

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

On motion of Director RONCO
Duly seconded by Director DARBRO
The following Resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR PERMITS AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County adopted Ordinance No. 98-01, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13916 et. seq., prescribing for the charging and collection of fees to cover the cost of any service which the District provides or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged; and,

WHEREAS, the District is further authorized to issue permits required by Chapter 1, Section 105 of the California Fire Code to maintain, store, use, or handle materials, or to conduct processes which produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities; and,

WHEREAS, fees shall not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of enforcing the regulation or providing the service for which the fee is charged. The fees will be based on a minimum charge of one hour, unless otherwise identified on the schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of Central Fire District establishes the following schedule of fees and will be considered the current schedule prescribing **Resolution No. 2021-07** appropriate charges, until otherwise superseded, for the following:

A. **Building Plan Check**

Reviews, plan checks, inspections of new construction, tenant improvements, remodels and additions (including, but **not** limited to carports, garages and decks) as required in the California Fire Code.

1. Plan Check for **Unsprinklered Occupancies:**

a. Single Family:	.35/sq. ft. *
b. Residential R-1 or R-2:	.35/sq. ft. *
c. Commercial/Industrial:	.40/sq. ft. *

2. Plan Check for **Sprinklered Occupancies:**

a. Single Family:	.53/sq. ft. *
b. Residential R-1 or R-2:	.53/sq. ft. *
c. Commercial/Industrial:	.60/sq. ft. *

***Square footage calculations are based on a minimum fee of \$172.50. Calculations of properties over 50,000 square feet shall be done on an individual basis at the discretion of the Fire Marshal.**

B. **Sprinkler System Plan Check**

1. Sprinkler System Plan Check:

a. NFPA 13D:	\$172.50
b. NFPA 13R & 13:	

1 - 10 heads:	\$90.00
11 - 50 heads:	\$172.50
51 - 99 heads:	\$262.50
100 or more:	\$345.00

2. Minimum Sprinkler Addition or Remodel: (Residential and Commercial)	\$157.50
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2. Sprinkler Addition or Remodel:
1 - 4 heads: **No Charge-Submit
As-Built Drawing**

5 - 10 heads: **\$90.00**

3. Underground Fire Line Permit/Plan Check:

Residential System installed by someone other than fire sprinkler contractor:

\$135.00

Commercial System:

\$262.50

C. **Alarm System Plan Check**

1. Alarm System Plans: **\$135.00 + \$7.50 per
Device**

D. **Fire Extinguishing System Plan Check**

1. Suppression, Hood and Duct, Chemical Agent, CO2
and Pre-action Systems: **\$262.50 + \$7.50 per
nozzle**

E. **Pre-Construction Consultation with Plans Examiner and/or Fire Marshal:**

**\$140.00/hr./person
(one commercial or
two residential
pre-consultation
min.)**

F. **Discretionary/Minor Land Division Plan Check:** **\$115.00/hr.**

G. Additional Plan Checks

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| 1. Resubmittal (Third Attempt): | 100% of original fee |
| 2. Construction or Installation Prior to Plan Approval: | 100% of original fee |
| 3. Miscellaneous Plan Review (Not Otherwise Specified): | \$115.00 |

H. Field Appointments:

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| 1. Missed Appointments (15 min. wait time): | \$85.00 per appt. |
| 2. Excessive Appointments (more than two per test): | \$85.00 per appt. |
| 3. Unprepared for Scheduled Appointment: | \$85.00 per appt. |
| 4. After-Hours Appointment: | \$85.00 minimum
(or rate of Inspector
@ 1 ½ rate outside of
regular work hours) |

I. Requested Inspections

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| 1. Escrow Inspection Clearance: | \$85.00 (min. 1 hr.) |
| 2. Occupancy Use Change Inspections: | \$85.00 (min. 1 hr.) |
| 3. Day Care Facility (+12): | \$85.00 (min. 1 hr.) |
| 4. Residential Care Facility: | \$85.00 per appt. |
| 5. Other Requested Inspections: | \$85.00 per appt. |

J. Special Services

1. Deposition/Interviews for Civil Litigation
(Plus Legal & Attorney fees): **\$175.00/hr.**
2. Fire Incident/Investigation Reports: **\$15.00 for first page
\$3.00 each
additional page**
3. Miscellaneous Burn Permits: **\$60.00 per permit**
4. Event Using Open Flame or Pyrotechnic Device: **\$60.00 per permit**
4. False Alarms (Third in 30 days):

ACTUAL COST INCURRED

- a. Each Engine Company (crew & apparatus)
- b. Each Ladder Truck (crew & apparatus)
- c. Battalion Chief (officer & command vehicle)
- d. Special Services Vehicle (personnel & apparatus)
- e. Duty Chief Response
- f. Fire Prevention Officer/Investigator
- g. Outside expenses to District:

**Actual cost incurred,
plus Admin. Fees ***
(These fees shall be
calculated as per hour
basis in 1 hr.
increments based on
cost incurred.)

5. Excessive Reinspections and/or failure to comply with fire code requirements.
(Each occupancy will receive **one initial inspection and two reinspections**
before this fee is implemented): **\$140.00minimum/cost
incurred thereafter ***
6. Fire Department Personnel Standby: **Actual Cost
Incurred ***
7. Returned Check Fee: **As per Legal Limit**

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| 8. Administrative Fees (Associated with fire department citations, i.e. late payments, citation processing, and/or legal recourse resulting from collection process): | Actual Cost Incurred *
\$75.00 late payment |
| 9. Traffic/Vehicle Accident Responses (for negligence due to DUI or substance abuse): | Actual Cost Incurred * |
| 10. Hazardous Materials Response (for negligence or failure to provide for proper handling procedures): | Actual Cost Incurred * |
| 11. Records of Public Information: | |
| a. Board Meeting Agenda: | No charge to members of the public |
| b. All other public information documents: | Actual duplication costs plus staff time for duplication with \$15.00 minimum |
| 12. Requests Requiring Research: | Requests requiring more than 1/2 hour of research and/or duplication will be charged at actual cost (salary plus duplication expense) * |
| 13. Late Charges (For fees over 30 days delinquent): | \$75.00 |

K. Annual Inspection Fees

1. All permits required by the 2016 California Fire Code and otherwise stated:

a. R-1 and R-2 Occupancies:

1 - 12 units:	\$127.50
13 - 59 units:	\$157.50
60 - 149 units:	\$210.00
over 149 units:	\$277.50

b. E Occupancies:

0 - 49 people:	\$127.50
50 - 149 people:	\$157.50
over 149 people:	\$210.00

c. I & A Occupancies:

0 - 20 people:	\$112.50
20 - 49 people:	\$157.50
50 - 90 people:	\$210.00
over 99 people:	\$262.50

L. Operational Permit Fees:

1. Lumber Yards	\$127.00
2. Junk/Wrecking Yards:	\$127.00
3. High Piled Storage:	\$127.00
4. Christmas Tree Lots:	\$90.00
5. Hazardous Occupancies:	\$120.00
6. Tents and Temporary Structures:	\$127.50 <1500 sq. ft. \$157.50 ≥ 1500 sq. ft.

- 7. Repair Garages/Motor Vehicle Dispensing Facilities: **\$120.00**
- 8. Public Fireworks Demonstrations: **Actual Cost Incurred ***
- 9. Special Hazard Occupancies Not Classified: **Actual Cost Incurred ***
- 10. Miscellaneous/Special Events Not Specified: **Actual Cost Incurred ***

*** or hourly rate of inspector (1 ½ hourly rate outside of regular work hours).**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:  _____
Secretary of the Board

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Board Chair