

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Business and Tax Regulations Code - SFFD licensing fees]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to increase the fees for certain Fire Department licenses, and making environmental findings.

Existing Law

Sections 93, 93.1, 120, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246 and 247 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code describe the fees to be assessed for various licenses for permits issued by the Fire Department, including permits for motor fuel dispensing facilities, self-service motor fuel dispensing facilities, laundries and cleaning and dyeing works, use of open flames and candles, storage and use of battery systems, waste handling, maintenance of fire fighter air systems, combustible dust producing operations, fruit and crop ripening, hot work operations, use of liquid or gas fueled vehicles or equipment in public assembly buildings, use of refrigeration equipment, amusement buildings, covered mall buildings, pyroxylin plastics, rooftop heliports, tire rebuilding plants, places of public assembly and open air assembly, nitrocellulose film and plastics, storage of certain combustible materials, storage and use of flammable or combustible liquids, fumigation and fogging, storage and use of liquefied gases and compressed gases, erection and use of acetylene and storage of calcium carbide, application of flammable finishes, use and operation of industrial baking and drying ovens, processing of magnesium, operating a tank vehicle, and storing and using hazardous materials. The fee to be assessed per year is \$344 under each of the scenarios.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would increase the licensing fees assessed for the specified permits issued by the Fire Department from \$344 to \$359 per year, except for the fee for public and open air assemblies, where the fee would increase from \$564 to \$589, to allow for evening and off-hours inspections.

Background Information

The current fees set in these sections do not cover the costs to the Fire Department of providing the services. The proposed fee increase will cover those costs.