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**PART 85**

**COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRE MARSHAL**

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**Sec. 85.010. General; Fee Classifications, Refund of Fees**

*The fees set forth in this Part shall be paid prior to processing the application for the permit. No such permit or other document shall be accepted for filing unless the fees are paid at that time. Fees are either*

*(1) a one-time fixed payment (flat fee), or (2) based on actual cost of staff time utilizing a standard hourly rate for the department which incorporates the overall cost of the County to provide this service (hourly fee). Actual time shall be billed to the nearest half hour after the first hour. The County Fire Marshal will provide a reasonable estimate of the cost of service paid by the standard hourly rate prior to the service being provided. All such fees shall be collected by the Conservation, Development and Planning Department on behalf of the County Fire Marshal unless otherwise indicated. No part of any fee shall be refundable unless otherwise indicated. Unless specifically noted, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations are not exempt from these provisions.*

**Fee Payment**  
All fees outlined in this Section must be paid in full prior to the processing of any permit application. No permit, plan, or related document shall be accepted for filing, review, or approval until all applicable fees have been paid.

**Fee Classifications**

Fees shall be charged based on the following classifications:

- (1) **Flat Fee:** A one-time, fixed amount that covers a specific service or permit. No additional charges apply beyond the published fee.
- (2) **Variable Fee:** A flat fee calculated using a defined equation that incorporates the total project valuation. This fee varies based on the scope or size of the project or service, as outlined in the applicable fee schedule.
- (3) **Actual Cost:** Charges based on the direct expenses incurred by the County to provide a service. This may include full cost of employees, materials, equipment, and other non-staff costs. Payment of a deposit may be required in advance, with final billing based on actual costs incurred.
- ~~(4)~~ (4) **Hourly Fee:** Charges based on actual staff time required to complete a service or task. The rate is calculated using the department's fully burdened hourly rate, which includes salaries, benefits, overhead, and administrative costs. Time is billed in half-hour increments after the first

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#### **Refunds and Waivers**

No fees shall be refundable unless explicitly authorized by the adopted fee schedule or applicable law.

Fee waivers shall not be granted except where specifically authorized by law or County ordinance.

Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations are not exempt from fee requirements.

#### **Fire and Life Safety Fees**

Fees related to Fire and Life Safety—including but not limited to permits, inspections, plan reviews, and cost recovery for emergency response—shall not be waived under any circumstances.

#### **Sec. 85.015. Surcharge**

In addition to the fees set forth in this Part, a General Plan surcharge of 7.5% shall be added to all fees in this Part.

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**Sec. 85.020. Fire Permits**

**Fire Protection Systems Review and Inspection**

(a)	Fire Sprinkler Systems		
	1. Fire Sprinklers 1- <del>2499</del> heads		\$1,417.00
	2. Fire Sprinklers <del>25100-49199</del> heads	\$2,126.00 plus 2.5% of the <del>price above</del> <del>\$5,000 contract price</del> total valuation	
	3. Fire Sprinklers <del>50200+</del> heads	\$2,835.00 plus 3.5% of the <del>price above</del> <del>\$20,000 contract price</del> total valuation	
(b)	Fire Pump Installation		\$1,417.00
(c)	<del>Fire Service Mains and their Appurtenances Fire Hydrant Installation</del>		
	1. <del>Fire Service Main (Underground) Hydrant-</del> <del>Base Fee</del>		<del>\$827.00</del> 1417
	2. Hydrant: <del>Base Fee plus</del> each Additional <del>Hydrant</del> <del>(# of Hydrants x Base Fee + Underground</del> <del>Fee = Total Fee)</del>		\$331.00
(d)	Fire Standpipe Installation		<del>\$993.00</del> 1417
(e)	<del>Above-Ground Tank or Pipe</del>		\$644.00
(f)	Installation Fire Alarm Systems		
	1. Fire Alarms, < <del>1025</del> Devices		\$1,417.00
	2. Fire Alarms, <del>1126-1550</del> Devices		\$2,126.00
	3. Fire Alarms, <del>1651-20100</del> Devices		\$2,835.00
	4. Fire Alarms, <del>21100-25200</del> Devices		\$3,543.00
	5. Fire Alarms, <del>26200+</del> Devices		\$4,252.00
	6. Communicator Upgrade		\$709.00
	<del>7. Dedicated Functional Systems</del>		<del>\$1200799.00</del>
(g)	Specialized Fire Protection -Systems		
	1. Clean Agent Gas System Installation		\$1,417.00
	2. Dry Chemical System Installation		\$1,417.00
	3. Wet Chemical/Kitchen Hood Installation		\$1,417.00
	4. Foam System Installation		\$1,417.00
	5. Paint Spray Booth Installation		\$1,417.00
	6. Refrigeration System Installation		\$1,417.00
	<del>7. Other – Fire Suppression Systems as prescribed</del> <del>by the CFC</del>		<del>\$1417.00</del>

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<b>(gh) Tents, Canopies, Membrane Structures</b>	
1. Tent Size, 400- <del>999</del> +500 square feet	\$695.00
2. Tent Size, <del>1000</del> +500- <del>1499</del> 5,000 square feet	\$1,042.00
3. Tent Size, <del>1500</del> 5,000+ square feet	\$1,564.00
4. Tent Rush Fee	Additional 50% fee if submitted < 14 days prior to event
<b>(hk) Emergency Responder Radio Coverage</b>	
1. Emergency Responder Radio Coverage (Plan Review and Inspection)	\$331.00 per hour
<b>(il) Other Fees</b>	
1. <del>Re-Inspection</del> Additional Inspection Fee (Applied on <del>2nd</del> 3rd Field Inspection and each subsequent inspection)	\$331.00 per hour
2. <del>Re-Review</del> Additional Inspection Fee (Applied on 3rd submittal and each subsequent submittal)	\$331.00 per hour
3. <del>Monitoring Late</del> Fee (Monitoring fee for separate submissions not included with the building permit.)	Permit Fee plus 25%
4. Other services not otherwise listed in this section (Alternative Means and Methods Request Consideration)	\$331.00 per hour
5. <del>Building Safety and Other Inspections (SB1260 - State Mandated / Annual Business Inspections)</del>	\$1,820.00
6. <del>Fireworks Display</del>	
7. <del>Standby Time at Special Events</del>	Actual Cost
8. <del>Hazardous Materials Incident Response</del>	Actual Cost

**Sec. 85.030 Annual Operating Permits and Inspections**

**(a) High Piled Storage and Warehousing,**

<u>Annual Operating Permit for High Piled Storage High Piled Storage Review and Inspection</u>	
<u>0 – 4999 sqft storage area</u>	\$695.00
<u>500012,001 – 9999250,000 sqft storage area</u>	\$742.00
<u>10000+0 – 12,000 sqft storage area</u>	<u>\$1319.00</u>

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Annual Operating Permit for High Piled Storage Inspection Fee (Plan Review and Inspection)  
\$331.00 per hour

**(b) Building Safety and Other Inspections**  
(SB1260 – State Mandated / Annual Business Inspections) \$331.00 per hour

**(c) Standby Time at Special Events / Haz Mat Incident Response** Actual Cost

**Sec. 85.04030. Permit Clearances and Referrals from Other Departments**

Plan review of a building permit application by the Fire Marshal

1. Standard plan check per Section 70.025(a)1. 5025% of Building Division plan review fee
2. 3<sup>rd</sup>-party plan check per Section 70.025(a)2. \$331.00 per hour of staff time plus actual cost of contract plan check

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(b)	Inspection of building permit per Section 70.020(b)	<u>5025%</u> of Building Division inspection fee
(c)	Use Permit – General	\$331.00 per hour
(d)	Use Permit – Major Modification	\$331.00 per hour
(e)	Use Permit – Minor Modification	\$331.00 per hour
(f)	Use Permit – Very Minor Modification	\$331.00 per hour
(g)	Use Permit Modification – Winery Administrative Permit	\$331.00 per hour
(h)	Use Permit Violation Fee	\$331.00 per hour
(i)	Viewshed – Review of Application	\$331.00 per hour
(j)	Telecommunications – Site Plan / Modification	\$331.00 per hour
(k)	Temporary Event ( <a href="#">All Temp Events including Fee Waivers</a> )	\$331.00 per hour
(l)	Development Agreement Application or Modification	\$331.00 per hour
(m)	General Plan or Zoning Amendment	\$331.00 per hour
(n)	Habitat Restoration or Re-Vegetation Plan	\$331.00 per hour
(o)	Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$331.00 per hour
(p)	Code Enforcement, Permit Compliance Inspection, and Investigation	\$331.00 per hour
(q)	Other permit referrals from the Planning Building and Environmental Services Department not otherwise listed in this section	\$331.00 per hour
(r)	Permit referrals from the Public Works Department; fees are collected by the Public Works Department.	\$331.00 per hour

**Sec. 85.05049. Appeal.**

Appeal of an application or permit decision to the Board of Supervisors or Planning Commission based on Record or *De Novo*

(a)	Fee paid by appellant to file appeal	\$2,000.00
(b)	For services rendered as a result of an appeal, the Standard Hourly Rate as identified in each division’s fee policy will be charged to the project applicant.	\$331.00 per hour