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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Budget and Finance Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

- Date:** June 24, 2015
- Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- Location:** Legislative Chamber, Room 250 located at City Hall,
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA
- Subject:** File No. 150569. Ordinance amending the Fire Code to increase the fees for certain Fire Department services; and making environmental findings.

If the legislation passes, the following Fire Department fees for certain services shall be increased:

1. Operational Permit Filing Fees. The filing fee for operational permits is set forth in Fire Code, Table 113-A. Inspections necessary for permit issuance that require more than two hours to complete shall be subject to an additional fee to be increased from \$115 to \$120 for each hour.
2. Plan Review Fees. Upon application for a permit for the erection of a new building or for alteration work for which plans are required by the Department of Building Inspection, the Central Permit Bureau shall charge and collect a fee to compensate the Fire Department for its costs of reviewing plans submitted with building permit applications for compliance with fire safety regulations. The fee shall be based on the valuation of the work as determined by the Department of Building Inspection. The fee for each permit is set in Fire Code, Table 113-B. The Fire Department shall assess a fee in the amount to be increased from \$115 to \$120 per hour to review revisions to any previously approved plans.
3. Field Inspection Fees. When the Fire Department determines a field inspection is required to verify that building construction is in compliance with fire safety regulations and the Fire Code, it shall notate the application accordingly to

provide notice to the Central Permit Bureau. The Central Permit Bureau shall collect the inspection fee due, before issuing a building permit. The fee for each permit is set in the Fire Code, Table 113-C. Initial field inspection fees will be charged for inspections of new fire alarm, sprinkler, and gaseous suppression systems per the notation in the Fire Code. After building permit issuance, when the fire code official notifies the applicant that additional inspection time is required over the amount of time set in Fire Code, Table 113-C, the applicant shall purchase additional inspection time before the inspector schedules additional inspections. The Fire Department shall collect a fee to be increased from \$115 to \$120 per hour for the cost of providing the inspection service.

4. Pre-application Plan Review. When an applicant wishes to discuss specific design issues or submit preliminary designs for review and comment by the Fire Department before the applicant submits a formal application for permit, the Fire Department shall assess a fee to be increased from \$230 to \$240. This fee provides the applicant with up to two hours for research and meeting with Fire Department personnel. When the time spent by the Fire Department exceeds two hours, the Department shall assess additional fees at the rate to be increased from \$115 to \$120 per hour.
 5. Re-inspection of Violation Fees. If the Fire Code Official issues a notice of violation under the Fire Code, the notice of violation may set a period of time that is reasonable to remedy the violation and the Fire Code Official may re-inspect the property to verify that the person responsible has made the required correction. The Fire Department shall collect a fee in the amount to be increased from \$230 to \$240 for re-inspections. If the time required for the re-inspection exceeds one hour, the Fire Department shall assess an additional fee at the rate to be increased from \$115 to \$120 per hour.
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 7. Referral Fees. If a government agency requests a preliminary site inspection or survey of a premise for compliance with the Fire Code or other regulatory codes enforced by the Fire Department, the Fire Department shall collect a service fee to be increased from \$115 to \$120 per hour for the on-site inspections and consultations. When the referral inspection is requested by another San Francisco agency, the requesting agency shall transfer the fee to the Fire Department through electronic transfer. The requesting agency shall pay the fee before scheduling the inspection or consultation. Fees referenced in the California Health and Safety Code take precedence over this fee.
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9. Fee-setting Procedure. The amount of the license fee for the Fire Department permits for the FY2015-2016 shall be as set forth in the Business and Tax Regulations Code, Section 75, et seq.
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 - Aviation Facilities, Aircraft Refueling Vehicle - increased from \$330 to \$345;
 - Battery System, Operation - increased from \$330 to \$345;
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- Waste Handling, Regulated Activities - increased from \$330 to \$345.

11. The following Plan Review Fees listed in Fire Code, Table 113-B, for the Fire Department to review plans submitted with building permit applications for compliance with fire safety regulations shall be increased as follows:

- For work valued between \$1 to \$2,000 the fee shall be increased from \$65.46 to \$68.31 for the first \$1,000 or less plus a fee to be increased from \$64.472 to \$67.2730 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000;
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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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