

1 [Amending Subsections of Section 106 of the San Francisco Fire Code to increase fees for
2 certain Fire Department services and permits.]

3 **Ordinance making environmental findings and amending Sections 106.2, 106.3, 106.7,**
4 **106.8, 106.9, 106.10, 106.11, 106.15, 106.17 and Tables 106-B and 106-C of the San**
5 **Francisco Fire Code to increase fees for certain Fire Department services and permits,**
6 **to become operative on its effective date or on July 1, 2007, whichever is later.**
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8 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
9 deletions are ~~striketrough italics Times New Roman~~.
10 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
11 Board amendment deletions are ~~striketrough normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the
14 actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental
15 Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is
16 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
17 incorporated herein by reference.

18 Section 2. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
19 106.2 to read as follows:

20 106.2 [For SF] Permit Filing Fees. The filing fee for each permit shall be as set forth in
21 Table 106-A. Inspections ~~which~~ that require more than two hours to complete shall be subject
22 to an additional fee of ~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00 for each hour.
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1 Section 3. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
2 106.3 to read as follows:

3 106.3 [For SF] Reinspection of Violation Fees. If an inspection by a designated officer
4 or employee of the fire department discloses a violation(s) of this code, the chief shall
5 determine a period of time that is reasonable to remedy the violation and reinspect the
6 property to verify such correction. The department shall collect a fee in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~
7 \$180.00 to compensate for its costs of performing such reinspection to certify correction of the
8 code violation(s) and secure compliance with the applicable requirements. Inspections ~~which~~
9 that require more than one hour to complete shall be subject to an additional fee at the rate of
10 ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.50 for each quarter-hour increment beyond the first sixty minutes of the
11 department's on-site review.
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13 Section 4. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
14 106.7 to read as follows:

15 106.7 [For SF] Referral Fees. Upon the request of a government agency, person or
16 firm for a preliminary site inspection or survey of a premise for compliance with this code or
17 other regulatory codes enforced by this department, a service fee of ~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00 per hour
18 shall be collected for such on-site inspections and consultations. Fees shall be paid at the
19 time the request is submitted. Fees referenced in the California Health and Safety Code shall
20 take precedence over this fee.
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22 Section 5. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
23 106.8 to read as follows:

24 106.8 [For SF] High-Rise Inspection Fees. For inspections of high-rise structures
25 pursuant to Section 13217 of the *California Health and Safety Code*, the owner of the

1 structure shall pay a fee to cover the department's costs of inspection. Such fee shall be
2 calculated on the basis of ~~\$8.50~~ \$9.50 per 1000 square feet of gross floor area, and shall be
3 collected by the fire department.

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5 Section 6. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
6 106.9 to read as follows:

7 106.9 [For SF] Plan Review Fees. Upon application for a permit for the erection of a
8 new building or for alteration work for which plans are required by the department of building
9 inspection, the central permit bureau shall charge and collect a fee to compensate the fire
10 department for its costs of reviewing plans submitted with building permit applications for
11 compliance with fire safety regulations. The fee shall be based on the valuation of the work as
12 determined by the department of building inspection. The fee for each permit shall be as set
13 forth in Table 106-B. The fire department shall collect a fee in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00 per
14 hour or fraction thereof for any back checking review of previously approved plans.

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16 Section 7. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
17 106.10 to read as follows:

18 106.10 [For SF] Field Inspection Fees. When the fire department determines a field
19 inspection is also required to certify that building construction is in compliance with fire safety
20 regulations, it shall calculate an additional fee to compensate for the additional costs to
21 conduct such inspection(s). The central permit bureau shall collect the inspection fee due, as
22 calculated by the fire department, prior to the issuance of a building permit. Additional
23 inspection time required over the amount of time set forth in Table 106-C shall be purchased
24 prior to inspection. The fire department shall collect a fee of ~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00 per hour for the cost
25 of providing the inspection service. The fire department shall reimburse department of building

1 inspection special fund for the costs incurred by the department of building inspection in
2 collecting such fees. The fee for each permit shall be as set forth in Table 106-C. Initial field
3 inspection fees will be charged for inspections of new fire alarm, sprinkler, and gaseous suppression
4 systems per the notation in Table 106-C.

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6 Section 8. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
7 106.11 to read as follows:

8 106.11 [For SF] Pre-application plan review. When a party wishes to discuss specific
9 design issues or submit preliminary designs for review and comment by the Fire Department
10 prior to formal application for permit, a fee of ~~\$160.00~~ \$180.00 will be assessed. This fee will
11 provide the applicant with up to two hours for research and meeting with Fire Department
12 personnel.

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14 Section 9. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
15 106.15 to read as follows:

16 106.15 [For SF] Overtime Fee. Upon a request from a person or firm for an inspection
17 ~~which~~ that is not scheduled during an employee's normal working schedule, an overtime fee
18 will be charged. An overtime fee of ~~\$95.00~~ \$101.00 per hour shall be collected. The minimum
19 compensation will be four hours.

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21 Section 10. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Section
22 106.17 to read as follows:

23 106.17 [For SF] Water Flow Request Fee. Upon a request from a person or firm for
24 water flow information, a water flow fee of ~~\$40.00~~ \$45.00 will be charged. If the information
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requested requires that Fire Department employees are required to perform an on-site water flow test, a fee of ~~\$160.00~~ \$180.00 will be charged.

Section 11. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Table 106-B to read as follows:

TABLE 106-B—PLAN REVIEW FEES

VALUATION		FEE
Over	Not More Than	
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$60.19 plus \$12.253</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$500</u>
<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$78.57 plus \$9.071</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$2,000</u>
<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$287.21 plus \$6.110</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$25,000</u>
<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$439.96 plus \$4.082</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$50,000</u>
<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$644.10 plus \$1.678</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$100,000</u>
<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,315.67 plus \$0.940</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$500,000</u>
<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,785.67 plus \$0.714</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$1,000,000</u>
<u>\$5,000,000</u>		<u>\$4,644.26 plus \$0.361</u> <u>per \$1,000 over \$5,000,000</u>

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2	\$0	\$1,000	\$52.34
3	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$52.34 plus \$15.986
4			per \$1,000 over \$1,000
5	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$116.29 plus \$10.752
6			per \$1,000 over \$5,000
7	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$170.05 plus \$5.313
8			per \$1,000 over \$10,000
9	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$382.57 plus \$3.550
10			per \$1,000 over \$50,000
11	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$560.09 plus \$1.460
12			per \$1,000 over \$100,000
13	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,144.06 plus \$0.818
14			per \$1,000 over \$500,000
15	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,779.54 plus \$0.504
16			per \$1,000 over \$2,500,000
17	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$4,038.49 plus \$0.314
18			per \$1,000 over \$5,000,000
19	\$15,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$7,180.09 plus \$0.188
20			per \$1,000 over \$15,000,000
21	\$30,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$10,004.06 plus \$0.139
22			per \$1,000 over \$30,000,000
23	\$50,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$12,776.06 plus \$0.106
24			per \$1,000 over \$50,000,000
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\$100,000,000

~~\$18,089.06 plus \$0.065~~

~~per \$1,000 over \$100,000,000~~

Section 12. The San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending Table 106-C to read as follows:

TABLE 106-C—FIELD INSPECTION FEES *(See notation below for initial inspection fee for specified new systems)*

VALUATION

FEE/INSPECTION TIME CREDIT

Over

Not More Than

\$0

\$10,000

~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00 ONE HOUR

\$10,000

\$50,000

~~\$160.00~~ \$180.00 TWO HOURS

\$50,000

\$500,000

~~\$240.00~~ \$270.00 THREE HOURS

\$500,000

\$5,000,000

~~\$400.00~~ \$450.00 FIVE HOURS

\$5,000,000

\$10,000,000

~~\$800.00~~ \$900.00 TEN HOURS

\$10,000,000

\$25,000,000

~~\$1,600.00~~ \$1,800.00 TWENTY HOURS

\$25,000,000

~~\$2,400.00~~ \$2,700.00 THIRTY HOURS

NOTATION:

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

\$180.00 TWO HOURS

NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

\$270.00 THREE HOURS

NEW GASEOUS SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

\$180.00 TWO HOURS

This initial minimum inspection fee covers all inspections up to the hours specified above. If the inspections for the new system exceed the hours specified above, additional hourly fees will be assessed.

Section 13. This ordinance shall become operative on its effective date or on July 1, 2007, whichever is later.

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