

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Fire Code - Fire Department Fee Amendment]

Ordinance amending the Fire Code to increase fees for certain Fire Department services; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Sections 113.2, 113.4, 113.5, 113.6, 113.7, 113.8, 113.9, 113.10, 113.12 and Tables 113-A, 113-B and 113-C of Appendix Chapter 1 of the San Francisco Fire Code specify fees for Operational Permit Filing, Fire Department inspections, violation re-inspection, pre-application, High-rise Inspection, referral, overtime, water flow, and plan review services.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would increase the fees for certain inspections and services performed by the Department, including the following: operational permit filing (Section 113.2 and Table 113-A), plan review services (Section 113.4 and Table 113-B), field inspections (Section 113.5 and Table 113-C); pre-application plan review services (Section 113.6); re-inspections to verify corrections of violations (Section 113.7); high-rise inspection fees (Section 113.8), referral fees (Section 113.9); overtime (Section 113.10) and water flow information reviews and testing (Section 113.12). In addition, beginning with the fees for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the legislation would allow the Controller's office to adjust these fees on an annual basis as necessary to ensure that over time, each fee produces sufficient revenue to support the cost of providing the services for which the fee is charged, and each fee will not produce revenue that exceeds the cost of providing such services.

Background Information

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

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