



Office of the City Manager

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Special Meeting Item

PUBLIC HEARING

June 24, 2025

(Continued from June 17, 2025)

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief

Subject: Fire Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving a revised Fire Department fee schedule which incorporates an increase in fire permitting and fire inspection fees from \$392.00 to \$500.00 per hour; and
2. Adding fees to construction and operational permit fees that were new permits from the California Fire Code (CFC) in years 2016, 2019, and 2022, which were adopted with no fee assigned; and
3. Adding a fee amount to the operational permit for Class IIIB Combustible Liquids; and
4. Rescinding Resolution 70,612–N.S.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division invoices for services rendered. Billable services include inspections, plan review, and code consultation. Operating costs include personnel, vehicles, equipment, tools, workspace, and subscription services for references and software. The revenues collected and the program costs are expensed into and from the General Fund. In addition, UC Berkeley Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) settlement funds provide funding for some fire prevention full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing.

In April 2022, the Fire Prevention Division expanded from one Sworn Fire Prevention Inspector (Inspector) and two Civilian Fire Prevention Inspectors to five Sworn Fire Prevention Inspectors. During the coronavirus pandemic, department priorities shifted, and the volume of annual inspections and construction inspections reduced. Thus, comparing revenues and expenditures from FY23, FY24, and projections from FY25 would be most appropriate.

Personnel cost make up approximately 90% of the Fire Prevention Division budget. From July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2024, salary increases for Inspectors ranged between 2% to 6% each year, totaling approximately 20% increase in personnel cost (not

adjusted for time value of money). The increase in wages were necessary to ensure Inspector salaries were competitive among San Francisco Bay Area Fire Departments.

Non-personnel costs have also increased similarly to the consumer price index. Between 2017 and 2024, based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the San Francisco Bay Area increased by 27.53% during the past seven years, which equates to 3.93% per year.

Fire fees were last increased per Resolution 67,990-N.S., which was effective July 1, 2017. The proposed fee increase from \$392.00 per hour to \$500.00 per hour would be a 27.55% increase in the fee amount. The new and increased fees are billed on a quarter hour (1/4 hour, 15 minutes) and are based on the estimated time staff are likely to spend on each service.

FY23, FY24, and projected FY25 revenues and expenditures are below. Expenditures in FY25 are projected to be \$1,284,421 more than revenues.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025 (projected)
Revenues	827,802	1,056,570	1,143,483
Expenditures	1,756,110	2,224,062	2,427,904
Over/(Under) Funded	(928,308)	(1,167,492)	(1,284,421)

Projected FY26 is estimated to be \$1,289,810 underfunded. If approved, the proposed fee increase would result in under funding by \$1,007,723.

	FY 2026 (projected)	FY 2026 (with fee increase)
Revenues	1,023,870	1,305,957
Expenditures	2,313,680	2,313,680
Over/(Under) Funded	(1,289,810)	(1,007,723)

A detailed listing and comparison of the proposed fee changes in the various fire permit and inspections fees is provided in Attachment 2.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fire Department's fire prevention permitting and annual fire inspection programs, which are required by the fire code, rely on fees for services to defray operating costs. The fee assessed is currently billed at a rate of \$392.00 per hour. Operating costs include personnel, vehicles, equipment, tools, and workspace. The basic hourly billing rate and the corresponding value of the billing unit (one quarter hour of time) for fire

prevention permitting and inspection services were last increased by Council on May 16, 2017, in Resolution No. 67,990–N.S. Fees were increased from FY15 to FY17 by 4.81%. Resolution No. 70,612–N.S., effective January 1, 2023, was the last fee resolution which included new fees with no established fee amount and no fee increase of existing fees.

BACKGROUND

Other Alameda County Fire Departments have adopted FY2024/2025 fee schedules. Fee schedules are either based hourly, per type of occupancy or process, percentage of valuation, or other formula-based approach. Those departments who base their rates on a fee schedule similar to the Berkeley Fire Department are as follows:

Oakland Inspection Fee	\$500.00/hour, min.
Oakland Operational Permit Fee	\$249.00/year or instance, min.
Oakland Plan Check Fee	\$717.00/hour, min.
Alameda City Inspection Fee	\$102.00/ ½ hr w/1 hr to 2.5 hr min.
Alameda City Operational Permit Fee	\$612/permit, min.
Alameda City Plan Check Fee	\$742.00/hour w/2 hour min.

Compared to Oakland and Alameda City, Berkeley's fees are similar or less than the fees in those jurisdictions.

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division also provides services that include the annual fire prevention inspection of commercial occupancies, multi-family residential occupancies, hospitals, schools, and large assembly spaces as required by the California Fire and Berkeley Municipal Codes, as well as more specialized, detailed or limited scope fire code inspections that are initiated through a variety of mechanisms such as citizen inquiries or complaints, indoor entertainment inspections, operational fire permits, and internal or external agency referrals.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Fire inspection and permitting fees have not increased since July 1, 2017, almost eight years. Over the same period of time, personnel costs have increased 20% and non-personnel costs have increased 27.53%.

In comparison to other fire departments with similar fee schedules, the proposed fee increases would bring the Berkeley Fire Department fees closer to what those agencies charge for services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Maintain the fire permit and fire inspection billing rates at their current levels. Expenditures would outpace revenues.

CONTACT PERSON

Drew Whyte - Fire Marshal, Fire Department, 510-981-3473

Attachments:

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Detailed Listing and Comparison of Proposed Fire Department Fee Schedule Changes
3. Resolution – Annual Permit Fees, Inspection and Billing Rates for Inspection of Property Sites by the Berkeley Fire Department

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
ADOPTION OF AMENDED FIRE PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE
SCHEDULE**

The public may participate in this hearing by remote video or in-person.

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that a public hearing will be conducted by said city council of the City of Berkeley at which time and place all persons may attend and be heard upon the following:

The Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Department is proposing to increase permit fees, inspection fees, and billing rates to cover the increase in costs. Base fees for the fire permit and inspection fees were last increased per Resolution 67,990-N.S, which was effective July 1, 2017. The fee increase is an average of 27.55% and are as follows:

<u>Current Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
\$98.00	\$125.00
\$196.00	\$250.00
\$294.00	\$375.00
\$392.00	\$500.00
\$588.00	\$750.00
\$784.00	\$1,000.00
\$980.00	\$1,250.00
\$1,176.00	\$1,500.00

Additionally, some operational permit fees and construction permit fees have been adopted, but no fee amounts were associated with them.

Operational Permits	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Additive manufacturing	\$0	\$250.00 min.
Flammable and combustible liquids, #4	\$0	\$250.00 min.
Outdoor assembly event	\$0	\$500.00 min.
Plant extraction systems	\$0	\$500.00 min.
Lithium batteries	\$0	\$500.00 min.

Construction Permits	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Fuel cell power systems	\$0	\$500.00 min.
Gas detection systems	\$0	\$500.00 min.
High-piled combustible storage	\$0	Standard Building Permit Fees
Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths	\$0	Standard Building Permit Fees
Plant extraction systems	\$0	Standard Building Permit Fees
Special event structure	\$0	Standard Building Permit Fees

The hearing will be held on, **JUNE 17, 20205** at 6:00 p.m. in the School District Board Room, located at 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley CA 94702.

For further information, please contact Fire Marshal Drew Whyte at 510-981-5584 or awhyte@berkeleyca.gov.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at <https://berkeleyca.gov/> as of June 5, 2025. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology, as well as any health and safety requirements for in-person attendance.**

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, or e-mailed to council@berkeleyca.gov in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

Communications to the Berkeley City Council are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to the City Council, will become part of the public record.** If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the City Clerk. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk at (510) 981-6900 or clerk@berkeleyca.gov for further information.

If you challenge the above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Berkeley at, or prior to, the public hearing. Background information concerning this proposal will be available at the City Clerk Department and posted on the City of Berkeley webpage at least 12 days prior to the public hearing.

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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on June 5, 2025.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## Summary of Proposed Fee Amendments

The following list provides a detailed discussion of the individual proposed errata, changes to and modifications of the fire department fire permitting, fire inspection, and service fee schedule:

- A. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," Section 2, "Annual Fire Clearance," Section 3, "Miscellaneous Fees," and Section 4, "Inspection and Billing Rate" to increase permit fees, inspection fees, and billing rates to cover the increase in costs. The last fee amount increase was per Resolution 67,990-N.S., which was effective July 1, 2017. The fee increase is an average of 27.55% and are as follows:

- a. \$98.00 to \$125.00
- b. \$196.00 to \$250.00
- c. \$294.00 to \$375.00
- d. \$392.00 to \$500.00
- e. \$588.00 to \$750.00
- f. \$784.00 to \$1,000.00
- g. \$980.00 to \$1,250.00
- h. \$1,176.00 to \$1,500.00

Indoor Entertainment Inspection Fees are under Section 3, Miscellaneous Fees. The inspection fee increased from \$93.50 per inspection in Resolution 67,990-N.S., effective 7/1/2017, or \$98.00 per quarter hour in Resolution 69,179-N.S., effective 1/1/2020. The proposed fee increase shall be consistent with other inspection fee increases which means it would increase from \$98.00 per quarter hour to \$125.00 per quarter hour.

- B. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.5.1, Additive manufacturing" by adding an operational fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$250.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- C. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.5.18, Flammable and combustible liquids, #4" by adding an operational fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$250.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- D. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.5.38, Outdoor assembly event" by adding an operational fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$500.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.

- E. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.5.40, Plant extraction systems" by adding an operational fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$500.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- F. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.5.53, Lithium batteries" by adding an operational fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$500.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- G. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.9, Fuel cell power systems" by adding a construction fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$500.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- H. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.10, Gas detection systems" by adding a construction fire permit fee amount of a minimum of \$500.00. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- I. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.13, High-piled combustible storage" by adding a construction fire permit fee that references the standard Building & Safety Division construction permit fees. The fire department regulatory services are part of the workflow within the building permitting process. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- J. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.16, Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths" by adding a construction fire permit fee that references the standard Building & Safety Division construction permit fees. The fire department regulatory services are part of the workflow within the building permitting process. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- K. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.17, Plant extraction systems" by adding a construction fire permit fee that references the standard Building & Safety Division construction permit fees. The fire department regulatory services are part of the workflow within the building permitting process. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.
- L. Amend Section 1, "Annual Permit Fees," in Code "Section 105.6.21, Special event structure" by adding a construction fire permit fee that references the



standard Building & Safety Division construction permit fees. The fire department regulatory services are part of the workflow within the building permitting process. This fire permit was adopted per Resolution 70,612-N.S. with no fee amount. This change is required to enable cost recovery for regulatory services provided.

- M. Section 3, "Miscellaneous Fees," add Fire Permit Application Extension and Fire Permit Extension Requests to reference the standard Building & Safety Division extension fees that are currently being collected to enable cost recovery for regulatory services.

| Code Section               | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
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| <b>OPERATIONAL PERMITS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |              |
| Section 105.5.1            | <b>Additive manufacturing.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct additive manufacturing operations regulated by Section 320.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No Fee      | \$250.00     |
| Section 105.5.2            | <b>Aerosol products, aerosol cooking spray products and plastic aerosol 3 products.</b> An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products, aerosol cooking spray products or plastic aerosol 3 products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.          | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.3            | <b>Amusement buildings.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.4            | <b>Aviation facilities.</b> An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of this code include, but are not limited to hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes. | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.5            | <b>Carnivals and fairs.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.6            | <b>Cellulose nitrate film.</b> An operational permit is required to store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A occupancy.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| <u>Section 105.5.55</u>    | <u><b>Christmas tree sales lot.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a Christmas tree sales lot.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.7            | <b>Combustible dust-producing operations.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.                                              | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |

| Code Section            | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Current Fee      | Proposed Fee     |
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| Section 105.5.8         | <b>Combustible fibers.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage and handling of combustible fibers in quantities greater than 100 cubic feet (2.8m <sup>3</sup> ).<br><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for agricultural storage.                                                                                                                          | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.9         | <b>Compressed gases.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage, use or handling at normal temperature and pressure (NTP) of compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.9.<br><b>Exception:</b> Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle.                                                             | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.10        | <b>Covered and open mall buildings.</b> An operational permit is required for:<br><br>1. The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall.<br><br>2. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall.<br><br>3. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall. | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.11        | <b>Cryogenic fluids.</b> An operational permit is required to produce, store, transport on site, use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.11<br><br><b>Exception:</b> Permits are not required for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as a fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading.         | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.12        | <b>Cutting and welding.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$196.00         | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.13        | <b>Dry cleaning.</b> An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.14        | <b>Energy storage systems.</b> An operational permit is required for stationary and mobile energy storage systems regulated by Section 1207.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| <u>Section 105.5.56</u> | <b><u>Escort convoy service.</u></b> Police and/or Fire Department <u>convoy service for vehicle transportation of extremely hazardous materials.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.15        | <b>Exhibits and trade shows.</b> An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |

| Code Section     | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Current Fee                             | Proposed Fee                            |
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| Section 105.5.16 | <p><b>Explosives.</b> An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 56. <i>See Health and Safety Code Division 11, Part 1, Sections 12000, et seq. for additional requirements.</i></p> <p><b>Exception:</b> Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 5606.</p> <p>To conduct a public fireworks display ..... \$1176.00 minimum \$1500.00 minimum</p> <p>To continue the use of a public fireworks display permit ..... \$196.00 \$250.00</p>                                | \$588.00                                | \$618.00                                |
| Section 105.5.57 | <b>Fire fighter air replenishment system (FARS).</b> An annual operational permit is required to maintain a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$196.00                                | \$250.00                                |
| Section 105.5.17 | <p><b>Fire hydrants and valves.</b> An operational permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes that are installed on water systems and provided with ready access from a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$196.00                                | \$250.00                                |
| Section 105.5.18 | <p><b>Flammable and combustible liquids.</b> An operational permit is required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation within facilities of flammable or combustible liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTn) nor does it apply to piping systems. ....</li> <li>2. To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons (19 L) in a building or in excess of 10 gallons (37.9 L) outside of a building, except that a permit is not required for the following: .....</li> </ol> <p>2.1 The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat,</p> | <p>\$392.00 minimum</p> <p>\$392.00</p> | <p>\$500.00 minimum</p> <p>\$500.00</p> |

| Code Section | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
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|              | mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the fire code official, would cause an unsafe condition.                                                                                                                                                                                           |             |              |
|              | 2.2 The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures where such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.                                                                                                                                    |             |              |
|              | 3. To store, handle or use Class II or Class IIIA liquids in excess of 25 gallons (95 L) in a building or in excess of 60 gallons (227 L) outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.....                                                                                                  | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
|              | 4. To store, handle or use Class IIIB liquids in <u>excess of 110 gallons in containers, or in tanks or portable tanks</u> for fueling motor vehicles at motor fuel-dispensing facilities or where connected to fuel-burning equipment.<br><br><b>Exception:</b> Fuel oil and used motor oil used for space heating or water heating. | No Fee      | \$250.00     |
|              | 5. To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.....                                                                                                                   | \$196.00    | \$250.00     |
|              | 6. To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.....                                                                       | \$196.00    | \$250.00     |
|              | 7. To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank..                                                                                                                                                                          | \$196.00    | \$250.00     |
|              | 8. To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material that poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.....                                                                                                                                           | \$196.00    | \$250.00     |
|              | 9. To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
|              | 10. To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments in                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |

| Code Section     | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Current Fee                       | Proposed Fee                      |
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|                  | <p>accordance with Section 5706.5.4 or to engage in on-demand mobile fueling operations in accordance with Section 5707.. .....</p> <p>11. To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, marine craft and other special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments in accordance with Section 5706.5.4 or, where required by the fire code official, to utilize a site for on-demand mobile fueling operations in accordance with Section 5707. ....</p> | \$392.00                          | \$500.00                          |
| Section 105.5.19 | <b>Floor finishing.</b> An operational permit is required for floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m <sup>2</sup> ) using Class I or Class II liquids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00                          | \$500.00                          |
| Section 105.5.20 | <b>Fruit and crop ripening.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a fruit- or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00                          | \$500.00                          |
| Section 105.5.21 | <b>Fumigation and insecticidal fogging.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or insecticidal fogging, and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No permit required                | No permit required                |
| Section 105.5.58 | <b>General use permit.</b> For any activity or operation not specifically described in this code, which the fire code official reasonably determines, may produce conditions hazardous to life or property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00 minimum                  | \$500.00 minimum                  |
| Section 105.5.22 | <b>Hazardous materials.</b> An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.22.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$392.00 minimum                  | \$500.00 minimum                  |
| Section 105.5.23 | <b>HPM Facilities.</b> An operational permit is required to store, handle or use hazardous production materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$392.00                          | \$500.00                          |
| Section 105.5.24 | <b>High-piled storage.</b> An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof with more than 500 square feet (46 m <sup>2</sup> ), including aisles, of high-piled storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$392.00 minimum                  | \$500.00 minimum                  |
| Section 105.5.25 | <p><b>Hot work operations.</b> An operational permit is required for hot work including, but not limited to: .....</p> <p>1. Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.</p> <p>2. Use of portable hot work equipment inside a structure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$392.00 (unless otherwise noted) | \$500.00 (unless otherwise noted) |

| Code Section     | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Current Fee      | Proposed Fee     |
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|                  | <p><b>Exception:</b> Work that is conducted under a construction permit.</p> <p>3. Fixed-site hot work equipment such as welding booths.</p> <p>4. Hot work conducted within a wildfire risk area.</p> <p>5. Application of roof coverings with the use of an open-flame device.</p> <p>6. When approved, the fire code official shall issue a permit to carry out a hot work program. This program allows approved personnel to regulate their facility's hot work operations. The approved personnel shall be trained in the fire safety aspects denoted in this chapter and shall be responsible for issuing permits requiring compliance with the requirements found in Chapter 35. These permits shall be issued only to their employees or hot work operations under their supervision.</p> | \$98.00          | \$125.00         |
| Section 105.5.26 | <b>Industrial ovens.</b> An operational permit is required for operation of industrial ovens regulated by Chapter 30.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.27 | <b>Lumber yards and woodworking plants.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage or processing of lumber exceeding 100,000 board feet (8,333 ft <sup>3</sup> ) (236 m <sup>3</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.28 | <b>Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.</b> An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.29 | <p><b>LP-gas.</b> An operational permit is required for:</p> <p>1. Storage and use of LP-gas.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less or multiple container systems having an aggregate quantity not exceeding 500 gallons (1893 L), serving occupancies in Group R-3.</p> <p>2. Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.30 | <b>Magnesium.</b> An operational permit is required to melt, cast, heat treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.31 | <b>Miscellaneous combustible storage.</b> An operational permit is required to store in any building or on any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71 m <sup>3</sup> ) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |

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|                  | similar containers, combustible pallets, rubber tires, rubber, cork, or similar combustible material.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                  |                  |
| Section 105.5.32 | <p><b>Mobile fueling of hydrogen-fueled vehicles.</b></p> <p><i>An operational permit is required:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To engage in the mobile dispensing of gaseous hydrogen as a fuel into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.</i></li> <li><i>Where required by the fire code official, to utilize a site for the dispensing of gaseous hydrogen as a fuel from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Exception:</b> <i>In cases of an emergency, a site permit is not required.</i></p> | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.33 | <p><b>Motor fuel-dispensing facilities.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of automotive, marine, and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facilities, <u>or for mobile fueling operations using flammable liquids and which are conducted at facilities or locations which are not permanent, permitted motor fuel dispensing facilities.</u></p> <p><b>Exception:</b> <u>Transfer of not more than 5 gallons flammable or combustible liquids using a listed or approved portable fuel container of 5 gallons or less capacity.</u></p>       | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.34 | <p><b>Open burning.</b> An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be complied with.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> Recreational fires.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$196.00         | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.35 | <p><b>Open flames and torches.</b> An operational permit is required to remove paint with a torch; or to use a torch or open-flame device in a wildfire risk area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$196.00         | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.36 | <p><b>Open flames and candles.</b> An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$196.00         | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.37 | <p><b>Organic coatings.</b> An operational permit is required for any organic-coating manufacturing operation producing more than 1 gallon (4 L) of an organic coating in one day.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00         | \$500.00         |

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| Section 105.5.38 | <b>Outdoor assembly event.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct an outdoor assembly event where planned attendance exceeds 1,000 persons.                                                                                                                                                                                    | No Fee                   | \$500.00 minimum         |
| Section 105.5.59 | <b>Parking facility, special events.</b> An operational permit is required to use buildings or structures for vehicle parking, including parking for special events (i.e. football games, etc.)<br><br>A. <u>Less than 15 parking spaces .....</u><br><br>B. <u>15 or more parking spaces .....</u>                                      | \$196.00<br><br>\$392.00 | \$250.00<br><br>\$500.00 |
| Section 105.5.39 | <b>Places of assembly.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly.<br><br>A. <u>Occupant load less than 300.....</u><br><br>B. <u>Occupant load 300 or more.....</u>                                                                                                                                           | \$392.00<br><br>\$588.00 | \$500.00<br><br>\$750.00 |
| Section 105.5.40 | <b>Plant extraction systems.</b> An operational permit is required to use plant extraction systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No Fee                   | \$500.00                 |
| Section 105.5.41 | <b>Private fire hydrants.</b> An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.<br><br><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private hydrants. | \$196.00                 | \$250.00                 |
| Section 105.5.42 | <b>Pyrotechnic special effects material.</b> An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. <i>See Health and Safety Code Division 11, Part 2, Sections 12500, et seq. for additional requirements.</i>                                                                                 | \$392.00                 | \$500.00                 |
| Section 105.5.43 | <b>Pyroxylin plastics.</b> An operational permit is required for storage or handling of more than 25 pounds (11 kg) of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics, and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving pyroxylin plastics.                                                                                             | \$392.00                 | \$500.00                 |
| Section 105.5.44 | <b>Refrigeration equipment.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by Chapter 6.                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$392.00 minimum         | \$500.00 minimum         |



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| Section 105.5.45        | <b>Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities.</b> An operational permit is required for operation of repair garages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$392.00 minimum  | \$500.00 minimum  |
| Section 105.5.46        | <b>Rooftop heliports.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of a rooftop heliport.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00          | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.47        | <b>Spraying or dipping.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids, or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$392.00          | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.48        | <b>Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts.</b> An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71 m <sup>3</sup> ) of total volume of scrap tires, and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$392.00          | \$500.00          |
| <u>Section 105.5.60</u> | <u><b>Tank vehicles.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a tank vehicle (other than flammable and combustible liquids tank vehicles as listed and regulated in 105.5.18, item 6) including those hazardous materials transportation vehicles defined in Section 5001.7 of the Berkeley Fire Code for the transportation of hazardous liquids or materials.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$392.00 annually | \$500.00 annually |
| Section 105.5.49        | <p><b>Temporary membrane structures and tents.</b> An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary special event structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.</li> <li>2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>2.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | \$392.00          | \$500.00          |

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|                             | 2.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             |              |
| Section 105.5.50            | <b>Tire-rebuilding plants.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.51            | <b>Waste handling.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.52            | <b>Wood products.</b> An operational permit is required to store chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m <sup>3</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.53            | <b>Lithium batteries.</b> <i>An operational permit is required for an accumulation of more than 15 cubic feet (0.42 m) of lithium-ion and lithium metal batteries, where required by Section 322.1.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No Fee      | \$500.00     |
| Section 105.5.54            | <p><b>Additional permits.</b> <i>In addition to the permits required by Section 105.6, the following permits shall be obtained from the Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to engaging in the following activities, operations, practices or functions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Production facilities. To change use or occupancy, or allow the attendance of a live audience, or for wrap parties.</i></li> <li><i>2. Pyrotechnics and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television and commercial production.</i></li> <li><i>3. Live audiences. To install seating arrangements for live audiences in approved production facilities, production studios and sound stages. See Chapter 48.</i></li> </ol> | \$392.00    | \$500.00     |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |             |              |
| Section 105.6.1             | <p><b>Automatic fire-extinguishing systems.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an automatic fire-extinguishing system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p>A. <u>Range Hood System</u> .....</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$392.00*   | \$500.00*    |

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|                 | B. <u>Chemical Suppression System</u> .....<br>C. <u>Automatic Sprinkler</u> .....<br>D. <u>Automatic Sprinkler (small alteration or repairs to an existing system with 20 heads or less)</u> .....<br>E. <u>Underground</u> .....<br><u>All others</u> .....<br><u>Field Inspection</u> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$392.00*<br>\$392.00*<br>\$196.00*<br>\$392.00*<br>\$392.00*<br>\$98.00 / qtr hour*<br>*minimum | \$500.00*<br>\$500.00*<br>\$250.00*<br>\$500.00*<br>\$500.00*<br>\$125.00 / qtr hour*<br>*minimum |
| Section 105.6.2 | <b>Compressed gases.</b> Where the compressed gases in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.5.9, a construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a compressed gas system.<br><br><b>Exceptions:</b><br>1. Routine maintenance.<br>2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work. | \$392.00                                                                                         | \$500.00                                                                                          |
| Section 105.6.3 | <b>Cryogenic fluids.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or alteration to outdoor stationary cryogenic fluid storage systems where the system capacity exceeds the amounts listed in Table 105.5.11. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                            | \$392.00 minimum                                                                                 | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                  |
| Section 105.6.4 | <b>Emergency responder communication coverage system.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to in-building, two-way emergency responder communication coverage systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                    | \$392.00 minimum                                                                                 | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                  |
| Section 105.6.5 | <b>Energy storage systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install energy storage systems regulated by Section 1207.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$392.00 minimum                                                                                 | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                  |
| Section 105.6.6 | <b>Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$392.00*                                                                                        | \$500.00*                                                                                         |

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|                  | with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.<br><br>A. <u>Under 12 devices</u> .....<br>B. <u>12-30 devices</u> .....<br>C. <u>31-49 devices</u> .....<br>D. <u>50 or more devices</u> .....<br>E. <u>Water flow alarms</u> .....<br>F. <u>Field Inspection</u> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <br><br>\$588.00*<br>\$980.00*<br>\$1176.00*<br>\$196.00<br>\$98.00<br><br>/qtr hr.*<br>*minimum | <br><br>\$750.00*<br>\$1250.00*<br>\$1500.00*<br>\$250.00<br>\$125.00<br><br>/qtr hr.*<br>*minimum |
| 105.6.25         | <b>Fire fighter air replenishment system (FARS).</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$392.00<br>minimum                                                                              | \$500.00<br>minimum                                                                                |
| Section 105.6.7  | <b>Fire pumps and related equipment.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to fire pumps and related fuel tanks, jockey pumps, controllers and generators. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$392.00                                                                                         | \$500.00                                                                                           |
| Section 105.6.8  | <b>Flammable and combustible liquids.</b> A construction permit is required:<br>1. To install, repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids.<br>2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.<br>3. To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a flammable or combustible liquid tank. | \$392.00<br>minimum<br><br>\$196.00<br><br>\$196.00<br>minimum                                   | \$500.00<br>minimum<br><br>\$250.00<br><br>\$250.00<br>minimum                                     |
| Section 105.6.9  | <b>Fuel cell power systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install stationary fuel cell power systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No Fee                                                                                           | \$500.00<br>minimum                                                                                |
| Section 105.6.10 | <b>Gas detection systems.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to gas detection systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No Fee                                                                                           | \$500.00<br>minimum                                                                                |

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|                  | code is not considered a modification and shall not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |                                                                     |
| Section 105.6.11 | <b>Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to a gate or barricade across a fire apparatus access road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$392.00         | \$500.00                                                            |
| Section 105.6.12 | <b>Hazardous materials.</b> A construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 50 where the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.5.22.<br><br><b>Exceptions:</b><br>1. Routine maintenance.<br>2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work. | \$392.00 minimum | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.13 | <b>High-piled combustible storage.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to a structure with more than 500 square feet (46 m <sup>2</sup> ), including aisles, for high-piled combustible storage. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                                        | No Fee           | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.14 | <b>Industrial ovens.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of industrial ovens covered by Chapter 30.<br><br><b>Exceptions:</b><br>1. Routine maintenance.<br>2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$392.00         | \$500.00                                                            |
| Section 105.6.15 | <b>LP-gas.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an LP-gas system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$392.00         | \$500.00                                                            |
| Section 105.6.16 | <b>Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify a motor vehicle repair room or booth. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No Fee           | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit.                       |

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|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     | Std. Bldg. fees apply                                               |
| Section 105.6.17 | <b>Plant extraction systems.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to plant extraction systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                           | No Fee                                                              | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.18 | <p><b>Private fire hydrants.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification of private fire hydrants. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p><u>Hydrant(s) or hydrant groups</u>.....</p> <p><u>Field Inspection</u> .....</p> | <p>\$392.00</p> <p>\$98.00 /qtr hour*<br/>*minimum</p>              | <p>\$500.00</p> <p>\$125.00 /qtr hour*<br/>*minimum</p>             |
| Section 105.6.19 | <b>Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.</b> Construction permits are required for installation of or alteration to smoke control or smoke exhaust systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a permit.                                                                  | \$392.00 minimum                                                    | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.20 | <b>Solar photovoltaic power systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify solar photovoltaic power systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                             | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.21 | <b>Special event structure.</b> A single construction permit is required to erect and take down a temporary special event structure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No Fee                                                              | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.22 | <b>Spraying or dipping.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify a spray room, dip tank or booth. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not                                                                                                                                                                          | \$392.00                                                            | \$500.00                                                            |

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|                  | considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           |                                                                            |
| Section 105.6.23 | <p><b>Standpipe Systems.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation, modification or removal from service of a standpipe system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p>A. <u>Standpipe, Class I, II and III Combined</u>.....</p> <p>B. <u>Underground</u>.....</p> <p><u>Field Inspection</u> .....</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>\$392.00</p> <p>\$392.00</p> <p>\$98.00<br/>/qtr hour,<br/>minimum</p> | <p>\$500.00</p> <p>\$500.00</p> <p>\$125.00<br/>/qtr hour,<br/>minimum</p> |
| Section 105.6.24 | <p><b>Temporary membrane structures and tents.</b> A construction permit is required to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary stage canopy or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.</li> <li>2. Funeral tents and curtains, or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.</li> <li>3. Tents and awnings open on all sides, which comply with all of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>3.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.</li> <li>3.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be maintained.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | \$392.00                                                                  | \$500.00                                                                   |
| Section 105.6.26 | <p><b>Window bars.</b> An construction permit is required to install <u>window bars on exterior doors or windows of any sleeping rooms below the fourth floor in apartment houses, hotels, and motels.</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$196.00                                                                  | \$250.00                                                                   |

Section 2. ANNUAL FIRE CLEARANCE

For every annual fire clearance certificate issued by the Berkeley Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance of issuance of such certificate (Berkeley Fire Code Section 107.2), to the Fire Department as follows:

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| <b>Group Homes</b> , institutions for children, certified family care homes, board and care facilities, and maternity homes (each accommodating more than six persons, not including employees or relatives), and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the California Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750). | \$392.00             | \$500.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).                                                        | \$392.00             | \$500.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons and less than 100, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).                                      | \$ 588.00            | \$750.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating 100 or more persons, not including employees or relatives).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 784.00            | \$1000.00            |
| <b>Hospitals</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$392.00<br>per hour | \$500.00<br>per hour |
| <b>Community Care Facilities</b> as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, <b>Residential Care Facility for the Elderly</b> as defined in H&SC 1569.2, and <b>Child Day Care Facilities</b> (H&SC 1596.750).                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      | qtr. hour<br>minimum |
| Pre-inspection Fee (25 or fewer client capacity)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$ 50.00             | \$125.00             |
| Pre-inspection Fee (26 or more client capacity)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 100.00            | \$125.00             |
| [Ref. Calif. Health & Safety Code, section 13235(a)] states that the inspecting agency may charge "a fee equal to, but not exceeding the actual cost of the preinspection services."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |                      |



Section 3. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

A. For copies of fire reports prepared by the Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance as follows:

1. Staff cost for file review and preparation of subpoena documents \$ 6.00 qtr. hr.
2. Copy of each report \$ 0.10 per pg.

B. State Requested Fire & Life Safety Review, Consultation, Inspection & Permit Clearances ~~\$98.00~~  
\$125.00  
/qtr hr

C. General inspection and investigation fees

1. Fees for services rendered by the Fire Department for inspections of fire protection systems, re-inspections of citizen complaints with violations, nuisance inspections research, report preparation and file review services (except for subpoena documents, city records, publications and meeting tapes)..... ~~\$98.00~~  
\$125.00 /  
qtr hr
2. Fire code consultation services for building development, construction and modifications and pre-permit application..... ~~\$392.00~~  
\$500.00  
per hour
3. Overtime fire & life safety inspection..... ~~\$392.00~~  
\$500.00  
per hour  
(2 hr min.)
4. After-hours call-back for fire & life safety inspection ..... ~~\$392.00~~  
\$500.00  
per hour(4  
hr min.)
5. Accelerated plan review services (as-available, billed at 1.5x the standard hourly rate ~~\$392.00~~ \$500.00)..... ~~\$588.00~~  
\$750.00  
per hour

D. Fire and Life Safety Investigations or Stand-by Services ..... ~~\$392.00~~  
\$500.00  
minimum

E. Indoor Entertainment Inspection..... ~~\$98.00~~  
\$125.00  
per ¼ hr  
per initial  
inspection

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| F. Fire Permit Application & Fire Permit Extension Fees ..... | Standard<br>Building<br>Dept. Fees<br>Apply |
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NOTE: All permits and inspection fees under this Resolution are based on average estimated staff and clerical time for applicable plan checking, research, field inspections, etc. Where a fee is indicated as a minimum, and where staff time exceeds one hour, an additional charge will be made at the rate of ~~\$98.00~~ \$125.00 per quarter hour.

#### Section 4. INSPECTION AND BILLING RATE

That a rate of ~~\$98.00~~ \$125.00 per quarter hour (15 minutes) is hereby established as both the billing rate and the billing unit for a given Fire Prevention inspection of a property. A minimum charge of ~~\$98.00~~ \$125.00 will be made for each property inspected (e.g. each property and/or business address) with an additional charge for each additional quarter hour unit, or portion thereof.

Exception: Properties that have abated all fire code violations prior to the first re-inspection shall not be charged a fee for the re-inspection.

#### Section 5. DELINQUENCY CHARGE

That a delinquency charge of 20% may be imposed on each account that remains unpaid, sixty (60) days following the initial mailing of the bill.

#### Section 6. BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

That the billing and collection procedures are to be done by the Finance Department and will allow the City to recover unpaid fees through all available remedies, including the lien process. That in the event of billing disputes, the Fire Chief or his designated representative may review and make recommendations for adjustments to the Finance Department.

## RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ESTABLISHING ANNUAL PERMIT FEES, INSPECTION AND BILLING RATES FOR INSPECTION OF PROPERTY SITES BY THE BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 70,612-N.S. AND ALL RESOLUTIONS AMENDATORY THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

## Section 1. ANNUAL PERMIT FEES.

For every permit issued under the provisions of the Berkeley Fire Code (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.48, Sections 105.5, 105.6, 5001.7), a fee therefore shall be paid in advance to the Fire Department or upon completion of services rendered as specified by the Fire Department as follows:

| Code Section               | Fee Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Current Fee |
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| <b>OPERATIONAL PERMITS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |
| Section 105.5.1            | <b>Additive manufacturing.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct additive manufacturing operations regulated by Section 320.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$250.00    |
| Section 105.5.2            | <b>Aerosol products, aerosol cooking spray products and plastic aerosol 3 products.</b> An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products, aerosol cooking spray products or plastic aerosol 3 products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.          | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.3            | <b>Amusement buildings.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.4            | <b>Aviation facilities.</b> An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of this code include, but are not limited to hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes. | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.5            | <b>Carnivals and fairs.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.6            | <b>Cellulose nitrate film.</b> An operational permit is required to store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00    |

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|                  | occupancy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
| Section 105.5.55 | <b>Christmas tree sales lot.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a Christmas tree sales lot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.7  | <b>Combustible dust-producing operations.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.                                                                        | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.8  | <b>Combustible fibers.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage and handling of combustible fibers in quantities greater than 100 cubic feet (2.8m <sup>3</sup> ).<br><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for agricultural storage.                                                                                                              | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.9  | <b>Compressed gases.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage, use or handling at normal temperature and pressure (NTP) of compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.9.<br><b>Exception:</b> Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle.                                                 | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.10 | <b>Covered and open mall buildings.</b> An operational permit is required for:<br>1. The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall.<br>2. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall.<br>3. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall. | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.11 | <b>Cryogenic fluids.</b> An operational permit is required to produce, store, transport on site, use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.11<br><b>Exception:</b> Permits are not required for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as a fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading. | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.12 | <b>Cutting and welding.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$250.00         |
| Section          | <b>Dry cleaning.</b> An operational permit is required to engage in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00         |

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| 105.5.13         | the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |
| Section 105.5.14 | <b>Energy storage systems.</b> An operational permit is required for stationary and mobile energy storage systems regulated by Section 1207.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.56 | <b>Escort convoy service.</b> Police and/or Fire Department convoy service for vehicle transportation of extremely hazardous materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.15 | <b>Exhibits and trade shows.</b> An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.16 | <p><b>Explosives.</b> An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 56. <i>See Health and Safety Code Division 11, Part 1, Sections 12000, et seq. for additional requirements.</i></p> <p><b>Exception:</b> Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 5606.</p> <p>To conduct a public fireworks display ..... \$1500.00 minimum</p> <p>To continue the use of a public fireworks display permit..... \$250.00</p> |                  |
| Section 105.5.57 | <b>Fire fighter air replenishment system (FARS).</b> An annual operational permit is required to maintain a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.17 | <p><b>Fire hydrants and valves.</b> An operational permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes that are installed on water systems and provided with ready access from a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$250.00         |
| Section          | <b>Flammable and combustible liquids.</b> An operational permit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |

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| 105.5.18     | is required:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |
|              | 1. To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation within facilities of flammable or combustible liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTn) nor does it apply to piping systems. ....                                  | \$500.00 minimum |
|              | 2. To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons (19 L) in a building or in excess of 10 gallons (37.9 L) outside of a building, except that a permit is not required for the following:.....                                                                                                             | \$500.00         |
|              | 2.1 The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the fire code official, would cause an unsafe condition.                                                                            |                  |
|              | 2.2 The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures where such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.                                                                                                                         |                  |
|              | 3. To store, handle or use Class II or Class IIIA liquids in excess of 25 gallons (95 L) in a building or in excess of 60 gallons (227 L) outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment. ....                                                                                      | \$500.00         |
|              | 4. To store, handle or use Class IIIB liquids in excess of 110 gallons in containers, or in tanks or portable tanks for fueling motor vehicles at motor fuel-dispensing facilities or where connected to fuel-burning equipment.<br><b>Exception:</b> Fuel oil and used motor oil used for space heating or water heating. | \$250.00         |
|              | 5. To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.....                                                                                                        | \$250.00         |
|              | 6. To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries,                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$250.00         |

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|                  | distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |
|                  | 7. To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$250.00           |
|                  | 8. To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material that poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$250.00           |
|                  | 9. To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$500.00           |
|                  | 10. To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments in accordance with Section 5706.5.4 or to engage in on-demand mobile fueling operations in accordance with Section 5707.. ....                                                                                                                         | \$500.00           |
|                  | 11. To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, marine craft and other special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments in accordance with Section 5706.5.4 or, where required by the fire code official, to utilize a site for on-demand mobile fueling operations in accordance with Section 5707. ... | \$500.00           |
| Section 105.5.19 | <b>Floor finishing.</b> An operational permit is required for floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m <sup>2</sup> ) using Class I or Class II liquids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$500.00           |
| Section 105.5.20 | <b>Fruit and crop ripening.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a fruit- or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$500.00           |
| Section 105.5.21 | <b>Fumigation and insecticidal fogging.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or insecticidal fogging, and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.                                                                                                                                                                                  | No permit required |

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| Section 105.5.58 | <b>General use permit.</b> For any activity or operation not specifically described in this code, which the fire code official reasonably determines, may produce conditions hazardous to life or property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00 minimum                                         |
| Section 105.5.22 | <b>Hazardous materials.</b> An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.5.22.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$500.00 minimum                                         |
| Section 105.5.23 | <b>HPM Facilities.</b> An operational permit is required to store, handle or use hazardous production materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$500.00                                                 |
| Section 105.5.24 | <b>High-piled storage.</b> An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof with more than 500 square feet (46 m <sup>2</sup> ), including aisles, of high-piled storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$500.00 minimum                                         |
| Section 105.5.25 | <p><b>Hot work operations.</b> An operational permit is required for hot work including, but not limited to: .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.</li> <li>2. Use of portable hot work equipment inside a structure.<br/> <b>Exception:</b> Work that is conducted under a construction permit.</li> <li>3. Fixed-site hot work equipment such as welding booths.</li> <li>4. Hot work conducted within a wildfire risk area.</li> <li>5. Application of roof coverings with the use of an open-flame device.</li> <li>6. When approved, the fire code official shall issue a permit to carry out a hot work program. This program allows approved personnel to regulate their facility's hot work operations. The approved personnel shall be trained in the fire safety aspects denoted in this chapter and shall be responsible for issuing permits requiring compliance with the requirements found in Chapter 35. These permits shall be issued only to their employees or hot work operations under their supervision.</li> </ol> | <p>\$500.00 (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>\$125.00</p> |
| Section 105.5.26 | <b>Industrial ovens.</b> An operational permit is required for operation of industrial ovens regulated by Chapter 30.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$500.00                                                 |



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| Section 105.5.27 | <b>Lumber yards and woodworking plants.</b> An operational permit is required for the storage or processing of lumber exceeding 100,000 board feet (8,333 ft <sup>3</sup> ) (236 m <sup>3</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.28 | <b>Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.</b> An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.29 | <p><b>LP-gas.</b> An operational permit is required for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Storage and use of LP-gas.</li> </ol> <p><b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less or multiple container systems having an aggregate quantity not exceeding 500 gallons (1893 L), serving occupancies in Group R-3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.</li> </ol>                                                | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.30 | <b>Magnesium.</b> An operational permit is required to melt, cast, heat treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.31 | <b>Miscellaneous combustible storage.</b> An operational permit is required to store in any building or on any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71 m <sup>3</sup> ) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, combustible pallets, rubber tires, rubber, cork, or similar combustible material.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.32 | <p><b>Mobile fueling of hydrogen-fueled vehicles.</b></p> <p><i>An operational permit is required:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>To engage in the mobile dispensing of gaseous hydrogen as a fuel into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Where required by the fire code official, to utilize a site for the dispensing of gaseous hydrogen as a fuel from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Exception:</b> <i>In cases of an emergency, a site permit is not required.</i></p> | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.33 | <b>Motor fuel-dispensing facilities.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of automotive, marine, and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facilities, or for mobile fueling operations using flammable liquids and which are conducted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00 minimum |

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|                  | at facilities or locations which are not permanent, permitted motor fuel dispensing facilities.<br><b>Exception:</b> Transfer of not more than 5 gallons flammable or combustible liquids using a listed or approved portable fuel container of 5 gallons or less capacity.                         |                  |
| Section 105.5.34 | <b>Open burning.</b> An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be complied with.<br><b>Exception:</b> Recreational fires. | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.35 | <b>Open flames and torches.</b> An operational permit is required to remove paint with a torch; or to use a torch or open-flame device in a wildfire risk area.                                                                                                                                     | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.36 | <b>Open flames and candles.</b> An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.                                                                                                          | \$250.00         |
| Section 105.5.37 | <b>Organic coatings.</b> An operational permit is required for any organic-coating manufacturing operation producing more than 1 gallon (4 L) of an organic coating in one day.                                                                                                                     | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.38 | <b>Outdoor assembly event.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct an outdoor assembly event where planned attendance exceeds 1,000 persons.                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00 minimum |
| Section 105.5.59 | <b>Parking facility, special events.</b> An operational permit is required to use buildings or structures for vehicle parking, including parking for special events (i.e. football games, etc.)<br>A. Less than 15 parking spaces .....                                                             | \$250.00         |
|                  | B. 15 or more parking spaces .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.39 | <b>Places of assembly.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly.<br>A. <u>Occupant load less than 300</u> .....                                                                                                                                                         | \$500.00         |
|                  | B. <u>Occupant load 300 or more</u> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$750.00         |
| Section 105.5.40 | <b>Plant extraction systems.</b> An operational permit is required to use plant extraction systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$500.00         |
| Section 105.5.41 | <b>Private fire hydrants.</b> An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.                                                                                                                                                            | \$250.00         |

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|                  | <b>Exception:</b> A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private hydrants.                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |
| Section 105.5.42 | <b>Pyrotechnic special effects material.</b> An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. <i>See Health and Safety Code Division 11, Part 2, Sections 12500, et seq. for additional requirements.</i>                                                                                                             | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.43 | <b>Pyroxylin plastics.</b> An operational permit is required for storage or handling of more than 25 pounds (11 kg) of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics, and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving pyroxylin plastics.                                                                                                                         | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.44 | <b>Refrigeration equipment.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by Chapter 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$500.00 minimum  |
| Section 105.5.45 | <b>Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities.</b> An operational permit is required for operation of repair garages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$500.00 minimum  |
| Section 105.5.46 | <b>Rooftop heliports.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of a rooftop heliport.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.47 | <b>Spraying or dipping.</b> An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids, or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24.                                                                                                                                              | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.48 | <b>Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts.</b> An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71 m <sup>3</sup> ) of total volume of scrap tires, and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.                                                            | \$500.00          |
| Section 105.5.60 | <b>Tank vehicles.</b> An operational permit is required to operate a tank vehicle (other than flammable and combustible liquids tank vehicles as listed and regulated in 105.5.18, item 6) including those hazardous materials transportation vehicles defined in Section 5001.7 of the Berkeley Fire Code for the transportation of hazardous liquids or materials. | \$500.00 annually |
| Section 105.5.49 | <b>Temporary membrane structures and tents.</b> An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary special event structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m <sup>2</sup> )                                                                                                           | \$500.00          |

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|                  | <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.</li> <li>2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>2.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.</li> <li>2.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>                                                                        |             |
| Section 105.5.50 | <b>Tire-rebuilding plants.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.51 | <b>Waste handling.</b> An operational permit is required for the operation of wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.52 | <b>Wood products.</b> An operational permit is required to store chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m <sup>3</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.53 | <b>Lithium batteries.</b> <i>An operational permit is required for an accumulation of more than 15 cubic feet (0.42 m) of lithium-ion and lithium metal batteries, where required by Section 322.1.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$500.00    |
| Section 105.5.54 | <p><b>Additional permits.</b> <i>In addition to the permits required by Section 105.6, the following permits shall be obtained from the Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to engaging in the following activities, operations, practices or functions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Production facilities. To change use or occupancy, or allow the attendance of a live audience, or for wrap parties.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Pyrotechnics and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television and commercial production.</i></li> </ol> | \$500.00    |

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|                             | 3. <i>Live audiences. To install seating arrangements for live audiences in approved production facilities, production studios and sound stages. See Chapter 48.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Section 105.6.1             | <p><b>Automatic fire-extinguishing systems.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an automatic fire-extinguishing system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p>A. Range Hood System.....</p> <p>B. Chemical Suppression System.....</p> <p>C. Automatic Sprinkler .....</p> <p>D. Automatic Sprinkler (small alteration or repairs to an existing system with 20 heads or less) .....</p> <p>E. Underground.....</p> <p>All others.....</p> <p>Field Inspection .....</p> | <p>\$500.00*</p> <p>\$500.00*</p> <p>\$500.00*</p> <p>\$250.00*</p> <p>\$500.00*</p> <p>\$500.00*</p> <p>\$125.00 / qtr hour*</p> <p>*minimum</p> |
| Section 105.6.2             | <p><b>Compressed gases.</b> Where the compressed gases in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.5.9, a construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a compressed gas system.</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <p>1. Routine maintenance.</p> <p>2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.</p>                                                                                   | \$500.00                                                                                                                                          |
| Section 105.6.3             | <p><b>Cryogenic fluids.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or alteration to outdoor stationary cryogenic fluid storage systems where the system capacity exceeds the amounts listed in Table 105.5.11. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a construction permit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                                                                  |
| Section 105.6.4             | <p><b>Emergency responder communication coverage system.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to in-building, two-way emergency responder</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                                                                  |

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|                  | communication coverage systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                  |
| Section 105.6.5  | <b>Energy storage systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install energy storage systems regulated by Section 1207.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                 |
| Section 105.6.6  | <b>Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment.</b><br>A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.<br>A. Under 12 devices.....<br>B. 12-30 devices .....<br>C. 31-49 devices.....<br>D. 50 or more devices.....<br>E. Water flow alarms .....<br>F. Field Inspection ..... | \$500.00*<br>\$750.00*<br>\$1250.00*<br>\$1500.00*<br>\$250.00<br>\$125.00 /qtr hr.*<br>*minimum |
| Section 105.6.25 | <b>Fire fighter air replenishment system (FARS).</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$500.00 minimum                                                                                 |
| Section 105.6.7  | <b>Fire pumps and related equipment.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to fire pumps and related fuel tanks, jockey pumps, controllers and generators. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                                                             | \$500.00                                                                                         |
| Section 105.6.8  | <b>Flammable and combustible liquids.</b> A construction permit is required:<br>1. To install, repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids.<br>2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.                                        | \$500.00 minimum<br>\$250.00                                                                     |

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|                     | 3. To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a flammable or combustible liquid tank.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$250.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.9     | <b>Fuel cell power systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install stationary fuel cell power systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.10    | <b>Gas detection systems.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to gas detection systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and shall not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.11    | <b>Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to a gate or barricade across a fire apparatus access road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$500.00                                                            |
| Section 105.6.12    | <p><b>Hazardous materials.</b> A construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 50 where the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.5.22.</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Routine maintenance.</li> <li>2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.</li> </ol> | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.13    | <b>High-piled combustible storage.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to a structure with more than 500 square feet (46 m <sup>2</sup> ), including aisles, for high-piled combustible storage. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a construction permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.14    | <p><b>Industrial ovens.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of industrial ovens covered by Chapter 30.</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Routine maintenance.</li> <li>2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$500.00                                                            |

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| Section 105.6.15    | <b>LP-gas.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an LP-gas system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                         | \$500.00                                                            |
| Section 105.6.16    | <b>Motor vehicle repair rooms and booths.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify a motor vehicle repair room or booth. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                        | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.17    | <b>Plant extraction systems.</b> A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to plant extraction systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                               | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section 105.6.18    | <b>Private fire hydrants.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification of private fire hydrants. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit. Hydrant(s) or hydrant groups.....<br><br>Field Inspection ..... | \$500.00<br>\$125.00 /qtr hour*<br>*minimum                         |
| Section 105.6.19    | <b>Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.</b> Construction permits are required for installation of or alteration to smoke control or smoke exhaust systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a permit.                                      | \$500.00 minimum                                                    |
| Section 105.6.20    | <b>Solar photovoltaic power systems.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify solar photovoltaic power systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                 | Fire Dept. Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply |
| Section             | <b>Special event structure.</b> A single construction permit is                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Fire Dept.                                                          |



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| 105.6.21         | required to erect and take down a temporary special event structure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Review is under a building permit. Std. Bldg. fees apply           |
| Section 105.6.22 | <b>Spraying or dipping.</b> A construction permit is required to install or modify a spray room, dip tank or booth. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$500.00                                                           |
| Section 105.6.23 | <p><b>Standpipe Systems.</b> A construction permit is required for the installation, modification or removal from service of a standpipe system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p>A. Standpipe, Class I, II and III Combined.....</p> <p>B. Underground .....</p> <p>Field Inspection .....</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>\$500.00</p> <p>\$500.00</p> <p>\$125.00 /qtr hour, minimum</p> |
| Section 105.6.24 | <p><b>Temporary membrane structures and tents.</b> A construction permit is required to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary stage canopy or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.</li> <li>2. Funeral tents and curtains, or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.</li> <li>3. Tents and awnings open on all sides, which comply with all of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>3.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.</li> <li>3.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | \$500.00                                                           |

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|                  | structures and other tents shall be maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
| Section 105.6.26 | <b>Window bars, operational constraints and opening control devices.</b> A construction permit is required to install window bars or other equipment which imposes operational constraints and opening controls on exterior doors or windows of any sleeping rooms below the fourth floor in apartment houses, hotels, and motels. | \$250.00    |

## Section 2. ANNUAL FIRE CLEARANCE

For every annual fire clearance certificate issued by the Berkeley Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance of issuance of such certificate (Berkeley Fire Code Section 107.2), to the Fire Department as follows:

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| <b>Group Homes</b> , institutions for children, certified family care homes, board and care facilities, and maternity homes (each accommodating more than six persons, not including employees or relatives), and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the California Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750). | \$500.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).                                                        | \$500.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons and less than 100, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).                                      | \$750.00             |
| <b>Convalescent Hospitals</b> , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating 100 or more persons, not including employees or relatives).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$1000.00            |
| <b>Hospitals</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$500.00<br>per hour |
| <b>Community Care Facilities</b> as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |

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| Code (H&SC) section 1502, <b>Residential Care Facility for the Elderly</b> as defined in H&SC 1569.2, and <b>Child Day Care Facilities</b> (H&SC 1596.750).                          | qtr. hour minimum |
| Pre-inspection Fee (25 or fewer client capacity)                                                                                                                                     | \$125.00          |
| Pre-inspection Fee (26 or more client capacity)                                                                                                                                      | \$125.00          |
| [Ref. Calif. Health & Safety Code, section 13235(a)] states that the inspecting agency may charge "a fee equal to, but not exceeding the actual cost of the preinspection services." |                   |

### Section 3. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

A. For copies of fire reports prepared by the Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance as follows:

1. Staff cost for file review and preparation of subpoena documents \$ 6.00 qtr. hr.
2. Copy of each report \$ 0.10 per pg.

B. State Requested Fire & Life Safety Review, Consultation, Inspection & Permit Clearances \$125.00 /qtr hr

C. General inspection and investigation fees

1. Fees for services rendered by the Fire Department for inspections of fire protection systems, re-inspections of citizen complaints with violations, nuisance inspections research, report preparation and file review services (except for subpoena documents, city records, publications and meeting tapes) ..... \$125.00 / qtr hr
2. Fire code consultation services for building development, construction and modifications and pre-permit application..... \$500.00 per hour
3. Overtime fire & life safety inspection ..... \$500.00 per hour (2 hr min.)
4. After-hours call-back for fire & life safety inspection ..... \$500.00 per hour (4 hr min.)
5. Accelerated plan review services (as-available, billed at 1.5x the standard hourly rate \$500.00) ..... \$750.00 per hour

D. Fire and Life Safety Investigations or Stand-by Services ..... \$500.00

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|                                                                     | minimum                            |
| E. Indoor Entertainment Inspection .....                            | \$125.00                           |
| Subsequent inspections shall be billed at \$125.00 per quarter hour | per initial inspection             |
| F. Fire Permit Application & Fire Permit Extension Fees .....       | Standard Building Dept. Fees Apply |

NOTE: All permits and inspection fees under this Resolution are based on average estimated staff and clerical time for applicable plan checking, research, field inspections, etc. Where a fee is indicated as a minimum, and where staff time exceeds one hour, an additional charge will be made at the rate of \$125.00 per quarter hour.

#### Section 4. INSPECTION AND BILLING RATE

That a rate of \$125.00 per quarter hour (15 minutes) is hereby established as both the billing rate and the billing unit for a given Fire Prevention inspection of a property. A minimum charge of \$125.00 will be made for each property inspected (e.g. each property and/or business address) with an additional charge for each additional quarter hour unit, or portion thereof.

Exception: Properties that have abated all fire code violations prior to the first re-inspection shall not be charged a fee for the re-inspection.

#### Section 5. DELINQUENCY CHARGE

That a delinquency charge of 20% may be imposed on each account that remains unpaid, sixty (60) days following the initial mailing of the bill.

#### Section 6. BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

That the billing and collection procedures are to be done by the Finance Department and will allow the City to recover unpaid fees through all available remedies, including the lien process. That in the event of billing disputes, the Fire Chief or his designated representative may review and make recommendations for adjustments to the Finance Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and in effect on and after July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 70,612-N.S. and all resolutions amendatory thereof are hereby rescinded effective July 1, 2025.