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ORDINANCE NO. M-4318

AN ORDINANCE relating to updating the fees in Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Section 17.08.130 to more accurately reflect staff time by increasing fire's fees by five percent in both 2021 and 2022 to cover administrative costs associated with administering the corresponding programs; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

WHEREAS, as reflected in SR - 163-20 , the Building and Fire Codes Commission and the Vancouver Fire Department have recommended certain amendments be made to Title 17 for the updating of the fees section to more accurately reflect staff time; and

WHEREAS, The City of Vancouver regulates building and fire administration with VMC Title 16 and Title 17; and

WHEREAS, Fire fees shall maintain cost recovery associated with fire and life safety inspections, fire plans review and new construction inspection functions; and

WHEREAS, A minor fee increase modification is proposed to Title 16 and 17 fee schedules in order to keep pace with program costs

WHEREAS, this ordinance is an exercise of the city of Vancouver's police and legislative authority derived from Wash. Const. art. XI, § 11 and is consistent with RCW 19.27 and WAC 51-54, and is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That portion of ordinance M-3660, as last amended by that part of section 4 of ordinance M - 4165, and codified as VMC 17.08.130, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. *Application/Plan review fee.* When submittal of documents are required, a plan review fee shall be paid at the time of submitting the submittal documents for plan review. The fee shall be as specified in Table V.

B. *Permit fee.* A permit shall not be valid until the permit and construction documents have been approved and the fees prescribed in this section have been paid. Amendment to a permit shall not be released until the additional fee, where applicable, has been paid.

C. *Determination of valuation.* The valuation used to determine permit and plan review fees shall be generated from national statistical averages as found in “Building Standards” or similar source for the type of construction and the type of occupancy.

1. The determination of value or valuation under any of the provisions of this code shall be made by the building official and/or fire marshal.

D. Generally, fees should be adopted at a level sufficient to cover costs or a substantial portion of the costs, associated with conducting review and inspections, issuing permits, and providing services, as set by city council. Consistent with the intent of this code section, the building official and fire marshal are authorized to make adjustments to categories of fees provided such adjusted fees do not exceed those adopted by this section.

E. *January 1st of each year.* Building and fire related permit and plan review fees shall be adjusted by an amount equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Seattle area as adopted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or a replacement index applicable to the city of Vancouver, but not less than zero percent. Each such newly adjusted fee shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar.

F. Building and Fire related permit and plan review fees shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that they accurately reflect the current cost of providing services.

G. The following tables contain all building and fire related fees:

7. Table VII. Fire Protection System Fees.

**Table VII. Fire Fees**

Effective January 1, 2021

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>Per Head or Device</b>
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No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
<b>FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Fire Pumps (each pump)</b>		
	a) Review	\$250.00 <u>\$262.50</u>	
	b) Inspection	<del>\$671.00</del> <u>\$704.55</u>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Stand Pipes (each stand pipe)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$93.00</del> <u>\$97.65</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$188.00 <u>\$197.40</u>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Underground Fire Service (each lateral)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$66.00</del> <u>\$69.30</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$188.00 <u>\$197.40</u>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Fire Sprinklers (each system)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$201.00</del> <u>\$211.05</u>	<del>\$2.01</del> <u>\$2.11</u>
	b) Inspection	<del>\$201.00</del> <u>\$211.05</u>	<del>\$3.33</del> <u>\$3.50</u>
B.	<b>Fire Sprinkler Tenant Improvements:</b>		
	<b>Category 1: Affidavit 1 to 10 heads:</b>		
	(Limited to arm-overs and drops with a head		

No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
	location diagram for inspection reference)		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$66.00</del> <u>\$69.30</u>	
	<b>Category 2: Affidavit 11 to 20 heads:</b>		
	(Limited to arm-overs and drops in a light hazard occupancy with a head location diagram for inspection reference)		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$141.75</u>	
	<b>Category 3: Fire sprinkler system alterations that involve only changing heads of the same performance characteristics and minor adjustments to drop lengths:</b>		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspections	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$141.75</u>	<del>\$2.01</del> <u>\$2.11</u>
	<b>Category 4: Fire sprinkler system alterations or additions that don't fall under Category 1, 2, or 3:</b>		
	(With full plans)		
	a) Review	<del>\$66.00</del> <u>\$69.30</u>	<del>\$0.65</del> <u>\$0.68</u>

No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
	b) Inspections	\$135.00 <u>\$141.75</u>	<del>\$2.01</del> <u>\$2.11</u>
C.	<b>Dry Pipe, Antifreeze, Pre-Action (each in addition to fire sprinkler system)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$93.00</del> <u>\$97.65</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$188.00 <u>\$197.40</u>	
5.	<b>Clean Agent System (CO2, FM-200, Inergen, etc.)</b>		
	a) Review	\$335.00 <u>\$351.75</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$470.00 <u>\$493.50</u>	
6.	<b>Commercial Cooking Hood and Duct Protection (per new system)</b>		
	a) Review	\$241.00 <u>\$253.05</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$162.00 <u>\$170.10</u>	
	<b>Commercial Cooking Hood and Duct Protection Minor Revisions</b>		
	(Permit not required if modification is limited to normal maintenance, replacing or reconfiguring		

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>Per Head or Device</b>
	heads and no increase in flow points used.) Applicant to notify fire marshal's office of location and extent of work.		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Fire Alarm Systems - Minor (additions, no new panel, up to 10 devices)</b>		
	Category 1: Affidavit 1 - 4 devices (limited to spot smoke or heat detectors, horn/strobes, strobes, horns, mini-horns, manual pull stations or one communication device)		
	a) Review	No Review Fees for Fire Alarms Minor per Ordinance	
	b) Inspections	<del>\$117.00</del> <u>\$122.85</u>	
	Category 2: Modifications of up to 10 devices not qualifying for affidavit (e.g., additions, no new panel)		
	a) Review	<del>\$66.00</del> <u>\$69.30</u>	<del>\$2.68</del> <u>\$2.81</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$141.75</u>	<del>\$6.73</del> <u>\$7.07</u>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Fire Alarm Systems - Major (new panel or 11+ devices, central station)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$201.00</del> <u>\$211.05</u>	<del>\$2.68</del> <u>\$2.81</u>

No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
	b) Inspection	<del>\$201.00</del> <u>\$211.05</u>	<del>\$6.73</del> <u>\$7.07</u>
<b>OTHER PERMITS</b>			
<b>9.</b>	<b>Underground Tank Demolition (each tank)</b>		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$23.00</del> <u>\$24.15</u>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Smoke Control Systems (up to 3 shafts)</b>		Each add'l shaft
	a) Review	<del>\$403.00</del> <u>\$423.15</u>	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$141.75</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$804.00</del> <u>\$844.20</u>	<del>\$268.00</del> <u>\$281.40</u>
	<b>Other Smoke Control (atriums, malls, others)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$403.00</del> <u>\$423.15</u>	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$141.75</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$804.00</del> <u>\$844.20</u>	<del>\$268.00</del> <u>\$281.40</u>
<b>TRIP FEES1</b>			
<b>11.</b>	<b>Trip Fee Assessment</b>	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>\$52.50</u>	

Effective January 1, 2022

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>Per Head or Device</b>
<b>FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Fire Pumps (each pump)</b>		
	a) Review	\$262.50 <u>\$275.63</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$704.55 <u>\$739.78</u>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Stand Pipes (each stand pipe)</b>		
	a) Review	\$97.65 <u>\$102.53</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$197.40 <u>\$207.27</u>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Underground Fire Service (each lateral)</b>		
	a) Review	\$69.30 <u>\$72.77</u>	
	b) Inspection	\$197.40 <u>\$207.27</u>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Fire Sprinklers (each system)</b>		
	a) Review	\$211.05 <u>\$221.60</u>	<del>\$2.11</del> <u>\$2.22</u>
	b) Inspection	\$211.05 <u>\$221.60</u>	<del>\$3.50</del> <u>\$3.68</u>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Fire Sprinkler Tenant Improvements:</b>		
	<b>Category 1: Affidavit 1 to 10 heads:</b>		



No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
	(Limited to arm-overs and drops with a head location diagram for inspection reference)		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$69.30</del> <u>\$72.77</u>	
	<b>Category 2: Affidavit 11 to 20 heads:</b>		
	(Limited to arm-overs and drops in a light hazard occupancy with a head location diagram for inspection reference)		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$141.75</del> <u>\$148.84</u>	
	<b>Category 3: Fire sprinkler system alterations that involve only changing heads of the same performance characteristics and minor adjustments to drop lengths:</b>		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspections	<del>\$141.75</del> <u>\$148.84</u>	<del>\$2.11</del> <u>\$2.22</u>
	<b>Category 4: Fire sprinkler system alterations or additions that don't fall under Category 1, 2, or 3:</b>		
	(With full plans)		

No.	Activity	Base Fee	Per Head or Device
	a) Review	<del>\$69.30</del> <u>\$72.77</u>	<del>\$0.68</del> <u>\$0.71</u>
	b) Inspections	\$141.75 <u>\$148.84</u>	<del>\$2.11</del> <u>\$2.22</u>
C.	<b>Dry Pipe, Antifreeze, Pre-Action (each in addition to fire sprinkler system)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$97.65</del> <u>\$102.53</u>	
	b) Inspection	<del>\$197.40</del> <u>\$207.27</u>	
5.	<b>Clean Agent System (CO2, FM-200, Inergen, etc.)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$351.75</del> <u>\$369.34</u>	
	b) Inspection	<del>\$493.50</del> <u>\$518.18</u>	
6.	<b>Commercial Cooking Hood and Duct Protection (per new system)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$253.05</del> <u>\$265.70</u>	
	b) Inspection	<del>\$170.10</del> <u>\$178.61</u>	
	<b>Commercial Cooking Hood and Duct Protection Minor Revisions</b>		

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	b) Inspection		
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	a) Review	No Review Fees for Fire Alarms Minor per Ordinance	
	b) Inspections	<del>\$122.85</del> <u>\$128.99</u>	
	Category 2: Modifications of up to 10 devices not qualifying for affidavit (e.g., additions, no new panel)		
	a) Review	<del>\$69.30</del> <u>\$72.77</u>	<del>\$2.81</del> <u>\$2.95</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$141.75</del> <u>\$148.84</u>	<del>\$7.07</del> <u>\$7.42</u>
8.	<b>Fire Alarm Systems - Major (new panel or 11+ devices, central station)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$211.05</del>	<del>\$2.81</del> <u>\$2.95</u>

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		<u>\$221.60</u>	
	b) Inspection	<del>\$211.05</del> <u>\$221.60</u>	<del>\$7.07</del> <u>\$7.42</u>
<b>OTHER PERMITS</b>			
<b>9.</b>	<b>Underground Tank Demolition (each tank)</b>		
	a) Review		
	b) Inspection	<del>\$24.15</del> <u>\$25.36</u>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Smoke Control Systems (up to 3 shafts)</b>		Each add'l shaft
	a) Review	<del>\$423.15</del> <u>\$444.31</u>	<del>\$141.75</del> <u>\$148.84</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$844.20</del> <u>\$886.41</u>	<del>\$281.40</del> <u>\$295.47</u>
	<b>Other Smoke Control (atriums, malls, others)</b>		
	a) Review	<del>\$423.15</del> <u>\$444.31</u>	<del>\$141.75</del> <u>\$148.84</u>
	b) Inspections	<del>\$844.20</del> <u>\$886.41</u>	<del>\$281.40</del> <u>\$295.47</u>
<b>TRIP FEES1</b>			
<b>11.</b>	<b>Trip Fee Assessment</b>	<del>\$52.50</del> <u>\$55.13</u>	

Section 2. Savings. Those ordinances or parts of ordinances which are amended or repealed by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any parts thereof to any person or circumstances and to this end the provisions of each clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this law are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2021.

Read first time: November 9, 2020

Ayes: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Read second time: November 16, 2020

PASSED by the following vote: 7-0

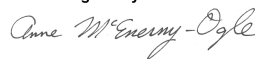
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Nays: None

Absent: None

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

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Jonathan Young, City Attorney

## SUMMARY

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request. Contact Raelyn McJilton, Records Officer at 487-8711, or via [www.cityofvancouver.us](http://www.cityofvancouver.us) (Go to City Government and Public Records).

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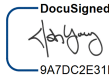
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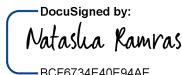
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