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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE _____
COUNCIL BILL 118254

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, 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 and inspection fees were last modified on January 1, 2013, as authorized by Ordinance 124044, and certificate and plan review fees were last modified on January 1, 2014, as also authorized in Ordinance 124044; and

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

WHEREAS, to benefit customers, the City of Seattle wishes to more closely align certain Seattle Fire Department certifications with relevant State of Washington certifications; 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, 2015, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.045, last amended by Ordinance 124044, is hereby amended as follows:

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)) 2015

Schedule A Table 22.602.045 A

((Non-Hazardous Materials Permits))

See footnotes Time Charge^a, Late Fee^b applicable to all Schedule A permit fees.

Code No.	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
999T	Christmas Tree Lot, temporary	\$162 (((\$154)) plus time charge	No renewal
2501	Place of Assembly, non-profit	No fee	No fee
2501.1	Place of Assembly, non-profit, Occupant Load 100-999 and no stage	No fee	No fee
2501.2	Place of Assembly, non-profit, Occupant Load 1,000 or greater, or any Occupant Load with a stage	No fee	No fee
2502.1	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 100-199	\$369 (((\$351))	\$369 (((\$351))
2502.2	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 200-999	\$461 (((\$439))	\$461 (((\$439))
2504.1	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 1,000-2,999	\$552 (((\$526))	\$552 (((\$526))
2504.2	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 3,000-9,999	\$940 (((\$895))	\$940 (((\$895))
2504.3	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 10,000-19,999	\$1,614 (((\$1,537))	\$1,614 (((\$1,537))
2504.4	Place of Assembly, Occupant Load 20,000 and over	\$2,149 (((\$2,047))	\$2,149 (((\$2,047))
2504.5	Covered and Open Mall Buildings, annual, includes vehicle display	\$315 (((\$300))	\$315 (((\$300))



2509	Open flame, Place of Assembly, Occupant load 50-99	\$162 (((\$154))	\$162 (((\$154))
2510	Open flame (non-profit), Place of assembly, Occupant load 50-99	No fee	No fee

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 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.

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. Permits that have been cancelled 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. 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.

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)) 2015

Schedule B Table 22.602.045 B

Special Event Permits

See notes Time Charge ^a, Late Fee ^{b, c}, Fireworks ^d applicable to all Schedule B permit fees.

Code No.	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
107 SE	Temporary special events permit ^(b)	No fee	No <u>renewal</u> ((fee))
1102	Open flame/flame effects, temporary, single event (<u>non-LPG</u>) ^b	<u>\$187</u> ((\$178)) plus time charge	No renewal
2500-FM	Place of Assembly, temporary, farmers' market program where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^b	No fee	No renewal
2500-LPG	Farmers' Market, LPG, portable outdoor heating, annual, when issued with a Place of Assembly Permit Code 2500-FM ^b	<u>\$335</u> ((\$319))	<u>\$335</u> ((\$319))
2503	Place of Assembly, temporary Indoor with less than 1,000 people, where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^c	<u>\$225</u> ((\$214)) plus time charge	No renewal
2503.2	Temporary Outdoor Assembly Event, with projected attendance of 500-999, or which confines 100-999 attendees by permanent or temporary barricades or fencing ^c	<u>\$225</u> ((\$214)) plus time charge	No renewal
2505.1	Place of Assembly, or tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair, temporary Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event, attendance 1,000-2,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^c	<u>\$371</u> ((\$353)) plus time charge	No renewal



1	2505.2	Place of Assembly, or tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair, temporary Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event, attendance 3,000-9,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^c	<u>\$741</u> (((\$706)) plus time charge	No renewal
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4	2505.3	Place of Assembly, or tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair, temporary Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event, attendance 10,000-19,999 where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^c	<u>\$1,058</u> (((\$1,008)) plus time charge	No renewal
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8	2505.4	Place of Assembly, or tradeshow/exhibit/carnival/fair, temporary Indoor or Outdoor Assembly Event, attendance 20,000 and over where the event alters the existing exit configuration and/or fire lanes ^c	<u>\$2,117</u> (((\$2,016)) plus time charge	No renewal
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12	2511	Open flame/flame effects, Place of Assembly, temporary, valid 12 months ^b	<u>\$492</u> (((\$469)) plus time charge	No renewal
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15	3201	Tent or air-supported structure* *For use with City of Seattle Special Events permit or when used as other than an assembly ^b	<u>\$248</u> (((\$236)) plus time charge	No renewal
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18	3201-Combo	Tent or air-supported structure in combination with applicable temporary public assembly permit ^c ((^b))	<u>\$248</u> (((\$236)) or the applicable temporary assembly permit fee, whichever is greater	No renewal
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23	7801.1	Fireworks use/display outdoor ^{c, d}	<u>\$1,236</u> (((\$1,177)) plus time charge	No renewal
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1	7801.3	Fireworks barge load/unload only ^{c,d}	<u>\$618</u> ((\$589)) plus time charge	No renewal
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3	7802	Fireworks use/display before a proximate audience ^{c,d}	<u>\$656</u> ((\$625)) plus time charge	No renewal
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6	8020	Flammable Liquids, Place of Assembly, temporary single event ^b	<u>\$248</u> ((\$236)) plus time charge	No renewal
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9	8206	LPG/flame effects, special events, ((annual)) temporary, valid 12 months ^b	<u>\$335</u> ((\$319))	No renewal ((\$319))
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11	8206- FVH	LPG (propane) or solid fuel/open flame/charcoal used for food vending or heating, annual ^b	<u>\$335</u> ((\$319))	<u>\$335</u> ((\$319))
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13	8207	Temporary LPG (propane) or solid fuel, open flame cooking/flame effects, single event ^b ((LPG, Place of Assembly, temporary Single event ^b))	<u>\$187</u> ((\$173)) plus time charge	No renewal
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17	8208	Special hazards, including indoor vehicle display, Place of Assembly, temporary single event (not required for holders of a 2504.5 permit) ^b	<u>\$187</u> ((\$178)) plus time charge	No renewal
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20 **a Time Charge.** When an inspection or permit application review for a Schedule B permit is
 21 requested or is required for Seattle Fire Code compliance to be performed outside regular
 22 business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 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.

23 **b Late Fee Applied.** Schedule B permit applications for permits ~~((107 SE,))~~ 1102, 2500 FM,
 24 ~~((2500 LPG,))~~ 2511, 3201, ~~((3201 Combo,))~~ 8020, 8206, ~~((8206 FV,))~~ 8207, and 8208, that
 25 are received by the Seattle Fire Department fewer than ten calendar days prior to the event,
 26 not counting the day of 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 ~~((or \$50, whichever is greater)).~~ Applications received three or fewer



1 business days prior to the event may not be processed and the permit may not be issued.
2 Payment for Schedule B permit renewals, where allowed, which is received more than 30
3 calendar days but less than 91 calendar days past the permit expiration date shall be equal to
4 1.25 times the renewal fee. The renewal permit will be valid for only one year from the
5 expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no renewal payment has been received
6 within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date will be cancelled. Permits that
7 have been cancelled may be reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder
8 pays a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration
9 date. Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be allowed to
10 reinstate the cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit application and
11 pay a late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit. Note: new applications for
12 permits 8206-FVH, and 2500-LPG are not subject to late fees; the renewal process for these
13 annual permits does include late fees and if permits are not renewed timely, late fees related
14 to the renewal will be applied as described above in this footnote b.

9 **c Late Fee Applied.** Applications for temporary, non-renewable Schedule B permits
10 numbered from 2503 to 2505.4, and 3201-Combo, and from 7801.1 to 7802, that are ((and))
11 received by the Seattle Fire Department fewer than 30 calendar days prior to the event, not
12 counting the day of the event for which they apply, shall be assessed a late fee in addition to
13 the permit fee and any applicable time charge. The late fee shall be equal to 50 percent of the
14 original permit fee. Applications received three or fewer business days prior to the event may
15 not be processed and the permit may not be issued.

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

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

21 Special Hazards Permits

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

24 1. Definitions:

25 a. "Quantity Range Number" as established in the Quantity Range Table below, is a number
26 between 1 and 2 that is assigned to a hazard category based upon the amount of hazardous
27 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
Aerosol products	1.3
Cellulose nitrate	1.3
Combustible fiber	1.2
Combustible liquids	
-Class II	1.2
-Class III-A	1.1
-Class III-B	1.0
Compressed gases	
-Highly toxic	1.5
-Pyrophoric	1.4
-Flammable	1.4
-Unstable	1.4
-Oxidizing	1.4
-Toxic	1.3
-Corrosive	1.3
Corrosive Liquids and Solids	1.1
Cryogenic Fluids	1.3
Explosives	1.5
Fireworks	1.4
Flammable liquids, Class I	1.4
Flammable solids	1.3
Highly toxic liquids and solids	1.5



Magnesium	1.3
Organic peroxides	
Unclassified	1.5
Class I	1.4
Class II	1.3
Class III	1.2))

<u>Hazard Class</u>	<u>Assigned Risk Factor</u>	<u>Hazard Class</u>	<u>Assigned Risk Factor</u>
<u>Aerosol products</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Organic peroxides</u>	
<u>Cellulose nitrate</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>Combustible fiber</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>Class I</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>Combustible liquids</u>		<u>Class II</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>Class II</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>Class III</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Class III-A</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>Class IV</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>Class III-B</u>	<u>1.0</u>		
<u>Compressed gases</u>		<u>Oxidizers</u>	
<u>Highly toxic</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>Pyrophoric</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>Flammable</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Unstable</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>1.1</u>
<u>Oxidizing</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Pyrophoric liquids and solids</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>Toxic</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Toxic liquids and solids</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Corrosive</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Unstable (reactive) liquids and solids</u>	
<u>Corrosive Liquids and Solids</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>Cryogenic Fluids</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>Explosives</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>Fireworks</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>Flammable liquids, Class I</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>Water-reactive materials</u>	
<u>Flammable solids</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>Highly toxic liquids and solids</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>Magnesium</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>1.0</u>

- 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 \$218 (~~(\$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.

$$\text{Base permit fee} = [(1)(1.4)_{\text{flammable}} + (1.25)(1.2)_{\text{Class 2 oxidizer}}] [\text{\$218} (\text{\$208})]$$

$$\text{Base permit fee} = \text{\$632.20} (\text{\$603.20})$$

Schedule C

Table 22.602.045 C

Special hazards permits¹

Code Numbers	Permit Title	Original Fee	Renewal Fee
Miscellaneous Special Hazards Permits			
1070	Temporary permit for a facility under a compliance plan ²	Half of annual permit fee ²	No renewal ²
1071	Special inspection/permit – temporary	<u>\$225</u> ((\$214)) plus time charge	No renewal
1072	Helicopter lift, temporary	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208)) plus time charge	No renewal
1073	Cruise ship hazardous operations	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208)) plus time charge	No renewal
1101	Combustible material storage	<u>\$169</u> ((\$164))	<u>\$169</u> ((\$164))
1103	Waste handling	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))
1104	Rooftop heliport	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))



1	((1401))	((Hazardous operations at construction and demolition sites, temporary))	(((\$208))	((No renewal))
2	1506	Manufacture of reinforced plastics	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	2401	Aviation facility	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
3	2520	Tire rebuilding plant	\$218 (((\$208))	\$218 (((\$208))
	2521	Tire and tire byproduct storage	\$218 (((\$208))	\$218 (((\$208))
4	2701-T	Hazardous material stabilization, temporary	\$218 (((\$208))	No renewal
5			plus time charge	
6	2801	Combustible fibers	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
7	((2901))	((Repair garage (No Hazardous Activities)))	(((\$208))	(((\$208))
8	2902- Minor	Repair garage – minor. See Seattle Fire Code Chapter 2 for definitions. ((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))	\$298 (((\$306))	\$298 (((\$306))
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12	2903- Major	Repair garage – major*. See Seattle Fire Code Chapter 2 for definitions. *Spray painting requires a separate permit. ((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))	\$398 (((\$459))	\$398 (((\$459))
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19	3001	Lumber yards and woodworking facilities	\$218 (((\$208))	\$218 (((\$208))
	3401	Wrecking yard	\$302 (((\$288))	\$302 (((\$288))
20	3402- Install	Installation of tanks for storage of combustible liquid serving emergency/standby power systems ((Combustible liquid tank serving emergency and standby power systems))	\$335 ((Fee worksheet))	No renewal ((Half original ¹))
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22				
23	4601	Fruit and crop ripening	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
24	4701	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging (no storage)	\$218 (((\$208))	\$218 (((\$208))
25	4702	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging (storage included)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
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4801	Magnesium working	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
5001	Manufacture of organic coatings	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
5101	Semiconductor fabrication facilities	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
6201	Industrial oven	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
((6301))	((Refrigeration system—temporary))	(((\$208))	((No renewal))
6401- Install	<u>Installation of battery systems</u> ((Battery systems))	\$218 ((\$208))	No renewal (((\$208))
7601	Combustible dust-producing operation	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
7907	Fuel dispensing (open use) into equipment from aboveground tank	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
((7909))	((Parts washing tank (1 to 3 non-exempted tanks)))	(((\$228))	(((\$228))
((7910))	((Parts washing tanks (4 or more non-exempted tanks)))	(((\$409))	(((\$409))
8101	High-piled combustible storage	\$218 ((\$208)) plus time charge	\$218 ((\$208)) plus time charge
<i>Roofing Operations</i>			
7901	Roofing operations – annual	\$218 ((\$208)) plus \$218 ((\$208)) per unit ((kettle))	\$218 ((\$208)) plus \$218 ((\$208)) per unit ((kettle))
7901T	Roofing operations-temporary	\$218 ((\$208))	No renewal
<i>Dry Cleaning</i>			
3601	Dry cleaner (Class IV plants or systems)	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
3602	Dry cleaner (Class II or III plants or systems)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
<i>Flammable Finishes</i>			
1505	Electrostatic operations	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
2601	Floor finishing, temporary, > 350 square feet	\$218 ((\$208))	No renewal
4501	Limited spray finishing	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
4502	Spray finishing process (non-marine) (below permit quantities)	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
4502-WB	<u>Spray finishing process (non-marine) – Waterbased finish</u>	No fee	No fee



1	4503	Spray finishing process (non-marine) (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
2	4504	Marine spray finishing process (below permit quantities)	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))
3	4505	Marine spray finishing process (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
4	4506	Combustible powder finishing (below permit quantities)	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))
5	4507	Combustible powder finishing (above permit quantities)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
6	4508	Dip tanks	<u>\$239</u> ((\$228))	<u>\$239</u> ((\$228))
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8	<i>Motor vehicle / Marine motor vehicle fuel-dispensing facility</i>			
9	2204	Hydrogen motor vehicle fuel dispensing station	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))
10	5201	Motor vehicle fueling station (underground tank)	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))
11	5202	Motor vehicle fueling station (above ground tank)	<u>\$468</u> ((\$446))	<u>\$468</u> ((\$446))
12	5203	Marine motor vehicle fueling station	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))
13	5204	Liquefied petroleum gas motor vehicle fuel- dispensing station	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))
14	5205	Compressed natural gas motor vehicle fuel- dispensing station	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))	<u>\$558</u> ((\$531))
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16	<i>Hot Work Operations</i>			
17	4911	Annual non-marine cutting and welding (1-3 units)	\$365	\$365
18	4912	Annual non-marine cutting and welding (4 or more units)	\$612	\$612
19	4913	Temporary non-marine cutting and welding	<u>\$218</u> ((\$208))	No renewal
20	4914	Annual hot work on marine vessels	<u>\$956</u> ((\$910))	<u>\$956</u> ((\$910))
21	4915	Temporary marine hot work	See Table C- 4915	No renewal
22	4901	Shipyard	<u>\$2,230</u>	<u>\$2,230</u>
23			((\$2,124))	((\$2,124))
24	4902	Type I designated marine hot work facility (for all vessels regardless of length)	<u>\$956</u> ((\$910))	<u>\$956</u> ((\$910))
25	4903	Type II designated marine hot work facility (for vessels < 200 feet)	<u>\$478</u> ((\$455))	<u>\$478</u> ((\$455))
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<i>LP-gas</i>			
((8201-PC))	((Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable containers (\leq 550 gal. aggregate)))	(((\$319))	(((\$319))
8201-Install	Installation of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in stationary containers, residential and non-residential	\$335	May be renewed as 8202-R or 8202-STO
((8201-ST))	((Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in stationary containers (\leq 550 gal. aggregate)))	(((\$319))	(((\$319))
((8202-PC))	((Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable containers ($>$ 550-2000 gal. aggregate)))	(((\$382))	(((\$382))
((8202-ST))	((Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in stationary containers ($>$ 550-2000 gal. aggregate)))	(((\$382))	(((\$382))
8202-R	Storage of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable or stationary containers, $>$ 500 gallons, R3 residential occupancies * Permit must be issued within one year of issue of 8201-Install permit.	\$335	\$335
8202-STO	Storage of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in portable or stationary containers, non-residential, all sizes * Permit must be issued within one year of issue of 8201-Install permit.	\$335	\$335
8202-EX	LPG cylinder exchange at retail occupancy	\$335 ((\$319))	\$335 ((\$319))
8202-POH	Portable outdoor heater at permanent drinking or dining establishment	\$335 ((\$319))	\$335 ((\$319))
8202-CH	Outdoor heater at construction sites, temporary	\$335 ((\$319))	No renewal
((8203))	((LPG storage and use ($>$ 2,000 gal. aggregate)))	(((\$455))	(((\$455))
<i>Hazardous materials</i>			
801-A	Combustible liquid storage and use	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
801-B	Corrosive compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
801-C	Corrosive liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
801-D	Cryogenic fluids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
801-E	Explosives	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
801-F	Flammable compressed gas (except LPG)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹



1	801-G	Flammable liquids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-H	Flammable solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
2	801-I	Highly toxic compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-J	Highly toxic liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
3	801-K	Organic peroxides	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-L	Oxidizing compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
4	801-M	Oxidizer liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-N	Pyrophoric compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
5	801-O	Pyrophoric liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-Q	Toxic compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
6	801-R	Toxic liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-S	Unstable (reactive) compressed gas	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
7	801-T	Unstable (reactive) liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-U	Water-reactive liquids and solids	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
8	801-V	Aerosols (Level 2 and 3)	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
	801-W	Cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
9	6101	Annual Residential Heating Oil Tank Decommissioning/Removal	No fee	No fee
10	6103	Residential heating oil tank decommissioning	\$111 ((\$106))	No renewal
11	7401	Compressed gas (Inert and simple asphyxiates)	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
12	7402	Medical gas system	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
13	7501	Non-flammable cryogen	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
14	7900	Flammable/combustible liquid tank vehicle	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208)) ³
15	7903	Gas freeing of tank vessels and barges	\$956 ((\$940))	\$956 ((\$940))
16	7904	Bulk plant or terminal	Fee worksheet	Half original ¹
17	7905	Master fuel transfer to marine vessels	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
18	7906	Marine refueling facility (for marine vessels), annual	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
19	7906-T	Marine refueling temporary (for unplanned refueling at a facility without a 7906 permit)	\$218	No renewal
20	((7906-F))	((Marine refueling approved facility))	(((\$455))	(((\$455))
21	7908	Commercial flammable or combustible liquid tank decommissioning	\$218 ((\$208))	No renewal
22	7912	Mobile fleet fueler (land-based)	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
23	7913	Mobile fleet fueling site	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208))
24	8001	Incidental flammable and combustible liquids (≤ 30 gallons)	\$242 ((\$230))	\$242 ((\$230))
25	8002	Laboratory per control area	\$218 ((\$208)) per control area	\$218 ((\$208)) per control area



8010	LPG tank vehicle	\$218 ((\$208))	\$218 ((\$208)) ³
8025	Marine Terminal	\$3,106 + [\$225 x no. of acres >5]	Same as base
8030	Container Freight Station	\$1,552	\$1,552

¹ **Schedule C** fee worksheet-based permits shall be renewed at one-half the permit origination fee or \$218, (~~(\$208,)~~) which is the minimum renewal fee, whichever is greater.

² 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.

³ 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.

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Schedule C- Table C-4915

TABLE C-4915
 MARINE CUTTING AND WELDING FEES ^{1,2,3,4}

Temporary

PERMIT DURATION (DAYS)	LENGTH OF VESSEL (FEET)						
	<40	40-59	60-89	90-129	130-199	200-299	300+
2	\$93 (((\$89))	\$131 (((\$125))	\$169 (((\$161))	\$206 (((\$196))	\$244 (((\$232))	\$281 (((\$268))	\$317 (((\$302))
7	\$131 (((\$125))	\$169 (((\$161))	\$206 (((\$196))	\$244 (((\$232))	\$281 (((\$268))	\$317 (((\$302))	\$356 (((\$339))
15	\$169 (((\$161))	\$206 (((\$196))	\$244 (((\$232))	\$281 (((\$268))	\$317 (((\$302))	\$356 (((\$339))	\$394 (((\$375))
30	\$206 (((\$196))	\$244 (((\$232))	\$281 (((\$268))	\$317 (((\$302))	\$356 (((\$339))	\$394 (((\$375))	\$433 (((\$412))
60	\$300 (((\$286))	\$337 (((\$321))	\$375 (((\$357))	\$423 (((\$403))	\$468 (((\$446))	\$516 (((\$491))	\$563 (((\$536))

¹Fees apply to non pre-approved applicants.

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

³Any 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.

⁴Each 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 ((ends)). 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 ((have been) 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 5:00 p.m. Monday



1 through Friday) is required by the Seattle Fire Code or is performed at the request of the owner
2 or responsible person or permit holder.

3 Permits for which a time charge is indicated include a base fee and a labor charge equal
4 to actual labor costs plus administrative overhead costs for field inspection and review exceeding
5 one hour before a permit is issued.
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7 E. Temporary permits listed under Schedule A, B and C will not be renewed on an
8 annual basis.
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10 F. Those permit applications that are required to be filed within time limitations
11 specified under the Seattle Fire Code or by order of the Fire Chief or his designee, shall be
12 subject to a late fee, if not filed within the prescribed time period. Any work activity or
13 operation regulated by the code that commences before obtaining the necessary permits may be
14 required to obtain a permit and pay 1.5 times the fee of the original permit. Where a compliance
15 plan agreement has been reached for a permitted activity, the fire code official is authorized to
16 require temporary permits to be issued in lieu of an annual permit until full compliance with the
17 fire code regulations for that activity is achieved. The fee for such temporary permits shall be
18 based on the cost of an annual permit pro-rated for the time period the temporary permit is
19 valid.
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22 G. Payment for fixed rate Schedule C permit renewals that is received more than 30
23 calendar days but fewer than 91 calendar days past the permit expiration date shall be equal to
24 1.25 times the renewal fee. The renewal permit will be valid for only one year from the
25 expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no renewal payment has been received
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1 within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date will be cancelled. Permits that have
2 been cancelled may be reinstated, effective from the expiration date, if the permit holder pays a
3 late penalty of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit within 180 days of the expiration date.
4 Thereafter, any person whose permit has been cancelled shall not be allowed to reinstate the
5 cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a new permit application and pay a late penalty
6 of 1.5 times the fee for an original permit.
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8 H. Payment for Schedule C worksheet-based permit fees listed under Schedule C as
9 renewable, that is more than 30 calendar days, but fewer than 91 calendar days, past the permit
10 expiration date, shall be equal to 1.75 times the renewal amount. The renewal permit will be
11 valid for only one year from the expiration date of the prior permit. Permits for which no
12 renewal payment has been received within 90 calendar days following the permit expiration date
13 will be cancelled. Permits that have been cancelled may be reinstated, effective from the
14 expiration date, if the permit holder pays a late penalty of 1.25 times the fee for an original
15 permit within 180 days of the expiration date. Thereafter, any person whose permit has been
16 cancelled shall not be allowed to reinstate the cancelled permit, but shall be required to submit a
17 new permit application and pay a late penalty of 1.25 times the fee for an original permit.
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20 I. Unless specifically stated on the permit, no temporary use permit shall be valid for a
21 term exceeding 12 months.
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23 ~~((J. Each examination fee listed under Schedule D shall include one test and one re-~~
24 ~~test.))~~
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1 J (~~K~~). In special circumstances, permit fees may be adjusted, modified or combined.

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

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

10 L (~~M~~). Fees for certification examinations (~~and training~~) are established in Schedule
11 L (~~M~~). Each examination fee listed under Schedule L includes one test and one opportunity to
12 retake the test under the following "re-test" conditions: the person taking the examination does
13 not pass the examination the first time and the "re-test" occurs within 90 calendar days of the
14 original test. Upon successfully passing a certification examination, and upon providing
15 evidence of current State of Washington certification if required by State law for that
16 certification type, the person who took the test will be certified by the City of Seattle for that
17 certification type for one year. The certification may be renewed for two subsequent years at no
18 cost to the licensee. The licensee will, however, need to demonstrate continued competence and
19 continue to comply with State regulations where applicable as a condition of certification
20 renewal. The renewal of the license will be denied if the Seattle Fire Department becomes
21 informed and verifies that the licensee no longer meets the qualifications for the license. Testing
22 is required once every three years.



((See Table 22.602.045 M))

Schedule L((M))

Table 22.602.045 L((M))

Certification Examinations and Training

Certification Type	Description	((Fee Effective January 1, 2013))	Fee ((Fee Effective January 1, 2014))
((Type AS-1)) <u>Type AS-ITT(S)</u>	((Installation, maintenance and confidence testing of automatic sprinkler systems in any type of building.)) <u>Inspection, testing, and maintenance of water based fire protection systems, State Level Inspection Testing Technician Design Certification.</u>	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
<u>Type AS-2(S)</u>	<u>Installation, inspection, testing, and maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems, State Level II (Group R residential buildings up to 4 stories and Residential Sprinkler Fitters).</u>		\$342
((Type AS-3)) <u>Type AS-3(S)</u>	((Installation of automatic sprinkler systems.)) <u>Installation, inspection, testing, and maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems, State Level III (all buildings and Journey Level Sprinkler Fitters).</u>	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
((Type CT-AS))	((Confidence testing of automatic sprinkler systems.))	(((\$292))	(((\$326))
((Type CT-FA))	((Confidence testing of automatic fire alarm systems.))	(((\$292))	(((\$326))
Type E-1	<u>Installation, inspection, testing, and maintenance ((and confidence testing)) of foam fire extinguishing systems; must also maintain AS-3(S) certification.</u>	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))



1	Type E-2	Installation, <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of carbon dioxide fire extinguishing systems.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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3	Type E-3	Installation, <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of engineered, <u>clean agent</u> ((halon)) or replacement agent fire extinguishing systems.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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6	Type E-4	Installation, <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of engineered dry/wet chemical fire extinguishing systems.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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9	Type EG-1	Installation ((non-electrical)), <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of emergency generators.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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11	Type EG-ITM ((CF))	((Confidence testing)) <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> of emergency generators.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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13	Type FA-1	((Acceptance testing, confidence testing)) <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> of automatic fire alarm systems in any building.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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15	Type FA-ITM	<u>inspection, testing (except "acceptance testing"), and maintenance</u> of automatic fire alarm systems.		<u>\$342</u>
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18	Type FP-1	Installation ((non-electrical)), <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of fire pumps and controllers.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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20	Type FP-ITM ((CF))	((Confidence testing)) <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> of fire pumps and controllers.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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22	Type FEX-1	All activities relating to portable fire extinguishers including those listed in Types FEX-2, FEX-3, and FEX-4.	(((\$292))	<u>\$342</u> (((\$326))
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1	Type FEX-2	<u>Installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, charging, and recharging of portable fire extinguishers.</u> ((Maintain, charge, recharge, inspect, or install portable fire extinguishers.))	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
2	Type FEX-3	Hydrostatic testing of fire extinguisher cylinders.	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
3	Type FEX-4	Annual external examination of CO ₂ or stored pressure fire extinguishers equipped with pressure indicators or gauges.	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
4	Type SC-1	Installation, <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> ((and confidence testing)) of smoke control systems.	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
5	Type SC-ITM (2)	((Confidence testing)) <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance</u> of shaft pressurization systems.	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
6	Type STP-1	Installation, <u>inspection, testing, and maintenance of standpipe systems</u> ((and confidence testing of Class I, II and III standpipes)).	(((\$292))	\$342 (((\$326))
7	((Type FESC-1))	((Confidence testing of fire escape))	(((\$292))	(((\$326))
8		Issuance of replacement certification card	(((\$44))	\$46 (((\$44))

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2015, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.050, last amended by Ordinance 124044, is amended as follows:

22.602.050 Fees for certain inspections.

A. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested or required by the Fire Code to perform inspections outside normal business hours (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday), the responsible party shall pay a fee for such an inspection. Such fees shall be equal to actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead costs.



1 B. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested to perform an inspection as
2 required by the Fire Code and the responsible party fails to appear within 20 minutes from the
3 original appointment time and does not cancel the appointment by fax or email with 24 hours
4 notice, or fails to have the required personnel and/or equipment prepared and available to
5 conduct the test, the Fire Chief or his designee shall collect and the responsible party shall pay a
6 fee for such staff time and preparation required to meet the inspection appointment. Such fees
7 shall be based on actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead with a one
8 hour minimum.

10 C. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is required to perform an inspection after at
11 least two inspections have been performed by the Seattle Fire Department (~~three inspections~~
12 ~~have been performed~~) to gain compliance with (~~Section~~) Seattle Fire Code requirements, the
13 Fire Chief or his designee shall collect and the responsible party shall pay a fee in the amount of
14 \$241 (~~\$229~~). Such fee shall be due upon each inspection performed by the Fire Prevention
15 Division until compliance with Seattle Fire Code requirements has been accomplished. The Fire
16 Chief, Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal shall waive the inspection fee if the original order
17 or notice is determined to be invalid or when mitigating circumstances beyond the responsible
18 party's control exist such as conflicting enforcement by other jurisdictions, conditions caused by
19 third parties or where alternate materials, methods or designs are under review to meet the intent
20 of the Seattle Fire Code.

24 D. For events at public assemblies, or other instances where it is necessary or requested
25 to temporarily alter operation of fire protection/detection systems and/or the Fire Marshal
26 determines that it is essential for public safety that standby fire personnel shall remain on site
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1 during the event or activity, the Fire Marshal is authorized to charge actual costs for labor and
2 other incurred services including applicable administrative overhead and other services.

3 E. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested to perform an inspection as
4 required by the Fire Code for which no fee is included in any schedule within this Chapter
5 22.602, a fee shall be charged based on program costs of the inspection including applicable
6 overhead. Such fees shall include overtime costs only when the work performed outside normal
7 business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) is required by the Seattle Fire
8 Code or is performed at the request of the owner or responsible person or permit holder.
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11 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2015, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.070, last
12 amended by Ordinance 124044 is amended as follows:

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14 **22.602.070 Fees for Fire Department plan review and inspection of fire protection**
15 **systems in new or existing buildings undergoing construction, reconstruction,**
16 **remodeling, or renovation.**

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

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22 B. The fee for such plan examination or review shall be (~~(\$171 per hour with a one hour~~
23 ~~minimum effective January 1, 2013, and \$184)) \$193 per hour with a one hour minimum
24 effective January 1, 2015 (~~2014~~)).~~



C. The fee for inspection of fire protection systems in new or existing buildings undergoing construction, reconstruction, remodeling, or renovation shall be as follows:

Construction-Related Inspection Fees

Fire Alarm Systems	\$460 ((\$440)) plus \$4.60 ((\$4.40)) per device > 6 devices
Fire Alarm Systems with more than 6 devices and no new control panel installation or major modification to system	\$231 ((\$220)) plus \$4.60 ((\$4.40)) per device > 6 devices
Fire Extinguishing System – Pre-engineered or Rangehood	\$197 ((\$188))
Fire Sprinkler System	\$278 ((\$265)) plus \$2.78 ((\$2.65)) per sprinkler head > 6 sprinkler heads
Standpipe	\$197 ((\$188)) plus \$4.00 per landing with PRVs (pressure reducing valves)
Fire Pump	\$197 ((\$188)) per pump
Sprinkler System Supply Main*	\$245 ((\$188))
<u>*Fee covers one inspection and one reinspection for a specific project and location</u>	
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	\$178 ((\$169))
Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage - Systems Testing ^a	\$175 ((\$169)) per hour, one hour minimum
Knox Box I((i))nspection	\$185 ((\$176))
Request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy recommendation	\$210 ((\$156)) plus time charge for all related inspection and review. ^b
<u>Installation of Battery Systems</u>	<u>See Table 22.602.045 C, permit code 6401-Install</u>
<u>Installation of Tanks for Storage of Combustible Liquid Serving Emergency/Standby Power Systems</u>	<u>See Table 22.602.045 C, permit code 3402-Install</u>
<u>Installation of Stationary Tanks for Storage of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)</u>	<u>See Table 22.602.045 C, permit code 8201-Install</u>

^aIncludes acceptance testing, reacceptance testing, and confidence testing.

^bWhere 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.



1 D. Whenever the Fire Prevention Division is requested, or required by the Seattle Fire
2 Code to perform inspections outside regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) Monday
3 through Friday, the Fire Chief or his designee shall collect, and the responsible party shall pay a
4 fee for such inspection equal to actual labor costs including applicable administrative overhead.

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6 E. The Director of the Department of Planning and Development is authorized to collect
7 fees listed in this section for the Seattle Fire Department, and to transfer those funds to the
8 Seattle Fire Department.

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10 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2015, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.602.090, last
11 amended by ordinance 124342, is amended as follows:

12 **22.602.090 Fees for filing confidence test documentation.**

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14 ~~((The Fire Chief or his designee shall collect a \$10 fee for processing documentation
15 pertaining to confidence testing conducted in accordance with Administrative Rule 9.02.09,
16 Confidence Test Requirements for Life Safety Systems, as required by the Seattle Fire Code.
17 Confidence test documentation filing fees shall be payable by the person responsible for
18 performing the confidence test. For purposes of this Section 22.602.090, person has the same
19 meaning as defined in the Seattle Fire Code as constituted pursuant to Section 22.600.020. The
20 \$10 fee for processing documentation pertaining to confidence testing is rescinded for all
21 confidence tests conducted on or after January 1, 2014.))~~ The \$10 fee for processing
22 documentation pertaining to testing and maintenance of fire and life safety systems has been
23 eliminated for tests conducted on or after January 1, 2014. Testing and maintenance of fire and
24 life safety systems must still be conducted in accordance with the Seattle Fire Code as further
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1 defined in Administrative Rule 9.02.14, and the responsible party must notify the Fire Marshal of
2 impaired systems in accordance with Administrative Rule 9.06.14.

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4 Section 5. Severability. The several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be
5 separate and severable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,
6 subsection, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person,
7 property, or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the
8 validity of its application to other persons, property, or circumstances.
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1 Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
6 ____ day of _____, 2014.

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10 President _____ of the City Council

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12 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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15 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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17 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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19 _____
20 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

21 (Seal)



2015 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

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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, 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, modify fee titles, and eliminate certain fees that are charged by the Seattle Fire Department's (SFD's) Fire Prevention Division, also known as the Fire Marshal's Office. The Fire Marshal's Office administers the Fire Department fire prevention program, the purpose of which is to provide for Seattle residents, workers and visitors a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fires, explosions, and dangerous conditions including releases of hazardous materials. The proposed changes to the fee ordinance are intended to re-align fee levels with current service costs, better align SFD certification requirements with State requirements, and ensure consistency with the most recent Seattle Fire Code. The proposed legislation would result in an overall revenue increase for 2015 of \$137,000 and bring cost recovery levels to 83%.

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 2013, 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 \$4.8 million. During the same time period, staffing in the Fire Marshal's Office was reduced by 7.0 FTE, 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 5% are proposed for most fire prevention fees and services. The increases are intended to preserve cost recovery levels by realigning fees with program costs that have experienced negotiated increases in wages and benefits since fees were last modified.

In addition to the across-the-board fee increases related to changes in base costs in **special events permits, place of assembly permits, engineering plan review services, and Knox Box installation services**, the following program specific fee modifications are proposed:



Certification. Technicians engaged in the installation, testing and maintenance of fire protection and life safety systems are required to be certified by the Seattle Fire Department if they work within the city of Seattle. Consistent with subsection 35.22.280 (32) of the Revised Code of Washington, this legislation proposes to modify the program from a three year program to an annual program. Certificates that were previously valid for three years will be valid for one year and become renewable thereafter, assuming technicians meet testing and other requirements. In addition, sprinkler certification examination types are proposed to be revised to create a clearer correspondence between Seattle and State of Washington certification requirements. The resulting simplification of the program will benefit customers. There is no change to revenues as a result of the programmatic changes in certification services; however, when including the proposed 5% fee realignment, overall certification fee revenue will grow by approximately \$9,000.

Construction inspections. Fees related to temporary certificates of occupancy and for inspecting sprinkler mains are proposed to be raised by about 30% to better correspond to the costs of providing these services. Fees for the temporary certificates of occupancy were last raised in 2005, and the sprinkler main inspection fee has been clarified to cover up to two inspections for the same property and project. A new fee is added for inspections of pressure reducing valves (PRVs) that are part of standpipe systems in large buildings. Standpipes that include PRVs take significantly more time to inspect than standpipe systems without PRVs, and the new fee is intended to more accurately reflect the costs of the service provided. The remaining construction inspection fees include the proposed 5% realignment. Overall revenues from construction inspections are anticipated to grow by roughly \$66,000 or 6%.

Fire prevention re-inspections. This legislation proposes to allow SFD Operations companies to refer unresolved code violations to the Fire Marshal's Office sooner. Operations companies would be required to make two rather than three inspections to resolve code compliance violations before referring the violations to the Fire Marshal's Office. This change will better leverage skills of specialty-trained fire prevention inspectors in the Fire Marshal's Office, and help free up Operations companies to focus on their primary role as first responders to fire and life safety emergencies. As required by SMC 22.602, the Fire Marshal's Office charges a fee when multiple re-inspections are required to resolve fire code violations. Re-inspection revenues are anticipated to grow by roughly \$5,000 as a result of this change and a 5% increase in re-inspection fees.

Special hazards/hazardous materials. Due to changes in the Seattle Fire Code, certain permits are proposed for elimination in 2015. For example, while Fire Department inspection is still required during the construction process, annual permits are no longer required for diesel tanks intended to store fuel for emergency generators, or for battery systems. In addition, the 5% increase is not proposed to be applied to non-marine hot work permits or marine terminals based on an analysis of service costs. The revenue impact from these changes is almost completely offset by 5% increases in remaining permit fees. Overall revenues associated with the special hazards/hazardous materials program are anticipated to decrease by a modest \$6,500 as a result of this legislation.

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	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
Certification	\$9,043	\$9,043
Special Events	\$21,076	\$21,076
Schedule A/Place of Assembly	\$10,953	\$10,953
Hazardous Materials	-\$6,500	-\$6,500
Construction Inspections	\$66,200	\$66,200
FirePrevention Reinspections/KnoxBox	\$4,850	\$4,850
Plan Reviews	\$31,620	\$31,620
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	\$137,242	\$137,242

Revenue Change Notes:

The total impact of proposed fee changes included in this legislation is an increase of roughly \$137,000. Individual changes are described in the section above. Due to changes in anticipated activity levels, overall 2015 revenues are anticipated to exceed 2014 adopted revenue estimates by \$171,000.

Most Fire Department permit and inspection fees were last modified on January 1, 2013. At that time, increases were approved to certification, plan review, reinspection, Knox Box installation, and code compliance fees. Several special events fees and construction inspection fees were also modified.

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 City of Seattle's user fees are within a comparable range.



Permit Title	Seattle (2015 Proposed)	Oakland, CA (Current)	San Jose, CA (Current)	Phoenix, AZ (Current)
Assembly with occ. load of 300	\$461	\$259 plus \$163 if over one hour inspecting	\$424	\$450
Tent or canopy	\$248 or applicable temp. assembly permit, whichever is greater	\$259 plus assembly permit of \$259 if over 400 sq. ft.	\$566 including one hour plan review and inspection	\$600 if over 800 sq. ft.
LPG storage/use	\$187 - \$335	\$87	\$324	\$150 per cylinder, no more than 20 cylinders allowed
Indoor pyrotechnics	\$656	\$344	\$566, not including inspection charges	\$600 1 st performance plus \$150 if second event is in same venue within one year
Non-compliance reinspection	\$241	\$163 1 st \$195 2 nd \$234 3 rd \$280 4 th \$344 5 th	\$170 hourly rate	\$150

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

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2015 Revenue	Total 2016 Revenue
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Certification	\$189,911	\$189,911
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Special Events	\$442,592	\$442,592
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Schedule A/Place of Assembly	\$230,010	\$230,010
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Hazardous Materials	\$1,943,500	\$1,943,500
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Construction Inspections	\$1,236,200	\$1,236,200
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Overtime Construction Inspections	\$110,000	\$110,000
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Fire Prevention Reinspections/Knox Box	\$29,850	\$29,850
General Fund, No. 00100, Fire Department	Plan Reviews	\$664,014	\$664,014
TOTAL		\$4,846,077	\$4,846,077



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 bills customers for the major SFD construction inspection fees and so changes to fee amounts will require system updates in Hansen. SFD and DPD have discussed the anticipated changes and no challenges have been identified should the fee modifications be approved. Some departments are required to have permits for hazardous materials, and in general hazardous materials (Schedule C) permit fees are proposed to be increased by approximately 5% to keep pace with cost increases.

d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**
None.

e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.

f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.

g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.

h) **Other Issues:**
None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

None





City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

September 22, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess, President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

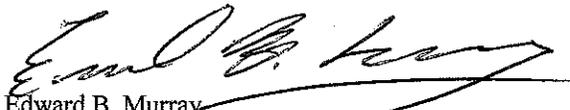
Dear Council President Burgess:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget. This legislation authorizes adjustments in fees for Seattle Fire Department permits and services, including plan review, construction inspections, and permits for hazardous materials and processes to re-align fees with service costs. The legislation also proposes modifications to a small number of fee titles for consistency with the most recently adopted Seattle Fire Code, and a few annual permit types that are no longer required by the fire code are proposed for elimination. The proposed changes increase revenues by approximately \$137,000.

The Fire Marshal's Office administers the Fire Department fire prevention program, the purpose of which is to provide for Seattle residents, workers and visitors a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fires, explosions, and dangerous conditions including releases of hazardous materials. 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 83% are anticipated for 2015.

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,



Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

