



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES AND ACTUAL FEES AND ESTABLISHING STAND-BY FEES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC EVENTS AND REPEALING FIRE PREVENTION FEE ORDINANCE 2020-01

ARTICLE I. The North County Fire Protection District has incurred unreimbursed discretionary development costs and is anticipating that further new discretionary development will occur within the District which will place a greater demand on the existing staffing resources of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Also, escalating demands have been placed upon personnel in conducting increasingly numerous and complex inspections.

ARTICLE II. The North County Fire Protection District is charged with the responsibility of providing fire, rescue and emergency medical services pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, §1.11.2.

ARTICLE III. The North County Fire Protection District incurs additional costs in lost personnel hours and expended District resources when said services are of a recurrent nature and/or the result of discretionary development. The District charges fees to recover costs incurred for the provision of said services, however, said fees require periodic revision to reflect current personnel costs.

ARTICLE IV. The Fire Chief may impose a fee to cover the cost of any service which the District provides or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §§13916 and 14930; and Government Code §§ 25845 and 66014. The District may recover costs for violations of State and Local fire codes pursuant to the San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code §§ 104.12, 104.12.1, 105.3.9.

ARTICLE V. Fire Prevention Service Fees are based upon the actual costs incurred by the fire agency, which are based upon the total compensation of the employee(s) providing a particular service and include total personnel hours utilized for plan review, file review, database information entry, mapping updates, travel to and from the site, written response and site inspection.

ARTICLE VI. Stand-by fees are based upon the actual costs incurred by the fire agency, based upon the total compensation of the employee(s) providing a particular service and includes total personnel hours utilized for emergency stand-by services relating to fire, rescue and emergency medical services and enforcing applicable codes pertaining to fire and panic safety.

ARTICLE VII. The actual fee shall be paid by the applicant to the District at time of application, request for stand-by coverage or submittal to cover the actual costs in accordance with the aforementioned schedule for an inspection or plan review or any other services listed on the Fee Schedule.



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ARTICLE VIII. The actual cost for the provision of said services shall not exceed the actual cost incurred by the District.

ARTICLE IX. In the event fees are not paid at the time of application or upon request for additional fees, the District shall not be obligated to process, approve or take further action on renewable permits, installation, removal, activity or alteration permits, inspections, plan reviews or to provide other services necessitating a fee as delineated in the Fee Schedule.

ARTICLE X. The Board of Directors hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance or of the Fee Schedule referenced herein be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board that it would have adopted all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination there from of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

ARTICLE XI. The Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District does hereby approve the adoption of the attached Schedule of Services and Fees therefore to become effective **thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption**. This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

ARTICLE XII. Ordinance 2020-01 is hereby repealed and replaced by Ordinance 2023-01.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **23rd day of January 2024**, by the following **Roll Call Vote**:

AYES: Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Pike, and Shaw

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

Ross Pike, Board President

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ATTEST:

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **23rd day of January 2024**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **23rd day of January 2024**.



Mavis Canpinar
Board Clerk



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Effective February 22, 2024

PLAN REVIEW, CONSTRUCTION, and SERVICE FEES

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (Includes plan review & written response if applicable)		FEE DESCRIPTION	Aver. Rev. Insp. & Travel Time (in hrs.)	Current Total Fee
1	Service Letter for TPM/Minor Subdivision (5 Parcels or Less)	Review of access, water supply, clearance & fire code requirements for subdivisions. Includes standard condition letter.	2.25	\$ 613.00
2	Service Letter for TM/Major Subdivision (6 Parcels or More)	Review of access, water supply, clearance & fire code requirements for subdivisions.	2.75	\$ 750.00
3	TPM or Minor Subdivision Service Letter Renewal	Review of access, water supply, clearance & fire code requirements for subdivisions.	1.25	\$ 341.00
4	TM or Major Subdivision Service Letter Renewal	Review of access, water supply, clearance & fire code requirements for subdivisions.	1.75	\$ 477.00
5	Final Map/Mylar Review	Review of access, water supply, clearance & fire code requirements for subdivisions. Includes standard condition letter.	1.25	\$ 341.00
6	Release of Map Covenants	Site inspection and written confirmation of installation of covenanted improvements.	1.75	\$ 477.00
7	Cellular Sites	Review of access, water supply and fire code compliance.	2.25	\$ 620.00
8	Major Use Permit (P or MUP) or Site Plan (S or STP)	Review of plan for access, water supply, clearance and fire code requirements for a MUP or STP.	2.25	\$ 613.00
9	Fire Protection plans or Environmental Review: Mitigated Negative Declaration	Review & comment of project's fire impacts & proposed mitigation.	3.50	\$ 960.00
10	Fire Protection Plans TPM Letter Review (no mitigation)	Review and comment on project's fire impacts. Small project with no mitigating factors or findings.	2.00	\$ 545.00
11	Light Grading Plan	Review of access, building setback, and water supply requirements.	1.75	\$ 477.00
12	Administrative (AD), Variance (VAR), Vacation Review (VAC), or Zoning (ZAP)	Review of access, water supply and fire code compliance for zoning (ZAP), variance (VAR) and vacation (VAC) requests.	1.75	\$ 477.00
13	Improvement Plans Planned Residential Development (PRD)	Review of roadway, turnaround, building setback, access, and water supply requirements.	2.00	\$ 545.00
14	Remote Water Meter	Review of accessibility to parcel, water supply requirements, and future subdivision.	1.75	\$ 483.00
15	Site Plan Review (single occupancy)-Conceptual/Consultation	Conceptual review of site plan for access, water supply, clearance and fire code requirements for a single occupancy.	2.00	\$ 545.00
16	Code Appeal/Alternative Materials & Methods Request	Review of stipulated code conditions and proposed mitigation/compare to industry standards & mitigation strategies.	1.50	\$ 409.00

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18	Gate Plans	Review gate plans for code requirements and (1) inspection.	1.00	\$ 207.00
19	Grading Plan Submittal	Grading plan submittal.	1.75	\$ 483.00
20	Grading Plan Re-Submittal	Second grading plan submittal and all subsequent re-submittals.	0.50	\$ 136.00
21	New Residential Construction or Room Addition > 50% Remodel	Review of plans for fire & building code compliance for new residential construction and 1 field inspection each (site, rough & final).	3.25	\$ 659.00
22	Residential Plan Re-submittal - New or Remodel	Second residential plan submittal and all subsequent re-submittals/stamp transfer.	1.00	\$ 201.00
23	Residential Building Plans (PRD), Each Additional Unit	Review of site plan for fire & building code compliance for new construction and 1 field inspection each (rough & final).	2.25	\$ 458.00
24	Room addition or Tenant Improvement < 50% Remodel Without Sprinklers	Review of plans for fire & building code compliance for new construction and 1 field inspection each (site & final).	2.25	\$ 458.00
25	Barns and Outbuildings (Garages)	Review of plans for fire & building code compliance for new construction and 1 field inspection each (site & final).	2.75	\$ 558.00
26	Commercial Building Plans	Review of plans for fire & building code compliance for new commercial construction and 1 field inspection each (site & final).	4.50	\$ 1,029.00
27	Commercial TI > 2000 sq.ft. and/or >50% Major Improvements	Review of plans for remodels or additions to commercial buildings with major improvements or change of occupancy classification.	3.75	\$ 1,029.00
28	Commercial TI < 2000 sq. ft. Minor Improvements	Review of plans for commercial remodels w/ minor improvements. No change of occupancy classification.	2.25	\$ 620.00
29	Solar Commercial Plan Submittal	Review of plans for commercial solar photovoltaic systems.	2.25	\$ 613.00
30	Solar/Other <10KW	Review of required plan checks for misc. solar photovoltaic installations.	1.75	\$ 358.00
31	Commercial Plan Re-Submittal	Second plan submittal and all subsequent re-submittals.	2.00	\$ 545.00

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32	Residential Fire Sprinkler Plans - 13D or 13R	Plan review of residential fire sprinkler system 13-D one or two family dwelling and 1 field inspection each (rough & final).	2.25	\$ 458.00
33	Residential Fire Sprinkler Plans - PRD; Each Additional Unit	Plan review of residential fire sprinkler system 13-D one or two family dwelling and 1 field inspection each (rough & final).	1.75	\$ 358.00
34	Residential Fire Sprinkler Plan Re-Submittal	Second residential plan submittal and all subsequent re-submittals/stamp transfer.	0.75	\$ 150.00
35	Commercial Fire Sprinkler System	Plan approval of commercial sprinkler system and 1 field inspection each (rough & final). Plan review conducted by independent engineer at an additional cost.	4.25	\$ 1,165.00
36	Underground Sprinkler System Plans	Plan approval of underground supply to sprinkler system and 1 field inspection. Plan review conducted by independent engineer at an additional cost.	2.25	\$ 620.00
37	Underground Sprinkler System Additional Inspection - Main Line Flush or Underground Hydro	Additional inspection of underground sprinkler piping when hydro and flush are not concurrent.	1.25	\$ 347.00
38	Commercial Sprinkler Plan Re-Submittal	Second residential plan submittal and all subsequent re-submittals/stamp transfer.	1.00	\$ 273.00
39	Commercial Sprinkler Tenant Improvement	Plan review of new commercial sprinkler system and 1 field inspection each (rough & final).	2.25	\$ 620.00
40	Special Fire Protection Installations--Hood & Duct System, Remote Extinguishing Systems	Plan approval and 1 inspection of new special extinguishing system. Plan review conducted by independent engineer at an additional cost.	3.00	\$ 818.00
41	Special Hazard Installations--High Piled Storage, Underground/Aboveground Storage Tanks, Spray Booths, Industrial Ovens, Refrigeration Systems, etc.	Plan approval and 1 inspection of high piled storage, underground/aboveground tanks, spray booths, industrial ovens, refrigeration systems, etc. Plan review conducted by an independent engineer at an additional cost.	3.00	\$ 824.00
42	Fire Alarm System	Plan approval and 1 inspection of a fire alarm system. Plan review conducted by an independent engineer at an additional cost.	3.00	\$ 824.00
43	Fire Alarm System Pre-Wire Inspection	Site inspection of alarm system wiring installation and preliminary device location.	1.75	\$ 358.00
44	Stamp Transfer	Stamp transfer.	0.25	\$ 50.00

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45	Business License Inspection (SDSO, CCLB, or other outside agency)	Required inspection for special permit or license.	1.25	\$ 257.00
46	Pre-License Inspection/Consultation (Residential Care)		2.00	\$ 179.00
47	Non-Compliance Re-Inspection	Conduct inspection of existing property which remains non-compliant with codes (2nd and subsequent inspections).	1.75	\$ 376.00
48	Non-Compliance Weed Abatement Re-Inspection	Conduct legal noticing and re-inspections of a property which remains non-compliant after expiration of final notice to abate hazard.	2.50	\$ 527.00
49	Forced Weed Abatement Administrative Fee	Includes above, plus work order, description of work, contractor meetings, inspections, billing.	5.75	\$ 1,172.00
50	Annual Burn Permits		1.00	\$ 207.00
51	Special Event Permit Review	Review of large events including/medical /traffic plans.	1.25	\$ 251.00
52	Other Services Not Listed(Min 1 HR)	Misc. permits/ plan review not listed.	1.00	\$ 273.00
53	Event Staff: Fire Prevention (Min 1 hr.) per hour	Provide required fire and life safety inspections at events.	1.00	\$ 201.00
54	Apartment Inspection Small Complex 10 or Less	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 376.00
55	Apartment Inspection Med 11 to 50 Units	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	2.75	\$ 577.00
56	Apartment Inspection Large > 50 Units	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	3.25	\$ 677.00
57	Hotel/Motel/Lodging	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 376.00
58	Care Facility 7 to 20 Beds	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 376.00
59	Care Facility > 20	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	2.75	\$ 577.00
60	Large Child Care Facility	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 376.00
61	School Inspection E Occupancies - Mandated	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 376.00
62	*S* Occupancies - Mandated	State mandated inspection - Cost recovery	1.75	\$ 358.00
63	Ambulance Standby	Cost recovery per hour for event or other non emergency.	1.00	\$ 128.00
64	Battalion Chief Standby	Cost recovery per hour for event or other non emergency.	1.00	\$ 195.00
65	Brush Engine Standby	Cost recovery per hour for event or other non emergency.	1.00	\$ 429.00
66	Engine Standby	Cost recovery per hour for event or other non emergency.	1.00	\$ 429.00
67	Annexation Fees	Each Acre or Portion Thereof		\$ 1,000.00
	Annexation Fees	Each Dwelling parcel		\$ 500.00
	Annexation Fees	Each Commercial/Industrial Parcel		\$ 1,000.00
68	Cost Recovery Billing Fee (For those items marked with)			\$ 18.50