

**Sec. 9-53. - Fire safety fee schedule.**

- (a) When application for a building permit or a fire safety permit is approved and before a permit is issued, a fee for fire safety features shall be paid based upon the following schedule. Other fees, as referenced throughout this division, are also applicable before, during and after permit issuance.
- (1) *Plans examination.*
- a. Minimum fee (see exception below) .....\$110.86
  - b. Plans examination fee, per square foot includes all new construction, additions, alterations, remodeling, renovations, and similar type work requiring a permit (except single-family, duplex, townhouse and parking garages.) .....0.0625
  - c. Single-family structure (single-family dwelling, duplex, townhouse) .....48.13
  - d. Parking garages under fifty (50) feet in height fee, per square foot .....0.0065
  - e. Parking garages over fifty (50) feet in height fee, per squarefoot .....0.0175
  - f. Plans examination fee for early warning systems or devices, installed in existing structures and used for the reporting and/or detection of fire or its byproducts .....107.43
  - g. Exception to minimum fee household fire warning equipment as defined in NFPA 74, family living units, and those systems previously charged in subsection (a)(1)b., per unit .....9.45
  - h. If plans must be reexamined because of major changes or alterations, a reexamination fee equal to fifty (50) percent of the original examination fee shall be charged.
- (2) *New construction inspections.* Fire safety and fire extinguishing apparatus-inspection testing fees for new buildings, additions, alterations and repairs, modifications of occupancy and presale inspection and tests.
- a. Fire standpipe, per test:
    - 1. Minimum fee .....\$211.41
    - 2. Fee per residential unit or per one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area .....10.60
  - b. Fire sprinkler system, per test:
    - 1. Minimum fee .....271.64
    - 2. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area up to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet .....14.79
    - 3. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet .....10.60
  - c. Smoke control system testing and inspection, per square foot .....0.02000
  - d. Each automatic fire extinguisher system (excluding sprinkler systems) such as carbon dioxide, dry chemical, etc., per test:
    - 1. Minimum fee .....25.19
    - 2. Each ten (10) pounds of extinguishing agent .....16.79
    - 3. Halon, each ten (10) pounds of extinguishing agent .....10.60
  - e. Single-family structure (duplex, townhouse, single-family dwelling) .....54.14
  - f.

Early warning devices or systems installed in existing structures and used for the reporting and detection of fire or its byproducts (per test):

1. Minimum fee (see exception below) .....107.43
2. Fee per device .....2.16  
(Device smoke or heat detectors, manual pull stations, flow switches, tamper switches.)
3. Exception to minimum fee. Household fire warning equipment as defined in NFPA 74, Family living units, and those systems previously charged in subsection (a)(2), per unit .....9.45

g. Permit reinspection fee .....75.00

A permit reinspection fee will be assessed on all inspections after the first inspection.

*Reinspection.* All permit fees shall include initial required inspections. If an inspector, upon a requested inspection, finds the work does not conform to or comply with the approved plans or comply with the provisions of the state law, building code, or City Code of Ordinances, he or she shall provide a written notice indicating the corrections required. After corrections have been made, a reinspection fee shall be paid and a reinspection of work requested.

The payment for reinspection fees shall be made before any further permits will be issued to the person owing same. No further inspections will be made until all outstanding reinspection fees have been paid.

h. All other inspections required for a certificate of occupancy shall be charged at the periodic inspection rate, to be paid at time of permit issuance.

(3) *Periodic fire inspection fees (for existing occupancies, structures, or systems).*

a. Fire standpipe system, per test:

1. Minimum fee .....\$169.21
2. Fee per residential unit or one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in nonresidential occupancies .....8.48

b. Fire sprinkler system, excluding buildings with standpipe systems, per test:

1. Minimum fee .....217.31
2. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area up to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet .....11.83
3. Fee per each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet .....8.48

c. Occupancies:

1. Hotels, apartments, multiple dwelling units (three (3) units or more), regardless of the form of ownership, and boardinghouses renting furnished or unfurnished rooms or apartments: three (3) or more rooms, apartments or units, apartment or unit as shown on certificate of occupancy issued by city:  
Fifty (50) units or less and first fifty (50) units if entire building complex is more than fifty (50) units, fee per unit .....9.45  
If building complex has more than fifty (50) units, fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100) units, fee per unit .....7.31  
If building complex has more than one hundred (100) units, over one hundred (100) units, fee per unit .....3.88

2. Restaurants, cafes and public eating places where food is served in connection with or separate from other business. Capacity of:
  - One (1) to fifteen (15) persons, both inclusive .....67.14
  - Sixteen (16) to fifty (50) persons, both inclusive .....104.08
  - Fifty-one (51) to one hundred ninety-nine (199) persons, both inclusive .....144.35
  - Over one hundred ninety-nine (199) persons .....161.14
3. Assembly, educational, lodging or, mercantile and business occupancies, health care, detention and residential board and care occupancies:
  - Up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet .....63.79
  - Two thousand five hundred one (2,501) square feet to five thousand (5,000) square feet .....104.08
  - Each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet or part thereof .....7.39
4. Storage and industrial:
  - Up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet .....104.08
  - Two thousand five hundred one (2,501) square feet to five thousand (5,000) square feet .....147.69
  - Each additional one thousand (1,000) square feet or part thereof .....10.50
5. Parking garages:
  - a. Parking garage without any type of fire protection system (i.e., fire standpipe, fire sprinkler, dry standpipe or any combination) fee calculated, minimum plus square feet.
    - Minimum fee .....83.01
    - Per one thousand (1,000) square feet .....0.63
  - b. Parking garage with fire protection system i.e., fire standpipe, fire sprinkler, dry standpipe or any combination) fee calculated, minimum plus square feet.
    - Minimum fee .....371.76
    - Per one thousand (1,000) square feet .....0.74
6. All other occupancies which cannot be classified above, initial inspection .....83.91
7. Reinspection fee .....42.98
 

Reinspection fee will be assessed on all inspections after the first inspection.

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*Exemption:* All occupancies, structures or systems that are charged a periodic fire inspection fee under subparagraphs (a)(3) a., b. or c.1. and

c.2. will not be charged an additional fee under subparagraphs (a)(3)  
c.3., c.4. and c.5.

- (4) *Fumigation.*  
Single-family and duplex .....\$51.56  
Commercial and multifamily dwellings up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet .....68.75  
For each one thousand (1,000) square feet above two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet .....4.81  
Maximum fee shall not exceed .....171.88
- (5) *Miscellaneous inspections.* The performance of a required inspection at a special event and/or a required inspection that must take place outside of normal inspection hours and/or a required fire watch seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per inspector per hour (two-hour minimum)
- (b) After the initial periodic fire inspection, all occupancies, structures or systems requiring more than one (1) inspection per year, excluding reinspections, shall be charged fifty (50) percent of the initial inspection fee, but not less than forty-five dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$45.78).
- (c) Occupancy, structure and system classification shall be in accordance with the , current adopted edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code or any other fire prevention code adopted pursuant to Florida Statutes. Single-family and duplex occupancies are exempt from periodic fire inspections.
- (d) Properties annexed into the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be required to pay inspection fees provided herein after the first year following the date of annexation.

(Ord. No. C-10-30, § 1, 9-21-10; Ord. No. C-10-38, § 1, 11-2-10)