



FEE SCHEDULE  
**Fire Permit Fees**  
 City of San Diego  
 Development Services Department

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This Information Bulletin lists the fees collected by the City of San Diego for construction permits for fire protection systems, including fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, and kitchen hood suppression systems. For project submittal requirements, see the Information Bulletins titled "How to Obtain a Permit for..." noted in the "Documents Referenced in this Information Bulletin" section.

**I. FEES**

The following fees are required to be paid prior to review unless otherwise indicated below. For your convenience, DSD offers on-line 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 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 required to be paid at the time the project is submitted for plan review. This information is taken from the plans at 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. RECORDS FEE**

This fee is assessed for all projects at issuance to recover the cost of imaging and archiving the documents in Records.

Records Fee - No Plan Permits .....	\$21.71
Records Fee - Single Family/Duplex.....	\$48.84
Records Fee - Non-Residential/Multifamily:	
Without Calculations/Report.....	\$65.12
With Calculations/Reports.....	\$97.68

**C. INSPECTION FEE**

Fee Tables 506A and 506B 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 1.5 times regular plan check fee (or 1.5 times the hourly rate, when applicable).

**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. Records fees will also apply. 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*	\$2,539.17 (Flat Fee)	\$470.21 per Floor
Fire Alarm – New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Residential*	\$4,217.37 (Flat Fee)	\$470.21 per Floor
Fire Alarm - New High Rise Up to 11 Floors, Non-Residential*	\$2119.29 (Flat Fee)	\$470.21 per Floor
Fire Alarm – New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Non-Residential*	\$3,377.61 (Flat Fee)	\$470.21 per Floor
Fire Alarm – New (First 20 Devices)	\$335.11	\$495.38
Fire Alarm – New (Each Add'l 10 Devices)	\$72.85	\$62.25
Fire Alarm – Alt. to Existing System (First 20 Devices)	\$209.28	\$495.38
Fire Alarm – Alt. to Existing System (Each Add'l 10 Devices)	\$72.85	\$62.25
Fire Alarm – Sprinkler Monitoring (Each Panel/System)	\$147.02	\$341.74
Fire Alarm Affidavit – Form DS-163	\$63.58	\$249.02
Fire Alarm – High Rise Panel Replacement (Per Floor)*	\$209.28	\$249.02
Fire Alarm – Panel Replacement (First 20 Devices)	\$209.28	\$372.21
Fire Alarm – Panel Replacement (Each Add'l 10 Devices)	\$111.27	\$62.25
Kitchen Hood Suppression System	\$147.02	\$372.21
Special Suppression (Clean Agent, Foam, Dry Chem) (Up to 10 Devices)	\$1,070.24	\$495.38
Fire Sprinkler – New High Rise Up to 11 Floors, Residential*	\$3,271.64 (Flat Fee)	\$863.61 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler – New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Residential*	\$5,020.06 (Flat Fee)	\$863.61 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler - New High Rise Up to 11 Floors, Non-Residential*	\$2,772.29 (Flat Fee)	\$1,015.93 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler – New High Rise 12 or More Floors, Non-Residential*	\$4,021.35 (Flat Fee)	\$1,015.93 per Floor
Fire Sprinkler – New Non-Residential/Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) (First 50 Sprinklers)	\$712.61	\$1,027.85
Fire Sprinkler – New Non-Residential/MDU (Each Add'l 50 Sprinklers)	\$174.84	\$333.79
Fire Sprinkler – Alt. to Existing Non-Residential/MDU (First 50 Sprinklers)	\$462.27	\$638.43
Fire Sprinkler – Alt. to Existing Non-Residential/MDU (Each Add'l 50 Sprinklers)	\$250.34	\$320.54
Fire Sprinkler – New SDU, Duplex, Townhome (< 50 Sprinklers)	\$499.35	\$417.23
Fire Sprinkler – New SDU, Duplex, Townhome (≥50 Sprinklers)	\$998.72	\$833.15
Fire Sprinkler – Addition/Remodel of SDU, Duplex, Townhome	\$250.34	\$222.53
Fire Sprinkler – Underground (Each 200 Linear Feet)	\$174.84	\$305.96
Fire Sprinkler Affidavit – Form DS-161, 0 Sprinklers Added/Altered	\$74.19	\$158.94
Fire Sprinkler Affidavit – Form DS-161, 1-20 Sprinklers Added/Altered	\$74.19	\$499.35
Fire Sprinkler – New Backflow Without Calculations	\$211.93	\$165.57
Fire Sprinkler – New Backflow With Calculations	\$650.36	\$165.57
Standpipe System, No Sprinkler System (Up to 10 Outlets)	\$650.36	\$625.19
Standpipe System, No Sprinkler System (Each Add'l 10 Outlets)	\$188.09	\$361.61

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

**TABLE 506B – ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Type	Plan Check	Inspection
Fire Alarm – Smoke Control for Non-High Rise Buildings*	\$755.00	\$495.38
Fire Pump Only (Non-High Rise)*	\$1,148.39	\$917.92
Hourly Rate for Services Not Covered Above	\$283.46	\$222.54

\* High Rise buildings are defined as a building with an occupied floor more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

**Documents referenced in this Information Bulletin**

- [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](#)
- [Refund Application for Construction Permit, DS-721](#)
- [Information Bulletin 118, How to Process Changes to Approved Plans](#)
- [Information Bulletin 120, How to Obtain Project Inspections](#)
- [Information Bulletin 124, How to Obtain a Permit for Residential Fire Sprinklers](#)
- [Information Bulletin 137, How to Obtain a Permit for Fire Alarm Systems](#)
- [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](#)

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**FIRE PERMIT WORKSHEET (PER BUILDING)**

**1. Associated Building Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required when sprinkler or alarm plans are being submitted separately from building construction plans and are required to be submitted and inspected prior to final inspection of the associated building permit. Building Permit Number must be noted on the plans.)*

**2. Fire Permit Approval Type:**

- Alarm Systems *(Sprinkler monitoring, panel replacement, elevator recall, TIs & new install)*
- Kitchen Hood Suppression Systems *(New and replacement systems)*
- Suppression Systems *(Tenant Improvement and new sprinkler systems, sprinkler systems with underground, pre-action, special suppression, standpipes, backflow replacement)*
- Fire Sprinkler Underground Only:
  - Serves One Building & No Hydrants or  All Other Underground Systems
- Private Fire Hydrant Underground Only

**3. Are you applying using an affidavit in lieu of plans (Forms DS-161 or DS-163)?**

- Yes. Stop here.
- No. Please complete Number 4 and 5 below.

**4. Is the project for one of the following?**

- New High Rise Building or  One-Story Tenant Improvement/Alteration & No Calculations

**5. Fee Type Quantities:** Complete fee type quantities in the table below.

Fee Types	Qty	Units
<b>FIRE ALARM</b>		
Fire Alarm - New High Rise, Residential*		# of Floors
Fire Alarm - New High Rise, Non-Residential*		# of Floors
Fire Alarm – New Installation		# of Devices
Fire Alarm - Alteration to Existing System		# of Devices
Fire Alarm - Sprinkler Monitoring		# of Panels/Systems
Fire Alarm - High Rise Panel Replacement*		# of Floors
Fire Alarm - Panel Replacement		# of Devices
<b>FIRE SUPPRESSION</b>		
Kitchen Hood Suppression System		# of Systems
Special Suppression System (Clean Agent, Foam, Dry Chem., etc)		# of Devices
Fire Sprinkler - New High Rise, Residential*		# of Floors
Fire Sprinkler - New High Rise, Non-Residential*		# of Floors
Fire Sprinkler - New, Non-Residential/Multi-Dwelling Unit (MDU)		# of Sprinklers
Fire Sprinkler – Tenant Impr. to Existing Non-Residential/MDU		# of Sprinklers
Fire Sprinkler - New SDU, Duplex, Townhome		# of Sprinklers
Fire Sprinkler - Addition/Remodel of SDU, Duplex, Townhome		# of Dwelling Units
Fire Sprinkler – New Backflow without calculations		# of Backflows
Fire Sprinkler – New Backflow with calculations		# of Backflows
Fire Sprinkler - Underground Only		# of Linear Feet
Standpipe System, No Sprinkler System		# of Standpipe Outlets
<b>ADDITIONAL FEES</b>		
Fire Alarm - Smoke Control for Non-High Rise Buildings*		
Fire Pump Only (Non-High Rise)*		

\* High Rise is any building having an occupied floor more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.