times the renewal fee. The renewal permit will be valid for only one year from the expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no renewal payment has been received within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date will be cancelled. ~~((For p))~~ Permits that have been cancelled ((, a new permit application must be submitted and a fee)) may be reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder pays a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration date ((will be charged)). Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be allowed to reinstate the cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit application and pay a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit.

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B. The fees for the following special event permits are established in Schedule B. See Table 22.602.045B.



**Special Events Permit Fees**  
**Effective January 1, 2013**

**Schedule B                      Table 22.602.045 B**

**Special Event Permits**

**See notes Time Charge<sup>a</sup>, Late Fee<sup>b, c</sup>, Fireworks<sup>d</sup> applicable to all Schedule B permit fees.**

~~((a Time Charge. When an inspection or permit application review for a Schedule B permit is requested or is required for Seattle Fire Code compliance to be performed outside regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM) a time charge will be added to the Schedule B permit cost. The time charge, when applicable, will be equal to the actual labor cost, including applicable administrative overhead costs and other services.))~~

~~((b Late Fee Applied. Schedule B permit applications received by the Seattle Fire Department fewer than ten business days prior to the event for which they apply, shall be assessed a late fee in addition to the permit fee and any applicable time charge. The late fee shall be equal to 50 percent of the original permit fee.))~~

Code No.	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
107 SE	Temporary special events permit <sup>b</sup>	No fee	No fee
1102	Open flame/flame effects, temporary, single event <sup>b</sup>	(((\$173)) \$178 plus time charge	No renewal
2500 ((PA)) FM	Place of Assembly, temporary, farmers' market program where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-)) <sup>b</sup>	No fee	((No fee)) No renewal
2500 LPG	Farmers' Market, LPG, ((P))portable outdoor heating, annual, when issued with a Place of Assembly Permit Code 2500-FM <sup>b</sup>	(((\$277)) \$319	(((\$277)) \$319
2503	Place of Assembly, temporary Indoor ((or outdoor event))with less than 1,000 people, where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-)) <sup>c</sup>	(((\$173)) \$214 plus time charge	No renewal
((2503- 1))	((Place of Assembly, temporary Event in a building or space under construction.))	(((\$626 plus time charge))	((No renewal))



1	<u>2503.2</u>	<u>Temporary Outdoor Assembly Event, with projected attendance of 500-999, or which confines 100-999 attendees by permanent or temporary barricades or fencing<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>\$214 plus time charge</u>	<u>No renewal</u>
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4	2505.1	Place of Assembly, or <u>tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair</u> , temporary <u>Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event</u> , attendance 1,000-2,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-) <sup>c</sup>	<del>(\$343)</del> <u>\$353</u> plus time charge	No renewal
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8	2505.2	Place of Assembly, or <u>tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair</u> , temporary <u>Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event</u> , attendance 3,000-9,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-) <sup>c</sup>	<del>(\$685)</del> <u>\$706</u> plus time charge	No renewal
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11	2505.3	Place of Assembly, or <u>tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair</u> , temporary <u>Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event</u> , attendance 10,000-19,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-) <sup>c</sup>	<del>(\$979)</del> <u>\$1,008</u> plus time charge	No renewal
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15	2505.4	Place of Assembly, or <u>tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair</u> , temporary <u>Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event</u> , attendance 20,000 and over where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes((-) <sup>c</sup>	<del>(\$1,957)</del> <u>\$2,016</u> plus time charge	No renewal
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19	2511	Open flame/ <u>flame effects</u> , Place of Assembly, temporary ( <del>calendar year</del> ), <u>valid 12 months<sup>b</sup></u>	<del>(\$455)</del> <u>\$469</u> plus time charge	No renewal
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21	3201	Tent or air-supported structure*	<del>(\$229)</del> <u>\$236</u> plus time charge	No renewal
22		*For use with City of Seattle Special Events ( <del>assembly</del> ) permit or when used as other than an assembly <sup>b</sup>		
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6 7 8	7801.1	Fireworks use/display outdoor <sup>c</sup>	<del>((1,143))</del> <u>\$1,177</u> plus time charge	No renewal
9 10	<del>((7801.2))</del>	<del>((Fireworks use/display outdoor with barge load/unload))</del>	<del>((1,715 plus time charge))</del>	<del>((No renewal))</del>
11 12	7801.3	Fireworks barge load/unload only <sup>c</sup>	<del>((572))</del> <u>\$589</u> plus time charge	No renewal
13 14	7802	Fireworks use/display <del>((indoor))</del> before a proximate audience <sup>c</sup>	<u>\$625</u> <del>((455))</del> plus time charge	No renewal
15 16	8020	Flammable Liquids, Place of Assembly, temporary s((S))ingle event <sup>b</sup>	<del>((229))</del> <u>\$236</u> plus time charge	No renewal
17 18	8206	LPG, special events, annual <sup>b</sup> <del>((Place of Assembly, temporary Calendar year))</del>	<u>\$319</u> <del>((455 plus time charge))</del>	<u>\$319</u> <del>((No renewal))</del>
19 20	<u>8206-FV</u>	<u>LPG or solid fuel/open flame used for food vending, annual<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>\$319</u>	<u>\$319</u>
21 22	8207	LPG, Place of Assembly, temporary Single event <sup>b</sup>	\$173 plus time charge	No renewal
23 24 25	8208	Special hazards, including indoor vehicle display, Place of Assembly, temporary s((S))ingle event (not required for holders of a 2504.5 permit) <sup>b</sup>	<del>((173))</del> <u>\$178</u> plus time charge	No renewal



1 **a Time Charge.** When an inspection or permit application review for a Schedule B permit is  
2 requested or is required for Seattle Fire Code compliance to be performed outside regular  
3 business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) a time charge will be added to  
4 the Schedule B permit cost. The time charge, when applicable, will be equal to the actual  
5 labor cost, including applicable administrative overhead costs and other services.

6 **b Late Fee Applied.** Schedule B permit applications for permits 107 SE, 1102, 2500 FM,  
7 2500 LPG, 2511, 3201, 3201-Combo, 8020, 8206, 8206-FV, 8207, and 8208, that are  
8 received by the Seattle Fire Department fewer than ten calendar days prior to the event, not  
9 counting the day of the event for which they apply, shall be assessed a late fee in addition to  
10 the permit fee and any applicable time charge. The late fee shall be equal to 50 percent of the  
11 original permit fee or \$50, whichever is greater. Applications received three or fewer  
12 business days prior to the event may not be processed and the permit may not be issued.  
13 Payment for Schedule B permit renewals, where allowed, which is received more than 30  
14 calendar days but less than 91 calendar days past the permit expiration date shall be equal to  
15 1.25 times the renewal fee. The renewal permit will be valid for only one year from the  
16 expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no renewal payment has been received  
17 within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date will be cancelled. Permits that  
18 have been cancelled may be reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder  
19 pays a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration  
20 date. Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be allowed to  
21 reinstate the cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit application and  
22 pay a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit.

23 **c Late Fee Applied.** Applications for temporary, non-renewable Schedule B permits  
24 numbered from 2503 to 2505.4, and from 7801.1 to 7802, and received by the Seattle Fire  
25 Department fewer than 30 calendar days prior to the event, not counting the day of the event  
26 for which they apply, shall be assessed a late fee in addition to the permit fee and any  
27 applicable time charge. The late fee shall be equal to 50 percent of the original permit fee.  
28 Applications received three or fewer business days prior to the event may not be processed  
and the permit may not be issued.

**d Fireworks Permits.** An application for a fireworks permit shall be made in writing to the  
fire code official at least 30 calendar days in advance of the display. At the time the permit  
application is submitted, the fire code official shall be consulted regarding requirements for  
standby fire apparatus.

23 C. The fees for the following special hazards permits are established in Schedule C. See  
24 Table 22.602.045C.



### Special Hazards Permits

Fees for special hazards permits are established in Schedule C (See Table 22.602.045 C). In some cases these fees are based on the quantity of hazardous material stored and/or handled at the site and the relative risk posed by each material.

1. Definitions:

- a. "Quantity Range Number" as established in the Quantity Range Table below, is a number between 1 and 2 that is assigned to a hazard category based upon the amount of hazardous material located at the site.

**QUANTITY RANGE TABLE**

QUANTITY RANGE NUMBER	SOLIDS (Pounds)	LIQUIDS (Gallons)	GASES (Cu. Ft.)
1	0-550	0-55	0-1,000
1.25	>550 - 5,500	>55 - 550	>1,000 - 5,000
1.5	>5,500 - 27,500	>550 - 2,750	>5,000 - 50,000
1.75	>27,500 - 55,000	>2,750 - 5,500	>50,000 - 100,000
2	>55,000	>5,500	>100,000

- b. "Assigned Risk Factor" as established below, is a number between 1 and 1.5 assigned to each hazard class and category of hazardous material indicating the relative hazard posed by materials in that hazard category and the potential nature of controls required by the Fire Code.

Hazard Class	Assigned Risk Factor	Hazard Class	Assigned Risk Factor
Aerosol products	1.3	<del>((Liquid petroleum gas))</del>	<del>((1.4))</del>
Cellulose nitrate	1.3	Magnesium	1.3
Combustible fiber	1.2	<b>Organic peroxides</b>	
<b>Combustible liquids</b>		Unclassified	1.5
Class II	1.2	Class I	1.4
Class III-A	1.1	Class II	1.3
Class III-B	1.0	Class III	1.2
<b>Compressed gases</b>		Class IV	1.0
Highly toxic	1.5	<b>Oxidizers</b>	
Pyrophoric	1.4	Class 4	1.5
Flammable	1.4	Class 3	1.4
Unstable	1.4	Class 2	1.2
Oxidizing	1.4	Class 1	1.1
Toxic	1.3	Pyrophoric liquids and solids	1.3



Corrosive	1.3	Toxic liquids and solids	1.2
Corrosive Liquids and Solids	1.1	<b>Unstable (reactive) liquids and solids</b>	
Cryogenic Fluids	1.3	Class 4	1.5
Explosives	1.5	Class 3	1.4
Fireworks	1.4	Class 2	1.3
Flammable liquids, Class I	1.4	Class 1	1.0
Flammable solids	1.3	<b>Water-reactive materials</b>	
Highly toxic liquids and solids	1.5	Class 3	1.5
		Class 2	1.3
		Class 1	1.0

- c. "Fixed permit cost" is the minimum cost for the Seattle Fire Department to issue a hazardous material permit. The fixed permit cost is \$208.
- d. "Base permit fee" is determined by multiplying the sum of the products of the quantity range number and assigned risk factor for each hazard class by the fixed permit cost and is represented by the following equation:

$$\text{Base permit fee} = [\Sigma (Q_1)(R_1) + (Q_2)(R_2) \dots] [F]$$

Where: Q = The quantity range number.

R = The assigned risk factor.

F = The fixed permit cost \$208

When an individual material has multiple hazards, only the hazard presented by the hazard class that has been assigned the highest risk factor shall be considered in the fee calculation.

**Example:**

XYZ Company stores 50 gallons of gasoline and 200 gallons of 50% nitric acid. Gasoline is classified as a Class I flammable liquid which has an assigned risk factor of 1.4. Nitric acid (50%) is classified as both a corrosive liquid and a Class 2 oxidizer. Because 50% nitric acid presents two separate hazards (corrosive and Class 2 oxidizer) only the Class 2 oxidizer hazard is considered in the fee calculation because it has an assigned risk factor of 1.2 compared to the 1.1 risk factor assigned to corrosives.

$$\text{Base permit fee} = [(1)(1.4)_{\text{flammable}} + (1.25)(1.2)_{\text{Class 2 oxidizer}}] [\$208]$$

$$\text{Base permit fee} = \$603.20$$



**Schedule C**

**Table 22.602.045 C**

**Special hazards permits<sup>1</sup>**

~~((Schedule C fee worksheet based permits shall be renewed at one half the permit origination fee or \$208, which is the minimum renewal fee, whichever is greater.~~

~~Schedule C flat fee permits which had been grandfathered at below market rate permit fees under prior fee schedules will increase 25 percent annually beginning in 2009 until such time as they reach parity with renewal rates identified in the current Schedule C.))~~

Code Numbers	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
<b>Miscellaneous Special Hazards Permits</b>			
<del>((105 (H)))</del>	<del>((Code alternate , special hazards))</del>	<del>(((\$214 plus time charge))</del>	<del>((No renewal))</del>
1070	Temporary permit for a facility under a compliance plan <sup>2</sup>	Half of annual permit fee <sup>2</sup>	No renewal <sup>2</sup>
1071	Special inspection/permit – temporary	\$214 plus time charge	No renewal
1072	Helicopter lift, temporary	\$208 plus time charge	No renewal
1073	Cruise ship hazardous operations	\$208 plus time charge	No renewal
1101	Combustible material storage	\$161	\$161
1103	Waste handling	\$208	\$208
1104	Rooftop heliport	\$208	\$208
1401	Hazardous operations at construction and demolition sites, temporary	\$208	No renewal
1506	Manufacture of reinforced plastics	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
2401	Aviation facility	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
2520	Tire rebuilding plant	\$208	\$208
2521	Tire and tire byproduct storage	\$208	\$208
2701	Hazardous material stabilization, temporary	\$208 plus time charge	No renewal
2801	Combustible fibers	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
2901	Repair garage (No Hazardous Activities)	\$208	\$208



1	2902	Repair garage - Includes 1 of the following activities: Parts washing tank (1 to 3 tanks maximum) Cutting and welding (1 to 3 units maximum) Incidental flammable or combustible liquid storage	\$306	\$306
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4	2903	Repair garage - Includes 2 or more of the following activities: Parts washing tank (1 to 3 tanks maximum) Cutting and welding(1 to 3 units maximum) Incidental flammable or combustible liquid storage	\$459	\$459
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8	3001	Lumber yards and woodworking facilities	\$208	\$208
9	3401	Wrecking yard	\$288	\$288
10	3402	Combustible liquid tank serving emergency and standby power systems	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
11	4601	Fruit and crop ripening	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
12	4701	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging (no storage)	\$208	\$208
13	4702	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging (storage included)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
14	4801	Magnesium working	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
15	5001	Manufacture of organic coatings	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
16	5101	Semiconductor fabrication facilities	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
17	6201	Industrial oven	\$208	\$208
18	6301	Refrigeration system – temporary	\$208	No renewal
19	6401	Battery systems	\$208	\$208
20	7601	Combustible dust-producing operation	\$208	\$208
21	7907	Fuel dispensing (open use) into equipment from aboveground tank	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
22	7909	Parts washing tank (1 to 3 non-exempted tanks)	\$228	(((\$288)) \$228
23	7910	Parts washing tanks (4 or more non-exempted tanks)	\$409	\$409



1	8101	High-piled combustible storage	\$208 plus time charge	\$208 plus time charge
2	<i>Roofing Operations</i>			
3	7901	Roofing operations – annual	\$208 plus \$208 per kettle	\$208 plus \$208 per kettle
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5	7901T	Roofing operations-temporary	\$208	No renewal
6	<i>Dry Cleaning</i>			
7	3601	Dry cleaner (Class IV plants or systems)	\$208	\$208
8	3602	Dry cleaner (Class II or III plants or systems)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
9	<i>Flammable finishes</i>			
10	1505	Electrostatic operations	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
11	2601	Floor finishing, temporary, > 350 square feet	((Fee worksheet)) \$208	((Half original <sup>1</sup> )) No renewal
12	4501	((Temporary-1)) Limited spray finishing	\$208	((No renewal)) \$208
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14	4502	Spray finishing process (non-marine) (below permit quantities)	\$208	\$208
15	4503	Spray finishing process (non-marine) (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
16	4504	Marine spray finishing process (below permit quantities)	\$208	\$208
17	4505	Marine spray finishing process (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
18	4506	Combustible powder finishing (below permit quantities)	\$208	\$208
19	4507	Combustible powder finishing (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
20	4508	Dip tanks	\$228	\$228
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23	<i>Motor vehicle / Marine motor vehicle fuel-dispensing facility</i>			
24	2204	Hydrogen motor vehicle fuel dispensing station	\$531	\$531
25	5201	Motor vehicle fueling station (underground tank)	\$208	\$208
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1	5202	Motor vehicle fueling station (above ground tank)	\$446	\$446
2	5203	Marine motor vehicle fueling station	\$531	\$531
3	5204	Liquefied petroleum gas motor vehicle fuel- dispensing station	\$531	\$531
4	5205	Compressed natural gas motor vehicle fuel- dispensing station	\$531	\$531
5	<i>Hot Work Operations</i>			
6	4911	Annual non-marine cutting and welding (1-3 units)	\$365	\$365
7	4912	Annual non-marine cutting and welding (4 or more units)	\$612	\$612
8	4913	Temporary non-marine cutting and welding	\$208	No renewal
9	4914	Annual hot work on marine vessels	\$910	\$910
10	4915	Temporary marine hot work	See Table C- 4915	No renewal
11	4901	Shipyard	\$2,124	\$2,124
12	4902	Type I designated marine hot work facility (for all vessels regardless of length)	\$910	\$910
13	4903	Type II designated marine hot work facility (for vessels $\leq$ 200 feet)	\$455	\$455
14	<i>LP-gas</i>			
15	8201-PC	Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable containers ( $\leq$ 550 gal. aggregate)	\$319	\$319
16	8201-ST	Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in stationary containers ( $\leq$ 550 gal. aggregate)	\$319	\$319
17	<del>((8201- SE))</del>	<del>((Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) for food vending))</del>	<del>(((\$319))</del>	<del>(((\$319))</del>
18	8202-PC	Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable containers (>550-2000 gal. aggregate)	\$382	\$382
19	8202-ST	Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in stationary containers (>550-2000 gal. aggregate)	\$382	\$382
20	8202-EX	LPG cylinder exchange at retail occupancy	\$319	\$319
21	8202-POH	Portable outdoor heater at permanent drinking or dining establishment	\$319	\$319
22	8202-CH	Outdoor heater at construction sites, temporary	\$319	No renewal
23	8203	LPG storage and use (>2,000 gal. aggregate)	\$455	\$455
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<i>Hazardous materials</i>			
801-A	Combustible liquid storage and use	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-B	Corrosive compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-C	Corrosive liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-D	Cryogenic fluids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-E	Explosives	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-F	Flammable compressed gas (except LPG)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-G	Flammable liquids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-H	Flammable solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-I	Highly toxic compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-J	Highly toxic liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-K	Organic peroxides	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-L	Oxidizing compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-M	Oxidizer liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-N	Pyrophoric compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-O	Pyrophoric liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-Q	Toxic compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-R	Toxic liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-S	Unstable (reactive) compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-T	Unstable (reactive) liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-U	Water-reactive liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
801-V	Aerosols (Level 2 and 3)	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
((2704)) 801-W	Cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
6101	Annual Residential Heating Oil Tank Decommissioning/Removal	No fee	No fee
6103	Residential heating oil tank decommissioning	\$106	No renewal
7401	Compressed gas (Inert and simple asphyxiates)	\$208	\$208
7402	Medical gas system	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
7501	Non-flammable cryogens	\$208	\$208
7900	Flammable/combustible liquid tank vehicle	\$208	\$208 <sup>2</sup>
7903	Gas freeing of tank vessels and barges	\$910	\$910
7904	Bulk ((flammable liquid)) plant or terminal	Fee worksheet	Half original <sup>1</sup>
7905	Master fuel transfer to marine vessels	\$208	\$208
7906	Marine refueling facility (for marine vessels)	\$208	\$208
7906-F	Marine refueling approved facility	\$455	\$455
7908	Commercial flammable or combustible liquid tank decommissioning	\$208	No renewal
7912	Mobile fleet fueler (land-based)	\$208	\$208
7913	Mobile fleet fueling site	\$208	\$208



8001	Incidental flammable and combustible liquids (<30 gallons)	\$230	\$230
8002	Laboratory per control area	\$208 per control area	\$208 per control area
8010	<del>((Hazardous materials))</del> <u>LPG tank vehicle</u>	\$208 <del>((plus time charge))</del>	\$208 <sup>3</sup> <del>((plus time charge))</del>
8025	Marine Terminal	\$3,106 <del>(((\$4,250)))+        [\$225        (((\$308)) x no.        of acres &gt;5]</del>	Same as base
8030	Container Freight Station	\$1,552 <del>(((\$2,124))</del>	\$1,552 <del>(((\$2,124))</del>

<sup>1</sup> **Schedule C** fee worksheet- based permits shall be renewed at one-half the permit origination fee or \$208, which is the minimum renewal fee, whichever is greater.

<sup>2</sup> This temporary permit is valid for six months and is issued to a facility placed under a long-term compliance plan while the facility works towards full compliance with the Code. The fee is calculated to be half of the annual permit fee of the annual permit that will be issued to the facility once compliance is achieved. This permit cannot be renewed but additional 1070 permits can be issued as needed to cover the entire compliance plan period.

<sup>3</sup> This permit is valid for 24 months and is renewed on a biannual basis.

**Schedule C** flat-fee permits which had been grandfathered at below market rate permit fees under prior fee schedules will increase 25 percent annually until such time as they reach parity with renewal rates identified in the current Schedule C.



**Schedule C- Table C-4915**

**TABLE C-4915  
 MARINE CUTTING AND WELDING FEES<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>**

*Temporary*

PERMIT DURATION	LENGTH OF VESSEL (FEET)						
	(DAYS)	<40	40-59	60-89	90-129	130-199	200-299
2	\$89	\$125	\$161	\$196	\$232	\$268	\$302
7	\$125	\$161	\$196	\$232	\$268	\$302	\$339
15	\$161	\$196	\$232	\$268	\$302	\$339	\$375
30	\$196	\$232	\$268	\$302	\$339	\$375	\$412
60	\$286	\$321	\$357	\$403	\$446	\$491	\$536

<sup>1</sup>Fees apply to non pre-approved applicants.

<sup>2</sup>Fees for pre-approved applicants equal ½ of the fee identified in Table C-4915.

<sup>3</sup>Any preapproved applicant found to be in violation of permit conditions may be removed from the pre-approved applicant list and subject to non pre-approved applicant fees and conditions.

<sup>4</sup>Each applicant who receives a minimum of six permits (Code 4915) during a six month period and is found to be in compliance with all permit conditions will be considered a pre-approved applicant after the six month period. Applicants who obtain fewer than six permits (Code 4915) during a six month period will be considered a pre-approved applicant only after six permits have been issued and no permit violations are noted.

D. All permits listed under Schedule A, B, and C of this section, except for those permits for which a time charge is indicated, have a base fee which incorporates the cost of an initial site inspection, one site reinspection if required, and related administrative time to determine compliance with the Seattle Fire Code. Any subsequent inspections will result in a fee based on a time charge which shall be actual labor costs plus administrative overhead costs for field inspection and review time exceeding one hour. Such fees shall include overtime costs only when the work performed outside normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to ((4:30)) 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) is required by the Seattle Fire Code or is performed at the request of the owner or responsible person or permit holder.



1 Permits for which a time charge is indicated include a base fee and a labor charge equal  
2 to actual labor costs plus administrative overhead costs for field inspection and review exceeding  
3 one hour before a permit is issued.

4 E. Temporary permits listed under Schedule A, B and C will not be renewed on an  
5 annual basis.  
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7 F. Those permit applications which are required to be filed within time limitations  
8 specified under the Seattle Fire Code or by order of the Fire Chief or his designee, shall be  
9 subject to a late fee, if not filed within the prescribed time period. Any work activity or  
10 operation regulated by the code that commences before obtaining the necessary permits may be  
11 required to obtain a permit and pay 1.5 times the fee of the original permit. Where a compliance  
12 plan agreement has been reached for a permitted activity, the fire code official is authorized to  
13 require temporary permits to be issued in lieu of an annual permit until full compliance with the  
14 fire code regulations for that activity is achieved. The fee for such temporary permits shall be  
15 based on the cost of an annual permit pro-rated for the time period the temporary permit is valid.  
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19 G. Payment for fixed rate Schedule C permit renewals that is received more than 30  
20 calendar days but fewer than 91 calendar days past the permit expiration date shall be equal to  
21 1.25 times the renewal fee. The renewal permit will be valid for only one year from the  
22 expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no renewal payment has been received  
23 within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date will be cancelled. ~~((For p))~~ Permits  
24 that have been cancelled ~~((, a new permit application must be submitted and a fee))~~ may be  
25 reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder pays a late penalty of 1.5 times  
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1 the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration date ~~((will be charged))~~.

2 Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be allowed to reinstate the  
3 cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit application and pay a late penalty  
4 of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit.

5 H. Payment for Schedule C worksheet-based permit fees listed under Schedule C as  
6 renewable, that is more than 30 calendar days, but fewer than 91 calendar days, past the permit  
7 expiration date, shall be equal to 1.75 times the renewal amount. The renewal permit will be  
8 valid for only one year from the expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no  
9 renewal payment has been received within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date  
10 will be cancelled. ~~((For p))~~ Permits that have been cancelled ~~((a new permit application must be~~  
11 ~~submitted and a fee))~~ may be reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder  
12 pays a late penalty of 1.25 times the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration  
13 date ~~((will be charged))~~. Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be  
14 allowed to reinstate the cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit  
15 application and pay a late penalty of 1.25 times the fee for an original permit.

16 I. Unless specifically stated on the permit, no temporary use permit shall be valid for a  
17 term exceeding 12 months.

18 J. Each examination fee listed under Schedule D shall include one test and one re-test.

19 K. In special circumstances, permit fees may be adjusted, modified or combined.

20 Authority to adjust, modify or combine such permit fees is limited to the Fire Chief, the Fire  
21 Marshal and the Assistant Fire Marshal.



L. For permits listed in Schedules A, B and C, when the Fire Marshal determines that ((a fire guard)) standby fire personnel or subsequent inspections beyond those provided for in paragraph D. above are essential in order to obtain compliance with the fire code or for the public safety of an existing or proposed activity, building or structure, or for the safety of the occupants thereof, actual costs for labor including applicable administrative overhead and other services shall be charged to the permit holder or other responsible party.

M. Fees for certification examinations and training are established in Schedule M.

See Table 22.602.045 M.

**Schedule M**

**Table 22.602.045 M**

**Certification Examinations and Training**

<b>Certification Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b><u>((Renewal)) Fee Effective January 1, 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Fee Effective January 1, 2014</u></b>
Type AS-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of automatic sprinkler systems in any type of building.	<u>\$292</u> <del>(\$261)</del>	<u>\$326</u>
<del>((Type AS-2))</del>	<del>((Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of automatic sprinkler systems in buildings up to four stories.))</del>	<del>(\$261)</del>	
Type AS-3	Installation of automatic sprinkler systems.	<u>\$292</u> <del>(\$261)</del>	<u>\$326</u>
Type CT-AS	Confidence testing of automatic sprinkler systems.	<u>\$292</u> <del>(\$261)</del>	<u>\$326</u>
Type CT-FA	Confidence testing of automatic fire alarm systems.	<u>\$292</u> <del>(\$261)</del>	<u>\$326</u>



1	Type E-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of foam fire extinguishing systems.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
2	Type E-2	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of carbon dioxide fire extinguishing systems.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
3	Type E-3	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of engineered, halon or replacement agent fire extinguishing systems.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
4	Type E-4	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of engineered dry/wet chemical fire extinguishing systems.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
5	Type EG-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of emergency generators.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
6	Type EG-CT	Confidence testing of emergency generators.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
7	Type FA-1	Acceptance testing, confidence testing and maintenance of automatic fire alarm systems in any building.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
8	<del>((Type FA-2))</del>	<del>((Acceptance testing, confidence testing and maintenance of automatic fire alarm systems in any type of building except high rise, hospitals and public assemblies over 300 persons.))</del>	<del>(((\$261))</del>	
9	<del>((Type FA-3))</del>	<del>((Acceptance testing, confidence testing and maintenance of automatic fire alarm systems in buildings up to four stories; except hospitals and public assemblies over 300.))</del>	<del>(((\$261))</del>	
10	Type FP-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of fire pumps and controllers.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
11	Type FP-CT	Confidence testing of fire pumps and controllers.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326
12	Type FEX-1	All activities relating to portable fire extinguishers including those listed in Types FEX-2, FEX-3, and FEX-4.	\$292 (((\$261))	\$326



1	Type FEX-2	Maintain, charge, recharge, inspect, or install portable fire extinguishers.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
2	Type FEX-3	Hydrostatic testing of fire extinguisher cylinders.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
3	Type FEX-4	Annual external examination of CO <sub>2</sub> or stored pressure fire extinguishers equipped with pressure indicators or gauges.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
4	Type SC-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of smoke control systems.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
5	Type SC-2	Confidence testing and maintenance of shaft pressurization systems.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$237))	<u>\$326</u>
6	Type STP-1	Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of Class I, II and III standpipes.	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
7	Type FESC-1	Confidence testing of fire escape	<u>\$292</u> (((\$261))	<u>\$326</u>
8		Issuance of replacement certification card	\$44	\$44

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 16 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2013, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.050, last  
 17 amended by Ordinance 123444, is amended as follows:

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 19 **22.602.050 Fees for certain inspections**

20 A. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested or required by the Fire Code to  
 21 perform inspections outside normal business hours 8:00 a.m. – ((4:30)) 5:00 p.m. Monday  
 22 through Friday), the responsible party shall pay a fee for such an inspection. Such fees shall be  
 23 equal to actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead costs.  
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25 B. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested to perform an inspection as  
 26 required by the Fire Code and the responsible party fails to appear within 20 minutes from the  
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1 original appointment time, or fails to have the required personnel and/or equipment prepared and  
2 available to conduct the test, the Fire Chief or his designee shall collect and the responsible party  
3 shall pay a fee for such staff time and preparation required to meet the inspection appointment.  
4 Such fees shall be based on actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead.

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6 C. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is required to perform an inspection after  
7 three inspections have been performed to gain compliance with Seattle Fire Code requirements,  
8 the Fire Chief or his designee shall collect and responsible party shall pay a fee in the amount of  
9 \$229 (~~(\$183)~~). Such fee shall be due upon each inspection performed by the Fire Prevention  
10 Division until compliance with Seattle Fire Code requirements has been accomplished. The Fire  
11 Chief, Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal shall waive the inspection fee if the original order  
12 or notice is determined to be invalid or when mitigating circumstances beyond the responsible  
13 party's control exist such as conflicting enforcement by other jurisdictions, conditions caused by  
14 third parties or where alternate materials, methods or designs are under review to meet the intent  
15 of the Seattle Fire Code.  
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18 D. For events at public assemblies, or other instances where it is necessary or requested  
19 to temporarily alter operation of fire protection/detection systems and/or the Fire Marshal  
20 determines that it is essential for public safety that (~~(a fire guard or fire marshal)~~) standby fire  
21 personnel shall remain on site during the event or activity, the Fire Marshal is authorized to  
22 charge actual costs for labor and other incurred services including applicable administrative  
23 overhead and other services.  
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25 E. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested to perform an inspection as  
26 required by the Fire Code for which no fee is included in any schedule within this Chapter  
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1 22.602, a fee shall be charged based on program costs of the inspection including applicable  
2 overhead. Such fees shall include overtime costs only when the work performed outside normal  
3 business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) is required by the Seattle Fire  
4 Code or is performed at the request of the owner or responsible person or permit holder.  
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6 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2013, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.070, last  
7 amended by Ordinance 123444 is amended as follows:  
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9 **22.602.070 Fees for Fire Department plan review and inspection of fire protection**  
10 **systems in new or existing buildings undergoing construction, reconstruction,**  
11 **remodeling, or renovation.**

12 A. The responsible party shall pay a fee for the Fire Prevention Division to examine and  
13 review architectural and system plans and inspect fire protection systems in new or existing  
14 buildings undergoing construction, reconstruction, remodeling, or renovation.

15 B. The fee for such plan examination or review shall be ~~(((\$159))~~ \$171 per hour~~(-))~~ with a  
16 one hour minimum effective January 1, 2013, and \$184 per hour with a one hour minimum  
17 effective January 1, 2014.

18 C. The fee for inspection of fire protection systems in new or existing buildings  
19 undergoing construction, reconstruction, remodeling, or renovation shall be as follows:  
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1	Fire Alarm Systems	\$440 plus \$4.40 per device > 6 devices
2	<u>Fire Alarm Systems with more than 6 devices and no new control panel installation or major modification to system</u>	\$220 plus \$4.40 per device > 6 devices
3	Fire Extinguishing System – Pre-engineered or Rangehood	\$188 <del>(\$177)</del>
4	Fire Sprinkler System	\$265 <del>(27)</del> plus \$2.65 per sprinkler head > 6 sprinkler heads
5	Standpipe	\$188 <del>(\$177)</del>
6	Fire Pump	\$188 <del>(\$177)</del> per pump
7	Sprinkler System Supply Main	\$188 <del>(\$177)</del>
8	Tenant Improvement Inspection without modification of fire protection systems, Or Tenant Improvement with 6 or less sprinkler heads and 6 or less fire alarm devices.	\$169 <del>(\$133)</del>
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10	<u>Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage - Systems Testing<sup>a</sup></u>	\$169 per hour, one hour minimum
11	Knox Box inspection	\$176 <del>(\$153)</del>
12	Request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy recommendation	\$ 156 plus time charge for all related inspection and review. <sup>(a)</sup> <sub>b</sub>

14 <sup>a</sup>Includes acceptance testing, reacceptance testing, and confidence testing.

15 <sup>b</sup>Where a time charge is indicated, a fee shall be charged equal to actual labor costs plus  
 16 administrative overhead costs for field inspection and/or review exceeding one hour. ~~((The time charge shall equal actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead.))~~

17 D. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested, or required by the Seattle Fire  
 18 Code to perform inspections outside regular business hours (8:00 AM to ~~((4:30))~~ 5:00 PM)  
 19 Monday through Friday, the Fire Chief or his designee shall collect, and the responsible party  
 20 shall pay a fee for such inspection equal to actual labor costs including applicable administrative  
 21 overhead.  
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23 E. The Director of the Department of Planning and Development is authorized to collect  
 24 fees listed in this section for the Seattle Fire Department, and to transfer those funds to the  
 25 Seattle Fire Department.  
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1 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2013, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.080, last  
2 amended by Ordinance 123444, is amended as follows:

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4 **22.602.080 Fees for filing of code alternates/variances.**

5 A. This section shall not apply to requests for a code alternate/variance which result from  
6 plan review and examination, issuance of permits pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section  
7 22.602.045, (~~hazardous material related permits,~~) or due to deferment of provisions to a  
8 separate regulating agency.  
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10 B. Whenever a building owner or other responsible party proposes to use an alternate  
11 material or method to meet the intent or requirement of the Fire Code, the Fire Chief or his  
12 designee shall collect and the responsible party shall pay a fee for field inspection and research.  
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14 C. The fee for such code alternates/variances shall be \$214 plus a time charge equal to  
15 actual labor plus applicable administrative overhead costs for field inspection, code research or  
16 analysis exceeding one hour. Alternate/variance requests which do not require field inspection  
17 or detailed code research exceeding one hour of staff time will be subject to a flat nonrefundable  
18 fee of \$214.  
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20 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2013, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.090 is  
21 amended as follows:

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23 **22.602.090 Fees for filing confidence test documentation**

24 The Fire Chief or his designee shall collect (~~and the responsible party shall pay~~) a \$10  
25 fee for processing documentation pertaining to confidence testing conducted in accordance with  
26 Administrative Rule 9.02.09, Confidence Test Requirements for Life Safety Systems, as required  
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1 by the Seattle Fire Code. Confidence test documentation filing fees shall be payable by the  
2 person responsible for performing the confidence test. For purposes of this Section 22.602.090,  
3 person has the same meaning as defined in the Seattle Fire Code as constituted pursuant to  
4 Section 22.600.020.

5 Section 6. Severability. The several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be  
6 separate and severable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,  
7 subsection, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person,  
8 property, or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the  
9 validity of its application to other persons, property, or circumstances.  
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12 Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
13 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
14 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.  
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Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and  
signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**2013 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Analyst/Phone:</b>
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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI Fire Code; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 22.602.045, 22.602.050, 22.602.070, 22.602.080, and 22.602.090, to add, delete and revise various Seattle Fire Department permit, certificate, inspection and plan review fees and related provisions.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation would adjust fee levels and titles, eliminate certain fees, and introduce a small number of new fees to be charged by the Seattle Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division, also known as the Fire Marshal's Office. The Fire Marshal's Office is dedicated to preventing fires and ensuring the safety of people who live, visit, and work in Seattle. The proposed changes to the fee ordinance are intended to align fee levels with revised costs of service, streamline and in some cases reduce special events fees for fireworks and street food vending, and update fee descriptions and conditions to ensure consistency with the most recent Seattle Fire Code. The proposed legislation would result in a modest revenue increase of \$2,000. In 2013, revenues for the Fire Marshal's Office are anticipated to exceed 2012 adopted estimates by \$715,000, due largely to stronger than anticipated activity in construction-related lines of business. Overall cost recovery levels are anticipated to achieve 77% in 2013.

**Background:**

The Fire Marshal's Office has historically operated by collecting fees that offset only some of the cost of providing fire prevention services to direct service users. Between 2004 and 2011, fees collected by the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) to cover costs of fire prevention services to direct service users increased from \$2.3 million to \$4.3 million. During the same time period, staffing in the Fire Marshal's Office was reduced by 8.0 FTE or 13%, and these budget reductions have helped lower the costs of providing services. As a result, and consistent with Executive and Council direction, cost recovery levels in the Fire Marshal's Office have increased over time. Both direct and indirect costs of providing services are included when making cost recovery calculations.

Fee increases of 15% are proposed for the installation of **Knox Boxes** and increases of 25% are proposed for **code compliance inspections** when multiple re-inspections are required. These adjustments improve the low cost recovery levels in these areas. Further adjustments may be considered in future reviews to continue to address cost recovery.

The City's consultant, TriData Corporation, has recommended that fees be set at 100% cost recovery levels for **certification** examinations for persons working on fire protection systems and for **construction plan review**. These areas had not previously been targeted to achieve



100% cost recovery. To moderate impacts on the City's customers and to create predictability in fee changes, the Executive recommends phasing the increases in over a period of five to seven years. The phased approach results in proposed increases of 11.9% for certification examinations and 7.6% for plan review services in 2013 with identical percentage increases in 2014

Overall fee increases are not proposed for the **special hazards** unit (previously known as the hazardous materials program) as the program has already achieved greater than 85% cost recovery. This overall cost recovery level takes into account a reduction of \$34,000 in marine terminal fees to align with costs of service.

The legislation proposes to revise the **special events** program to streamline and reduce fees for street food vendors using fuel sources to cook food; simplify permits for fireworks; and remove the requirement that small outdoor events receive an SFD permit. These changes are consistent with Executive and Council direction to provide relief to small vendors and make the special events process work better for customers. In addition, the legislation restores two permits for farmers' markets that were created in 2009 by Ordinance No. 123090 and inadvertently left out of the 2011 SFD Fee Ordinance. The first is a no fee place of assembly permit for farmers' markets and the second is a permit for using liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for heating purposes during farmers' markets. The farmers' market LPG permit fee was initially set at the same level as other LPG permits. It did not receive the increase that was adopted for other LPG permits in 2011, because it was omitted from the 2011 SFD Fee Ordinance. This legislation restores the farmers' market LPG permit with a fee consistent with other LPG permits in 2013. In addition, the legislation proposes a 3% increase for many special events fees, as a result of cost growth. Overall, the proposed changes result in a \$9,000 reduction in special events program revenues and would achieve 73% cost recovery levels for the special events program.

The legislation proposes a new fee of \$169 per hour in the **construction inspections** program for testing emergency responder radio systems in buildings as required by the Seattle Fire Code. In addition, a new fee of \$220 plus \$4.40 per device is created for inspecting existing fire alarm systems when no new fire alarm control panel and associated backbone wiring runs are installed. This proposed fee would complement the existing, higher fee for inspecting new fire alarm systems including new panels and is intended to promote equity in the fee structure. Customers would now be disaggregated into two fee groups based on the complexity and duration of the work performed by the Seattle Fire Department. Finally, increases of 6% are applied to other inspection fees in the program to align with cost increases over time. Overall, the proposed changes would reduce revenues by \$19,000 and the construction inspections program would fully recover its costs.

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

**Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically from this Legislation:**



Revenue Source	2013 Proposed	2014 Endorsed
Certification	\$17,199	\$18,863
Special Events	(\$9,000)	0
Hazardous Materials	(\$34,000)	0
Construction Inspections	(\$19,000)	0
Fire Prevention Reinspections/KnoxBox	\$8,000	0
Plan Reviews	\$39,200	\$42,467
<b>Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance</b>	<b>\$2,399</b>	<b>\$61,330</b>

**Revenue Change Notes:**

The total impact of proposed fee changes included in this legislation is a modest increase of less than \$3,000 in 2013, with additional revenues of \$61,330 above 2013 amounts expected in 2014. Individual changes are described in the section above. The only changes identified for 2014 at this time are phased increases in plan review fees and fees for certification examinations in response to recommendations from the City's consultant, TriData, to gradually achieve 100% cost recovery in these areas. The Seattle Fire Department will continue to review and monitor service and cost recovery levels. Further changes may be brought forward for consideration as part of the 2014 budget process.

While this legislation does not include large fee increases, overall revenues for the SFD fee programs in 2013 are estimated to be almost \$715,000 higher than 2012 Adopted Revenue estimates, reflecting a somewhat stronger than anticipated local economy.

Most Fire Department permit and inspection fees were last raised January 1, 2011. Increases at that time were 10-15% in several program areas of the Fire Department.

Comparing permit fees to those charged by neighboring Washington cities and counties is challenging, as most neighboring fire departments do not have the same level of regulatory and inspection requirements that Seattle has. When compared to fees charged by other jurisdictions of similar size and complexity that provide fire prevention regulatory services, such as Oakland, CA, San Jose, CA, and Phoenix, AZ, the user fees are within a comparable range.

Permit Title	Proposed Seattle	Oakland, CA current	San Jose, CA Current	Phoenix, AZ Current
Assembly with occ. load of 300	\$439	\$251 plus \$158 if over one hour inspecting	\$410	\$135
Tent or canopy	\$236 or applicable temp. assembly permit, whichever is greater	\$251 plus assembly permit of \$251 if over 400 sq. ft.	\$550 including one hour plan review and inspection	\$540 if over 800 sq. ft.



LPG storage/use	\$173 - \$319	\$84	\$410	\$135 - \$1,650 depending on occupancy
Indoor pyrotechnics	\$625	\$334	\$550	\$540 1 <sup>st</sup> performance plus \$135 for each add'l performance
Non-compliance reinspection	\$229	\$158 1 <sup>st</sup> \$189 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$227 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$272 4 <sup>th</sup> \$334 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$166 hourly rate – if three admin citations received, charged \$500	\$135

**Anticipated Total Revenue from Entire Program, Including Changes Resulting from this Legislation:**

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2013 Revenue	Total 2014 Revenue
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Certification	\$162,004	\$180,868
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Special Events	\$421,516	\$421,516
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Code Compliance	\$219,057	\$219,057
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Hazardous Materials	\$1,848,624	\$1,848,624
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Construction Inspections	\$1,147,324	\$1,147,324
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Overtime Construction Inspections	\$101,740	\$101,740
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Fire Prevention Reinspections/Knox Box	\$23,719	\$23,719
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Plan Reviews	\$558,600	\$601,067
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Confidence Testing	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,632,584</b>	<b>\$4,693,914</b>

**Total Revenue Notes:**

Overall revenues for the SFD fee programs in 2013 are estimated to be almost \$715,000 higher than 2012 Adopted Revenue estimates, reflecting a stronger than anticipated local economy.

The only changes identified for 2014 at this time are phased increases in plan review fees and fees for certification examinations in response to recommendations from the City's consultant, TriData, to gradually achieve 100% cost recovery in these areas. The Seattle Fire Department will continue to review and monitor service and cost recovery levels. Further changes may be brought forward for consideration as part of the 2014 budget process.



**Other Implications:**

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?  
No
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation?  
There is no direct cost to the City of Seattle in not implementing the legislation. However, the legislation intends to re-align fee levels based on current service costs. This realignment is an important component of managing a fee-based program. The legislation also proposes modifications to ensure consistency between the SFD Fee Ordinance and the Seattle Fire Code. Not making these changes would lead to a fee structure that is less appropriate and potentially more confusing for businesses and residents in Seattle.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?  
Yes. The Department of Planning and Development's (DPD's) Hansen system would be used to implement the new fire alarm inspection fee. SFD and DPD have discussed and verified implementation requirements should the new fee be approved. Some departments are required to have permits for hazardous materials, however in general this legislation is not making changes to hazardous materials (Schedule C) permit fees.
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?  
None
- e) Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?  
No
- f) Other Issues:  
None

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:

None





**City of Seattle**  
Office of the Mayor

September 24, 2012

Honorable Sally J. Clark  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2013 Proposed and 2014 Endorsed Budget. This legislation authorizes adjustments in fees for Seattle Fire Department permits and services, including plan review, construction inspections, and certification examinations for persons working on fire protection systems to align with service costs. The legislation also proposes changes to special events fees that would simplify permits for fireworks and streamline and reduce fees for street food vendors using fuel sources to cook food. A small number of new fees are introduced for consistency with the Fire Code and business practices, and a few permit types that are no longer in use are proposed for elimination. The proposed changes increase revenues by approximately \$2,000.

The Fire Marshal's Office is dedicated to preventing fires and ensuring life safety. The Fire Marshal's Office has historically operated by collecting fees that offset some of the cost of providing fire prevention services to direct service users. Through a combination of incremental fee increases and budget reductions, cost recovery levels in the Fire Marshal's Office have increased significantly during the past decade. Overall cost recovery levels of 77% are anticipated for 2013.

Collecting user fees to offset costs related to permit issuance and inspections allows Fire Department personnel to continue to regulate activities for the protection of those who live, work, and visit in our community. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Chris Santos, Fire Department Finance Director, at 386-1478.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the City Council

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