



Citywide Fee Study Update 2024

Fire Department

Prevention Schedule

Provides public safety for the community through emergency services including structure fire suppression, wildland fire suppression, and emergency medical services.

Updating 103 Fees for:

- Administration
- Building Permit Fire Review & Inspections
- Inspections
- Hourly Rates

19 Fees Added

49 Fees Updated to 100% Cost Recovery

24 Fees Deleted

4 Fees Updated for penalties/exact costs

7 Fees reduced to 100% Cost Recovery

Current Costs:

- Annual Costs: \$598,828
- Annual Revenue: \$354,271 or 59% Cost Recovery
- Annual Subsidy: \$244,557 or 41% Subsidy

New Projected Revenues Based on Recommendations:

\$598,282

New Annual Revenue
(100% Cost Recovery)

\$244,557

Increased Revenue

69%

% Increase in Revenue

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FIRE		FEE EFFECTIVE 7/1/24	FEE UPDATES FOR PHASE TWO	FEE NOT CHANGED, CPI INCREASE TO BE ADDED LATER	NOTES	FOOT NOTE	TECH SUR-CHARGE 6%
Department Page: https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/fire-department/fire-prevention-life-safety							
ADMINISTRATIVE							
FIRE-PVT1	FALSE ALARMS- 1st Response	\$521.00	\$250.00		Penalty		
FIRE-PVT2	FALSE ALARMS- 2nd Response Total	\$652.00	\$500.00		Penalty		
FIRE-PVT3	FALSE ALARMS- All Subsequent Incidents Total	\$671.00	\$750.00		Penalty		
	Faulty Alarm Inspection	\$260.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT4	Fire Plan Check & Administrative Fee - Per Hour	New Fee	\$149.00		New Fee - Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
	Contract Fire Plan Check & Administrative Fee - Per Hour	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
	City Staff Fire Plan Check & Administrative Fee - Per Hour	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT5	Fire Project Design Review - Per Hour	\$132.00	\$176.00		Hourly		
FIRE-PVT6	State Plan Review - Per Hour	\$132.00	\$149.00		New Fee - Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT7	Consultation Fee - Per Hour	\$132.00	\$149.00		New Fee - Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT8	Fire Inspection Fee - Per Hour	\$132.00	\$181.00		New Fee - Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT 9	Inspection Failed/Cancellation Fee	\$132.00	\$181.00		New Fee - Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT10	Unauthorized Work	2x the Permit Fee	2x the Permit Fee		Penalty		

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BUILDING PERMIT FIRE REVIEW & INSPECTIONS							
Building Permit Fire Review							
Minimum fee based on minimum hours required for review per square foot range. If exceeded, additional fees will be charged at 'Fire Plan Check & Administrative Fee - Per Hour' rate listed in Administrative category.							
Fire-PVT11	< 5,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$149.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT12	5,000-15,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$287.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT13	15,000-45,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$427.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT14	45,000-100,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$708.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT15	100,000-200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$988.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT16	> 200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$1,409.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
BUILDING PERMIT FIRE REVIEW & INSPECTIONS							
Building Permit Fire Inspections							
Minimum fee based on minimum inspections required per square foot range. If exceeded, additional fees will be charged at 'Fire Inspection Fee - Per Hour' rate listed in Administrative category							
Fire-PVT17	< 5,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$174.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT18	5,000-15,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$349.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT19	15,000-45,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$523.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT20	45,000-100,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$871.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT21	100,000-200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$1,220.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
Fire-PVT22	> 200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$1,743.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		
	Commercial Uses - Structural Ft² Up to: 500 - 50,000+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Multifamily Residential Uses - Ft² Up to: 1,000 - 100,000+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Attached and detached accessory and utility uses: Ft² up to: 200 - 1,500+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Shell Buildings for All Commercial Uses: Ft² Up to: 500 - 100,000+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Commercial Tenant Improvement: Ft² Up to: 500 - 25,000+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	One and Two Family Dwellings: Ft² up to: 1,000 - 6,000+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Structural Residential Remodels and Additions: Ft² up to: 200 - 1,500+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Non-Structural Residential Remodels: Ft² up to: 200 - 1,500+	Remove	Remove		Remove		
	Fire Plan Review (per hour)	Remove	Remove		Remove		

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FIRE PERMIT INSPECTIONS							
Fire Protection Systems							
Minimum fee based on minimum inspections required per square foot range. If exceeded, additional fees will be charged at 'Fire Inspection Fee - Per Hour' rate listed in Administrative category.							
FIRE-PVT23	Fire Sprinkler Tenant Improvement - 4 heads or less	\$264.00	\$349.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT24	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground < 5,000 ft ²	\$376.00	\$619.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT25	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground 5,000-15,000 ft ²	\$583.00	\$883.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT26	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground 15,000 - 45,000 ft ²	\$801.00	\$1,577.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT27	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground 45,000-100,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$2,849.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT28	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground 100,000-200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$4,440.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT29	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Aboveground > 200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$5,185.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT30	Fire Sprinkler Commercial Underground	\$360.00	\$619.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓

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FIRE PERMIT INSPECTIONS							
Fire Protection Systems							
Minimum fee based on minimum inspections required per square foot range. If exceeded, additional fees will be charged at 'Fire Inspection Fee - Per Hour' rate listed in Administrative category.							
FIRE-PVT31	Fire Sprinkler Residential Aboveground < 5,000 ft ²	\$260.00	\$470.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT32	Fire Sprinkler Residential Aboveground > 5,000 ft ²	\$480.00	\$619.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT33	Fire Sprinkler Residential Underground	\$242.00	\$619.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT34	Fire Sprinkler Residential Combo < 5,000 ft ²	\$514.00	\$1,066.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT35	Fire Sprinkler Residential Combo > 5,000 ft ²	\$717.00	\$1,066.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT36	Fire Extinguishing System Installation (incl hood, duct, agents)	\$360.00	\$321.00		Flat Fee Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT37	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) < 5,000 ft ²	\$376.00	\$358.00		Flat Fee Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT38	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) 5,000-15,000 ft ²	\$583.00	\$734.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT39	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) 15,000 - 45,000 ft ²	\$801.00	\$1,428.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT40	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) 45,000-100,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$2,849.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT41	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) 100,000-200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$4,440.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT42	Fire Alarm System (Commercial/Residential) > 200,000 ft ²	New Fee	\$6,133.00		New Fee - Flat 100% Cost Recovery		✓
FIRE-PVT43	Fire Alarm System (Communicator Replacement)	\$376.00	\$206.00		Flat Fee Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT44	Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement System (ERCES)	\$801.00	\$670.00		New Fee - Flat Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT45	Two-Way Radio System	\$376.00	\$520.00		100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT46	Fire Department response to any hazardous material related incident regulated under Chapter 27 of the International Fire Code.	Actual Cost	Actual Cost		Actual Cost		
	Annual/Hazardous Materials Inspection Permit Fees	\$260.00	Remove		Remove		

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FIRE PERMIT INSPECTIONS							
Occupancy Inspections							
	Request for fire inspection in conjunction with a new business or change of use within a structure. - Done by prevention	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
	Request for fire inspection in conjunction with a new business or change of use within a structure. - Done by operations (3 man rig)	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT47	Annual Business Fire Safety Inspections	\$132.00	\$201.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		
	Annual Business Fire Safety Inspections - Suppression	\$178.00	Remove		Remove		
BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES							
FIRE-PVT48	Nursery, hospital, sanitarium, nursing home or similar use for full-time patient care: 7-50 occupants (per year)	\$233.00	\$255.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT49	Nursery, hospital, sanitarium, nursing home or similar use for full-time patient care: >50 occupants (per year)	\$687.00	\$330.00		Flat Fee Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT50	Daycare facility for more than six children (state-mandated inspections) (per year)	\$132.00	\$181.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		
PENALTY CHARGES							
	Re-inspections (Failure to comply with Fire Department requirements after one reinspection). Whichever is greater of the following fees:		Remove		Remove		
	Flat fee for each reinspection or Actual Cost	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
	INSPECTIONS (added to the original permit fees for failure to call for required inspections on fire system installations).	\$65.00	Remove		Remove		
	UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANCY (failing to call for a Fire Department final inspection and occupying a structure prior to final approval). Plus Permit processing and inspection.	\$187.00	Remove		Remove		

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FIRE PERMIT INSPECTIONS: Special Events							
FIRE-PVT51	Fire Dancing, Generator, Gas-fired cooking, Tent, Air-supported structure or temporary structure covering an area in excess of 400 ft ² for tent and 700 ft ² for canopy, unless such structures are used exclusively for camping	\$260.00	\$298.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT52	Fireworks	\$687.00	\$2,029.00		Flat Fee 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE PERMIT INSPECTIONS: Weeds and/or Other Combustible Vegetation							
FIRE-PVT53	Notice to abate where City weed abatement contractor performs work.	Flat Fee		X	Flat Fee Fees collected through property taxes.		
FIRE-PVT54	Administrative fee (plus actual costs for abatement.)	\$100.00		X	Flat Fee Fees collected through property taxes.		
FIRE-PVT55	Notice to abate where more than one re-inspection is required to gain compliance.	Flat Fee		X	See 'Inspection Failed/Cancellation Fee' in Administrative Category		
	Re-Inspection (after initial and first reinspection or if contractor not ready) (Per hour/1 hour minimum)	\$132.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT56	Open Burning Annual Permit	\$50.00		X	Flat Fee		
HOURLY RATES							
FIRE-PVT57	Fire Prevention Rate	\$132.00	\$225.00		Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT58	Fire Suppression Hourly Rate	\$183.00	\$192.00		Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
	Fire Blended Hourly Rate (prevention/suppression)	\$181.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT59	Engine Company - Hourly Rate	\$543.00	\$576.00		Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT60	Truck Company - Hourly Rate	\$543.00	\$710.00		Hourly 100% Cost Recovery		
	Per event	\$252.00	Remove		Remove		
FIRE-PVT61	Electronic Data Record Request (cost of digital media & any mailing costs)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	X			
FIRE-PVT62	Electronic Data Record Request (non-existing disk - cost of producing disk and any mailing costs)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	X			
HOURLY RATES: Subpoena Stand-By							
FIRE-PVT63	Prevention (Per Hour/4 hour minimum)	\$514.00	\$225.00		Hourly Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT64	Suppression (Per Hour/4 hour minimum)	\$722.00	\$192.00		Hourly Reduced to 100% Cost Recovery		
FIRE-PVT65	Document Hard Copy Request - Subpoenaed	\$15.00		X	Flat Fee		