

1 [Fire Code]
2 AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER IV OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRE
3 CODE) BY AMENDING SECTION 106 TO INCREASE FEES FOR SERVICES AND BY
4 AMENDING ARTICLE 90 TO REQUIRE FIRE PUMPS TO BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING
5 ON EMERGENCY POWER.

6 Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

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

8 Section 1. Article I of the San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended by amending
9 Section106, to read as follows:

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11 **SECTION 106 – FEES**

12 **106.1 [For SF] General.** Fees shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of this
13 section.

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15 **106.2 [For SF] Permit Filing Fees.** The filing fee for each permit shall be as set forth in
16 Table 106-A.

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18 **106.3 [For SF] Reinspection of Violation Fees.** If an inspection by a designated officer or
19 employee of the fire department discloses a violation(s) of this code, the chief shall determine
20 a period of time that is reasonable to remedy the violation and reinspect the property to verify
21 such correction. The department shall collect a fee in the amount of ((~~\$62.00~~)) \$74.00 to
22 compensate for its costs of performing such reinspection to certify correction of the code
23 violation(s) and secure compliance with the applicable requirements. Inspections which
24 require more than one hour to complete shall be subject to an additional fee at the rate of

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1 ((\$15.50)) 18.50 for each quarter-hour increment beyond the first sixty minutes of the
2 department's on-site review.

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4 **106.3.1 [For SF] Second Notice.** If full payment of the fee is not received within 60 days
5 after notice of payment due was sent pursuant to Section 106.3, an additional request for
6 payment shall be sent to the responsible party(s). The written notice shall state that the
7 responsible party is liable for the payment of the fee indicated on the notice and, if payment of
8 such fee is not received within 30 days of the mailing date of this notice, a penalty of 10 per
9 cent plus interest at the rate of one per cent per month on the outstanding balance shall be
10 added to the fee indicated on the notice from the date that notice of payment due was sent
11 pursuant to Section 106.3

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13 **106.3.2 [For SF] Liens.** If payment is not received within 30 days following mailing of the
14 additional request, the chief shall initiate special assessment lien proceedings in accordance
15 with Section 107 of this code.

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17 **106.4 [For SF] False Alarm Fees.** A service fee of \$250 shall be charged for each false fire
18 alarm determined to be caused by alarm system malfunctions to which the fire department
19 responds after the first five such false fire alarms at that address within any calendar year. A
20 service fee of \$500 shall be charged for each false fire alarm determined to be caused by
21 alarm system malfunctions to which the fire department responds after the first ten such false
22 fire alarms at that address within any calendar year. The Chief may waive the false alarm fee
23 for good cause as determined by the Chief.

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1 **106.4.1 [For SF] Second Notice.** If full payment of the fee is not received within 60 days
2 after notice of payment due was sent pursuant to Section 106.4, an additional request for
3 payment shall be sent to the responsible party(s). The written notice shall state that the
4 responsible party is liable for the payment of the fee indicated on the notice and, if payment of
5 such fee is not received within 30 days of the mailing date of this notice, a penalty of 10 per
6 cent plus interest at the rate of one per cent per month on the outstanding balance shall be
7 added to the fee indicated on the notice from the date that notice of payment due was sent
8 pursuant to Section 106.4

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10 **106.4.2 [For SF] Liens.** If payment is not received within 30 days following mailing of the
11 additional request, the chief shall initiate special assessment lien proceedings in accordance
12 with Section 107 of this code.

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14 **106.7 [For SF] Consultation Fees.** Upon the request of a person or firm for a preliminary
15 site inspection or survey of a premise for compliance with this code or other regulatory codes
16 enforced by this department, a service fee of ((~~\$56.00~~)) \$74.00 per hour shall be collected for
17 such on-site inspections and consultations. Fees shall be paid at the time the request is
18 submitted.

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20 **106.8 [For SF] High-Rise Inspection Fees.** For inspections of high-rise structures pursuant
21 to Section 13217 of the *California Health and Safety Code*, the owner of the structure shall
22 pay a fee to cover the department's costs of inspection. Such fee shall be calculated on the
23 basis of ((~~\$5.53~~)) \$6.00 per 1000 square feet of gross floor area, and shall be collected by the
24 fire department.

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1 **106.8.1 [For SF] Gross Floor Area.** For purposes of this section, the term “gross floor area”
2 shall be defined as the entire area of each floor, attic, basement or shaft of a building included
3 within the surrounding exterior walls of a building, including any portion not included within the
4 surrounding exterior walls; provided, however, that such portion is under the horizontal
5 projection of the roof or floor above.

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7 **106.8.2 [For SF] Notice of Payment Due.** A notice of payment due shall be sent by the
8 chief to the owner of the structure and shall contain the following information:

- 9 1. The date and location of the fire department’s high-rise inspection;
- 10 2. The amount of the inspection fee;
- 11 3. A statement advising the owner of the structure that he or she is liable under this
12 section for the costs of inspection in the amount indicated in the notice and that payment to
13 the city to reimburse it for these costs is due within 60 days of the mailing date of the notice;
- 14 4. A statement advising that a penalty of 10 per cent plus interest at the rate of one per
15 cent per month on the outstanding balance shall be added to the costs from the date that
16 payment is due under this section;
- 17 5. A statement advising the owner of the structure that if payment of the costs is not
18 received within 90 days of the mailing date, a lien may be imposed on the property of the
19 owner of the structure pursuant to the provisions of this section;
- 20 6. A statement that the owner of the structure may appeal the square foot
21 determination contained in the notice of payment due to the chief of department. Said appeal
22 must be filed in writing with the fire department no later than 30 days after the date the notice
23 of payment due is issued. The chief of department’s decision on the appeal shall be final.

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1 **106.8.3 [For SF] Second Notice.** If full payment of the fee is not received within 60 days
2 after the notice of payment due was sent, a second notice of payment due shall be sent by the
3 fire department to the owner of the structure. The second notice shall state that the owner of
4 the structure is liable for the payment of the fees indicated on the notice and that if payment of
5 such fees is not received within 30 days of the mailing date of the second notice, a lien may
6 be imposed on the subject high-rise structure pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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8 **106.8.4 [For SF] Liens.** If payment is not received within 30 days following mailing of the
9 second notice, the chief shall initiate special assessment lien proceedings pursuant to Section
10 107 of this code.

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12 **106.9 [For SF] Plan Review Fees.** Upon application for a permit for the erection of a new
13 building or for alteration work for which plans are required by the department of building
14 inspection, the central permit bureau shall charge and collect a fee to compensate the fire
15 department for its costs of reviewing plans submitted with building permit applications for
16 compliance with fire safety regulations. The fee shall be based on the valuation of the work as
17 determined by the department of building inspection. The fee for each permit shall be as set
18 forth in Table 106-B. The fire department shall collect a fee in the amount of \$52.00 per hour
19 or fraction thereof for any back checking review of previously approved plans.

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21 **106.10 [For SF] Field Inspection Fees.** When the fire department determines a field
22 inspection is also required to certify that building construction is in compliance with fire safety
23 regulations, it shall calculate an additional fee to compensate for the additional costs to
24 conduct such inspection(s). The central permit bureau shall collect the inspection fee due, as
25 calculated by the fire department, prior to the issuance of a building permit. Additional

1 inspection time required over the amount of time set forth in Table 106-C shall be purchased
2 prior to inspection. The fire department shall collect a fee of ((~~\$55.00~~)) \$64.00 per hour for the
3 cost of providing the inspection service. The fire department shall reimburse department of
4 building inspection special fund for the costs incurred by the department of building inspection
5 in collecting such fees. The fee for each permit shall be as set forth in Table 106-C.

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7 **106.11 [For SF] Pre-application plan review.** When a party wishes to discuss specific
8 design issues or submit preliminary designs for review and comment by the Fire Department
9 prior to formal application for permit, a fee of ((~~\$92.00~~)) \$104.00 will be assessed. This fee will
10 provide the applicant with up to two hours for research and meeting with ((of)) Fire
11 Department ((representation)) personnel.

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13 **106.12 [For SF] Consolidation of Permits Fee.** The fee for consolidation of permits shall be
14 \$40.00 for each activity added to the original permit.

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16 **106.13 [For SF] Unit Inspection Fee.** When inspection of multiple units at the same location
17 is required for the issuance of a permit, there shall be an inspection fee of \$10.00 for each
18 additional unit inspected.

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20 **106.14 [For SF] Posting Fee.** The fee for posting notice of application for certain permits
21 shall be in accordance with San Francisco Municipal Code Part III—Revenue and Business
22 Regulations, Section 27.

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24 **106.15 [For SF] Overtime Fee.** Upon a request from a person or firm for an inspection which
25 is not scheduled during an employees normal working schedule, an overtime fee will be

1 charged. An overtime fee of ((~~\$57.00~~) \$70.00) per hour shall be collected. The minimum
2 compensation will be four hours.

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4 **106.16 [For SF] Collection of Other Fees.** The chief is authorized to collect fees as required
5 by other portions of the San Francisco Municipal Code for activities of the department of city
6 planning for their services pertinent to the issuance of permits required by this code.

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8 **106.17 [For SF] Water Flow Request Fee.** Upon a request from a person or firm for water
9 flow information, a water flow fee of ((~~\$23.00~~) \$26.00) will be charged. If the information
10 requested requires that Fire Department employees are required to perform an on-site water
11 flow test, a fee of ((~~\$92.00~~) \$104.00) will be charged.

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13 **106.18 [For SF] Fee-Setting Procedure.** Each year the chief shall report the revenues
14 received from each type of fee collected by the department, the costs, both direct and indirect,
15 incurred in providing the services for which the fee is assessed, the anticipated costs for the
16 ensuing fiscal year and the rates which would be necessary to support such cost for each type
17 of fee. The report shall be filed with the controller not later than April 1st of each year pursuant
18 to the provisions of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The controller shall file said report
19 with the board of supervisors no later than May 15th of each year. The board of supervisors
20 shall, by ordinance, establish or adjust the rates for any fire department fees. The rates set
21 shall be equal to, but not greater than, the rates necessary to support the costs of providing
22 the services for which each fee is assessed.

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TABLE 106-A—PERMIT FEES

1	TYPE OF PERMIT	FEE
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3	Aircraft repair hanger	\$140.00
4	Aircraft refueling vehicles	\$140.00
5	Automobile parking station	\$140.00
6	Burning, removal of paint	\$35.00
7	Cellulose nitrate film	\$35.00
8	Cellulose nitrate storage	\$140.00
9	Combustible fiber storage	\$140.00
10	Combustible material storage	\$140.00
11	Combustible metal processing	\$140.00
12	Compressed gases	
13	Nonflammable	\$140.00
14	Flammable	\$140.00
15	Installation of nonflammable medical gas system	\$140.00
16	Installation of flammable gas system	\$140.00
17	Conditional use	\$35.00
18	Cryogenic fluids	
19	Store, sell or handle	\$140.00
20	Transport	\$140.00
21	Dry-cleaning plant	\$140.00
22	Dust-producing machinery	\$140.00
23	Explosives	
24	Receive	\$35.00
25	Store	\$35.00
26	Fireworks	
27	Display or special effects	\$140.00
28	Import or export	\$35.00
29	Sell, maintain or store	\$35.00
30	Transport	\$35.00
31	Flammable finishes, application of	\$140.00
32	Limited spray paint	\$140.00
33	Flammable liquids	
34	Installation or modification of piping systems, including dispensers	\$140.00
35	Installation of underground tanks	\$140.00
36	Portable storage tank	\$140.00
37	Manufacture, processing, blending or refining	\$140.00
38	Removal, abandonment, emptying or disposing of any flammable liquid tank	\$140.00
39	Service station, attendant	\$140.00

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1	Self-service station	\$140.00
	Self-service station partial	\$140.00
2	Storage and handling	\$140.00
	Tank vehicle	\$140.00
3	Dispensing from a tank vehicle	\$140.00
	Testing flammable liquid tank for leakage	\$35.00
4	Use or excavation near a pipeline used to transport flammable liquids	\$35.00
5	Fruit-ripening process	\$140.00
6	Fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging concern	\$140.00
	Hazardous chemicals	
7	Storage	\$140.00
	Transportation	\$140.00
8	High-piled combustible storage	\$140.00
	Hot work on piers (daily)	\$35.00
9	Hot work on piers (annual)	\$140.00
10	Industrial ovens	\$140.00
	Liquefied petroleum gases	
11	Handling	\$140.00
	Receiving	\$140.00
12	Storing	\$140.00
	Transporting	\$140.00
13	Using	\$140.00
14	Unit Inspection Fee	\$10.00
	Installation	\$140.00
15	Lumber storage	\$140.00
	Manufacture of any organic coating	\$140.00
16	Matches, storage of	\$35.00
17	Mechanical refrigeration	\$140.00
	Oil wells	\$140.00
18	Open burning	\$35.00
	Open flame devices	
19	On a marina	\$140.00
	In public assembly	\$140.00
20	Commercial mobile barbeque unit	\$140.00
21	Operate or maintain any heliport or helistop	\$140.00
	Parade floats	\$35.00
22	Public assembly	\$140.00
	Public assembly-permanent occupancy for non-profit group	\$0.00
23	Vehicle garage, storage/repair garage	\$140.00
24	Radioactive material, storage of	\$140.00
25	Readily combustible material, storage of	\$140.00

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1	Roofing, application with open flame	\$140.00
	Tent or temporary membrane structure	\$140.00
2	Tire rebuilding operation	\$140.00
	Vehicle wrecking yards, junk or waste material	
3	Handling plants	\$140.00
	Vending and standing space	\$140.00
4	Welding and cutting	\$140.00
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TABLE 106-B—PLAN REVIEW FEES

	VALUATION		FEE
	Over	Not More Than	
1	\$0	\$1,000	((<u>\$36.00</u>)) <u>37.80</u>
2	\$1,000	\$5,000	((<u>\$36.00 plus \$11.00</u>)) <u>37.80 plus</u> <u>\$11.55 per \$1,000 over \$1,000</u>
3	\$5,000	\$10,000	((<u>\$80.00 plus \$7.40</u>)) <u>84.00 plus</u> <u>\$7.77 per \$1,000 over \$5,000</u>
4	\$10,000	\$50,000	((<u>\$117.00 plus \$3.65</u>)) <u>\$122.85 plus</u> <u>\$3.832 per \$1,000 over \$10,000</u>
5	\$50,000	\$100,000	((<u>\$263.00 plus \$2.44</u>)) <u>\$276.15 plus</u> <u>\$2.562 per \$1,000 over \$50,000</u>
6	\$100,000	\$500,000	((<u>\$385 plus \$1.012</u>)) <u>\$404.25 plus</u> <u>\$1.05 per \$1,000 over \$100,000</u>
7	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	((<u>\$785.00 plus \$0.562</u>)) <u>\$824.25 plus</u> <u>\$0.59 per \$1,000 over \$500,000</u>
8	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	((<u>\$1,909.00 plus \$0.345</u>)) <u>\$2,004.45</u> <u>plus \$0.362 per \$1,000 over \$2,500,000</u>
9	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	((<u>\$2,772.00 plus \$0.22</u>)) <u>\$2,910.60</u> <u>plus \$0.231 per \$1,000 over \$5,000,000</u>
10	\$15,000,000	\$30,000,000	((<u>\$4,972.00 plus \$0.132</u>)) <u>\$5,220.60</u> <u>plus \$0.138 per \$1,000 over \$15,000,000</u>
11	\$30,000,000	\$50,000,000	((<u>\$6,952.00 plus \$0.099</u>)) <u>\$7,299.60</u> <u>plus \$0.104 per \$1,000 over \$30,000,000</u>
12	\$50,000,000	\$100,000,000	((<u>\$8,932.00 plus \$0.072</u>)) <u>\$9,379.60</u> <u>plus \$0.076 per \$1,000 over \$50,000,000</u>
13	\$100,000,000	---	((<u>\$12,562.00 plus \$0.044</u>)) <u>\$13,190.10 plus \$0.046 per \$1,000 over</u> <u>\$100,000,000</u>

TABLE 106-C—FIELD INSPECTION FEES

VALUATION	FEE/INSPECTION TIME CREDIT
Over	Not More Than
\$0	\$10,000
\$10,000	\$50,000
\$50,000	\$500,000
\$500,000	

(((\$55.00)) \$64.00 ONE HOUR

(((\$110.00)) \$128.00 TWO HOURS

(((\$165.00)) \$192.00 THREE HOURS

(((\$275.00)) \$320.00 FIVE HOURS

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1 Section 2. Article 90 of the San Francisco Fire Code is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

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4 **ARTICLE 90-STANDARDS**

5 **9001.1.1 [for SF] Local Standards.** For buildings having floors used for human occupancy
6 located more than 75 feet (22 860mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle
7 access, U. B. C. Standard 9-1 is amended to include the following:

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9 The sprinkler system shall be connected to at least two risers on each floor. Hydraulic
10 calculations shall be based on the riser being out of service which results in the greatest
11 hydraulic demand.

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13 A Fire Department connection shall be located on each side of the building which fronts a
14 street. Four inlets shall be provided for each connection.

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16 **9001.1.2 [for SF] Local Standards.** For buildings 200 feet (76 200mm) or more in height
17 above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, U. B. C. Standard 9-1 is amended to
18 include the following:

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20 A minimum of two fire pumps shall be provided. Each pump shall provide at least the
21 minimum water supply required by NFPA 14. The drive for each pump (including power
22 sources, power supply lines, transformers, motors or engines, fuel supplies, and controllers)

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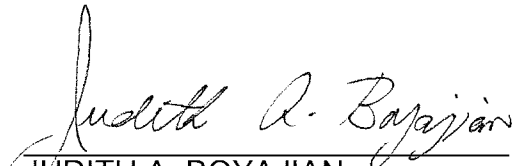
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1 shall be independent of the drive for the other pump. Each pump shall be capable of operating
2 on emergency power.

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Ordinance

File Number: 000574

Date Passed:

Ordinance amending Part II, Chapter IV of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Fire Code) by amending Section 106 to increase fees for services and by amending Article 90 to require fire pumps to be capable of operating on emergency power.

May 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Katz

June 5, 2000 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

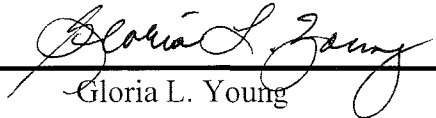
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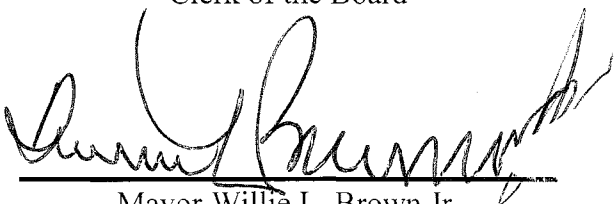
Absent: 2 - Becerril, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance
was **FINALLY PASSED** on June 5, 2000 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

JUN 16 2000
Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.