

Fee Schedule for Fire Permit Fees

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 **Reminder!** To submit an application for a Fire Permit, use [Form DS-506 "Fire Permit Worksheet"](#) .

I. Fees

The following fees are required to be paid prior to review unless otherwise indicated below. For your convenience, DSD offers online payments through [OpenDSD](#). Payment may also be made in person by cash, check, debit card, Visa or MasterCard credit cards. Checks shall be in the exact amount, drawn on US banks, and made payable to the "City Treasurer." Due to space constraints, we are unable to store submitted plans awaiting fee payment. *Please note that plan check fees and some administrative fees are non-refundable. See the Refund Policy noted within [Refund Application Form DS-721](#) for additional refund information.*

A. Plan Check Fees

Fee Tables 506A and 506B list the plan check fees. Plan Check fees are typically required to be paid at the time the project is submitted for plan review. This information is taken from the plans at the project submittal. The information is then verified during project review and updated as appropriate. Changes made during project review may result in additional Plan Check fees which may require payment prior to subsequent reviews.

B. Inspection Fees

Fee Tables 506 A and 506 B list the inspection fees which are due at the time of permit issuance.

II. Enhanced Optional Services

A. Express Plan Check Fees

When available, a reduced review period can be accomplished by paying an Express Plan Check Administrative Fee of \$740.28 plus 1.5 times the regular plan check fee (or 1.5 times the hourly rate, when applicable). Refer to [Information Bulletin 700](#) for additional information on the optional Express Plan Check Service

B. Enhanced Inspection Services

See [Information Bulletin 120, How to Obtain Project Inspections](#) .

III. Construction Changes

Changes to approved plans (after permit issuance) must be reviewed. A non-refundable plan check fee must be paid at the hourly rate (see "Hourly Rate for Services Not Covered Above") prior to issuance of the construction change. For process information, see [Information Bulletin 118, How to Process Changes to Approved Plans](#) .

Table 506A-Fire Permit Fees

Fee Type	Plan Check	Inspection
Fire Alarm-New High Rise Up to 11 Floors, Residential *	\$2,473.03 (Flat Fee)	\$529.71 per Floor
Fire Alarm-New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Residential *	\$3,179.30 (Flat Fee)	\$529.71 per Floor
Fire Alarm-New High Rise up to 11 Floors, Non-Residential*	\$2473.03 (Flat Fee)	\$529.71 per Floor
Fire Alarm-New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Non-Residential*	\$3,179.30 (Flat Fee)	\$529.71 per Floor
Fire Alarm -New (First 20 devices)	\$353.13	\$353.13
Fire Alarm-New (Additional 10 devices)	\$87.68	\$87.68
Fire Alarm-Alt. to Existing System (First 20 devices)	\$176.57	\$440.82
Fire Alarm-Alt. To Existing System (Each additional 10 devices)	\$87.68	\$87.68
Fire Alarm-Sprinkler Monitoring (Each Panel/System)	\$264.25	\$353.13
Fire Alarm Affidavit-Form DS-163 (First 4 Devices)	\$87.68	\$264.25
Fire Alarm Affidavit-Form DS-163 (Fee if more than 4 devices)		\$528.50
Fire Alarm-High Rise Panel Replacement (Per Floor)*	\$176.57	\$176.57
Fire Alarm -Panel Replacement (First 20 Devices)	\$176.57	\$299.54
Fire Alarm-Panel Replacement (Each Additional 10 Devices)	\$87.68	\$52.39
Kitchen Hood Suppression System	\$264.25	\$353.13
Special Suppression-Clean Agent, Foam, Dry Chemical, Gaseous (Up to 10 Devices)	\$882.84	\$529.71
Special Suppression (Each Additional 10 Devices)	\$706.27	\$529.71
Fire Sprinkler-New High Rise up to 11 Floors, Residential*	\$3,532.44 (Flat Fee)	\$706.27 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler-New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Residential*	\$4,593.05 (Flat Fee)	\$706.27 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler-New High Rise up to 11 Floors, Non-Residential*	\$2473.03 (Flat Fee)	\$882.84 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler- New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Non-Residential*	\$3,885.57 (Flat Fee)	\$882.84 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler-New Non-Residential/MDU (First 50 Sprinklers)	\$706.27	\$882.84
Fire Sprinkler-New Non-Residential/MDU (Each Additional 50 Sprinklers)	\$176.57	\$440.82
Fire Sprinkler-Alt. to Existing Non-Residential/MDU (First 50 Sprinklers)	\$353.13	\$617.38
Fire Sprinkler-Alt. to Existing Non-Residential/MDU (each Additional 50 Sprinklers)	\$353.13	\$353.13
Fire Sprinkler-New SDU, Duplex, Townhome (≤ 50 Sprinklers)	\$353.13	\$440.82
Fire Sprinkler-New SDU, Duplex, Townhome (> 50 Sprinklers)	\$617.38	\$706.27
Fire Sprinkler-Addition/Remodel of SDU, Duplex, Townhome	\$264.25	\$264.25
Fire Sprinkler Head Replacement (First 100 Sprinklers)	\$353.13	Utilize Fire Sprinkler -Alt. to Existing Fees
Fire Sprinkler Head Replacement (Each Additional 100 Sprinklers)	\$353.13	
Fire Sprinkler-Underground (First 200 Linear Feet)	\$264.25	\$264.25
Fire Sprinkler-Underground (Each Additional 200 Feet)	\$176.57	\$264.25
Fire Sprinkler Affidavit-Form DS-161, 0 Sprinklers Added/Altered	\$87.68	\$176.57
Fire Sprinkler Affidavit-Form DS-161, 1-20 Sprinklers Added/Altered	\$87.68	\$440.82
Fire Sprinkler-New Backflow Without Calculations	\$176.57	\$176.57
Fire Sprinkler-New Backflow, With Calculations	\$529.71	\$176.57
Standpipe System, No Sprinkler System (Up to 10 Outlets)	\$440.82	\$529.71
Standpipe System, No Sprinkler System (Each Additional 10 Outlets)	\$176.57	\$353.13

*High-Rise is any building with an occupied floor more than 75 feet above the lowest Fire Department Vehicle access level.

The fees listed in Table 506B below are in addition to those listed in Table 506A. They will be added to applicable projects during the plan review process.

Table 506B-Additional Fees

Fee Type	Plan Check	Inspection
Fire Alarm-Smoke Control for Non-High-Rise Buildings*	\$706.27	\$353.13
Fire Pump Only (Non-High Rise)*	\$882.84	\$793.95
Hourly Rate for Services Not Covered Above	\$176.84	\$176.84

*High-Rise is any building having an occupied floor more than 75 feet above the lowest level of Fire Department Vehicle access.

IV. References

- [Land Development Manual](#), Project Submittal Requirements
- [Affidavit for Fire Sprinkler Alterations or Tenant Improvements, DS-161](#) 
- [Affidavit for Fire Alarm Alterations or Tenant Improvements, DS-163](#) 
- Information Bulletin 124, [How to Obtain a Permit for Residential Fire Sprinklers](#)
- Information Bulletin 137, [How to Obtain a Permit for Fire Alarms](#) 
- Information Bulletin 139, [How to Obtain a Permit for Fire Sprinkler Systems](#)
- Information Bulletin 181, [How to Obtain a Permit for Private Underground Fire Service and Hydrants](#)
- Technical Bulletin Fire 9-2, [Requirements for Fire Alarm Control Panels](#) 

V. Previous Versions of this Information Bulletin

This section contains previous versions of this Information Bulletin by the last day they were effective.

- [2026-05-04|IB-506](#) 
- [2025-10-08|IB 506](#) 
- [2025-05-04|IB 506](#) 
- [2024-12-31 | IB 506](#) 
- [2024-06-30 | IB506](#) 



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