

San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department

Bureau of Fire Protection and Life Safety

Estimation of Average Cost of Providing Activities and Services based on User Fee Study FY 21

Fire Code Fee Schedule

Fee No.	Fee Description	Notes	Fee Unit Type	Current Fees
A. ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PERMITS W/ CFC PERMITS		[1]		
1	New Business Inspection		each	295
2	Annual Operational Permit w/ CFC Permits			
	First Permit		each	295
	Additional Permits		each	121
	List of Required Operational Permits <i>(See CFC Section 105 for conditions)</i>			
	Aerosol Products (in excess of 500 lbs.)			
	Amusement Buildings			
	Aviation Facilities			
	Carnivals and Fairs			
	Cellulose Nitrate Film			
	Combustible Dust Producing Operations			
	Combustible Fibers			
	Compressed Gases			
	Covered and Open Mall Buildings			
	Cryogenic Fluids			
	Cutting and Welding			
	Dry Cleaning			
	Explosives			
	Fire Hydrants and Valves			
	Flammable and Combustible Liquids			
	Mobile Fueling of Hydrogen-Fueled Vehicles			
	Floor Finishing			
	Fruit and Crop Ripening			
	Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging			
	HPM Facilities			
	Hot Work Operations			
	Industrial Ovens			

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	Lumber Yards & Woodworking Plants			
	Liquid or Gas-Fueled Vehicles or Equipment in Assembly Buildings			
	LP Gas			
	Magnesium			
	Miscellaneous Combustible Storage			
	Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles			
	Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities			
	Open Burning			
	Open Flames and Torches			
	Open Flames and Candles			
	Organic Coatings			
	Outdoor Assembly Event			
	Places of Assembly			
	Plant Extraction Systems			
	Private Hydrants			
	Pyroxylin Plastics			
	Refrigeration Equipment			
	Repair Garages and Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities			
	Rooftop Heliports			
	Spraying or Dipping			
	Storage of Scrap Tires and Tire Byproducts			
	Tire-Rebuilding Plants			
	Waste Handling			
	Wood Products			
3	Exhibits and Trade Shows			
	During Business Hours			
	First 2 hours		flat	590
	Each additional hour		hourly	295
	After Business Hours			
	First 2 hours		flat	678
	Each additional hour		hourly	339
4	Hazardous Materials- Paperwork Review (SDS, other regulatory paperwork)			
	Dispense, Use, Storage and Handling			
	Up to 5 chemicals		flat	369
	Each additional chemical		each	48
5	High Pile Storage Review (Not including fire sprinklers)		Hourly	295

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6	Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material			
	During Business Hours			
	First 4 hours		flat	1181
	Each additional hour		hourly	295
	After Business Hours			
	First 4 hours		flat	1357
	Each additional hour		hourly	339
7	Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents	[2]		
	400 - 1,000 s.f.		each	295
	1,001 - 5,000 s.f.		each	369
	5,000 s.f. and above		each	516
8	Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement System (ERCES- Maintenance)		each	295
	<i>For construction of ERRC systems, see Construction Fee Schedule</i>			
B. ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PERMITS W/O CFC PERMITS		[1]		
1	Group A - Assembly related occupancies (50+ persons)		base fee	295
2	Group B - Businesses/Commercial (multiple story commercial building over four stories - public areas only; high rise building - over 75 feet in height; shopping center, business center, or storage center over six units - public areas only)		base fee	295
3	Group E - Education occupancies (public/private)		base fee	664
4	Group F - Factories/Fabrication		base fee	369
5	Group H - Hazardous (labs, semi-conductors)		base fee	664
6	Group I - Institutions (Hospitals)		base fee	959
6	Group L - Lab		base fee	664
7	Group M - Mercantile		base fee	369
7	Group R - Residential (Other than MRIP)		base fee	443

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8	Group S - Storage/Warehouse		base fee	369
9	Group U - Misc. Occupancy		base fee	222
10	Hotels, Motels, Apartments and Condominiums			
	3-4 units per building		base fee	305
	5-10 Units per Building		base fee	664
	11-100 Units per Building		base fee	1107
	101-200 Units per Building		base fee	1992
	201-300 Units per building		base fee	2877
	300+ Units per Building		base fee	3762
11	High-Rise			
	Base Fee (Plus per floor fee below)		base fee	540
	Per Floor		each	147
12	State 850 Inspections			
	State Licensing Inspection 1-6 Capacity			
	Pre-Inspection	[4]	per occurrence / trip	369
	RCF State Licensed Facility Inspection	[3]	per occurrence / trip	222
	State Licensing Inspection 7-25 Capacity		per occurrence / trip	443
	State Licensing Inspection 26-50 Capacity		per occurrence / trip	516
	State Licensing Inspection 50+ Capacity		per occurrence / trip	664

[Notes]

- [1] All fees in this section are minimum base fees and include an initial inspection and one reinspection. Failure to comply with inspection program or second re-inspection will result in additional inspection fees per Section D, Item 1 of this fee schedule.
- [2] Fee is assessed based on cumulative permissible tent square footage at a single site.
- [3] Inspections not allowed to be charged to RCFE's per Health and Safety Code Section 1569.84
- [4] Inspections allowed to be charged per Health and Safety Code Section 13235

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Fee No.	Fee Description	Fee Unit	Notes	Current Fee
C. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION				
1	Building Construction - New and Tenant Improvement			
	Single Family Residential / Duplex	each		295
	Commercial / Industrial / Multi-Family			
	0-2,500 s.f.	each		688
	2,501-5,000 s.f.	each		688
	5,001-10,000 s.f.	base		909
	10,001-50,000 s.f.	base		1,130
	each additional 10,000 s.f. or fraction thereof	each add'l		226
2	Sprinkler Systems			
2.1	New Construction			
	NFPA 13 System*			
	Under 100 heads	each		1,056
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		1,056
	Over 100 heads-includes one riser	each		1,204
	Each additional riser	each		1,204
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		1,056
	NFPA 13D Single Family System	each		664
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		221
	Per additional plan type	each		664
	Underground Piping			
	Up to 4 hydrants/risers	each		811
	Per additional hydrant	each		148
	<i>*NFPA 13R not allowed per ordinance</i>			
2.2	Tenant Improvement			
	NFPA 13 System - Without Calculations			

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	Up to 10 heads	each		516
	11-100 heads	each		738
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		590
	Over 100 heads	each	[4]	885
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		738
	NFPA 13 System - With Calculations			
	Up to 10 heads	each		590
	11-100 heads	each		811
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		369
	Over 100 heads	each	[4]	885
	Per additional inspection (phasing)	each		392
	Per additional plan type	each		885
2.3	Other Extinguishing Systems			
	Fire Pump			
	First pump	each		1,180
	Each additional pump	each		738
	Gas Systems (Med Gas, Industrial Gas, LPG)	each		738
	Hood & Duct Extinguishing System	each		738
	Each additional system	each		443
	Pre-Action System with Alarm	each		1,033
	Refrigeration Systems			
	Under 500 lbs.	each		738
	500 lbs. and over	each		885
	Special Equipment (Ovens, Dust, Battery)	each		738
	Special Extinguishing System	each		785
	Spray Booths	each		959
	Standpipe Systems	per system		738
	Water Tanks	per tank		1,033
	Hydrant Flow (Test and Inspection)	per hydrant		369
3	Alarm Systems			
3.4	Plan Review			
	Up to 10 devices	flat		369
	11-100 devices	flat		516
	Over 100 devices	flat		664
3.2	Inspection			
	Up to 10 devices	flat		369

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	Each additional device	each		24
3.3	Other Alarm Systems			
	Smoke Control (smoke & heat vents, barriers, enclosures, etc.)	per system		1,328
	Emergency Radio Coverage Enhancement System Coverage (ERCES)	each		738
D. MISCELLANEOUS (Including non-construction related fees)				
1	Additional Inspection / Re-Inspection Fee for Development , Annual Mandated inspections, Fire Code Permit Inspections, and validated complaint inspections, including plan review types not otherwise classified above (i.e. Battery Energy Storage, Solar, etc.) All fees in this category are billed as hourly in 15 minute increments.			
	During Business Hours	hourly		295
	After Business Hours	Hourly (2 hr min)		339
2	Incident Reports	per page	[5]	0
3	Fire Search (Providing Research, Reports, etc.)	per half hour		148
4	Fire Code Variance Application / AMMR	hourly		295
5	USB	each		69
6	Key Box Administration	each unit		466
7	Staff Time Consultation (Regular Business Hours)	hourly per person		295
8	Emergency Response		[1]	
	Command Vehicle	hourly		132
	Engine	hourly		179
	Truck	hourly		225
	Three (3) Personnel	hourly		432
	Each additional 1/2 hour or fraction thereof	per half hour		307
9	Patient Assist (Doctor on Scene)	hourly		611

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Fee No.	Fee Description	Fee Unit	Notes	Current Fee
11	Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	actual cost	[2]	actual cost
12	Emergency Preparedness Planning and Education	Per Course Hour		295
13	CPR / First Aid	per course hour		295
14	Complaint Investigation and Follow-Up	each occurrence / trip / verified complaint		443
15	Penalty Fees			
	False Alarm	per occurrence		685
	Failure to Obtain Permit	each		Double Fees plus administrative violation per day
	Reactivation of Expired Permit	each initial		296
16	Hourly Fee (Everything not covered elsewhere)	Per hour		296
17	Administrative Violations			
	1st violation	Per Violation, Per Day		130
	2nd violation	Per Violation, Per Day		700
	3rd and subsequent violations	Per Violation, Per Day		1,300
18	Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Filing Fee	Per report		30
19	Collection Referrtal Charge	Each		25
20	Returned Check Processing Charge	Per Occurence		25

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- [1] Rates calculated by hourly rate
- [2] Per Government Code Sections 53150-58. Billing upon conviction.
- [3] Fee based on 30 minutes of an engine company
- [4] Base fee. Additional time charged per the hourly rate.
- [5] Subject to Public Records Request Act