



# Evergreen Fire/Rescue

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## **Plan Review and Permit Fee Inspection Schedule**

Effective: April 13, 2022

**Fee Collection Intent:** Prevention Division fees are intended to be cost-effective for our customers while also compensating the District for a portion of time spent by the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Inspector to conduct plan review, fire inspections, and any other activities to achieve compliance as required by the adopted Fire Code to help ensure the safety of our Community. It is generally understood that work requiring fees is the responsibility of the property owner or applicant and is in addition to the services funded by general tax revenue. Fees are not imposed for the exclusive purpose of generating revenue.

5% of all fees and fines collected go to the Community Fund to provide assistance with life safety equipment that community members may not be able to afford otherwise.

Data suggests that fire prevention programs that include plan review, issue general and operational permits, conduct fire inspections, and have code enforcement measures in place, work in concert with the adopted Fire Code to establish minimum requirements that are consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises, and to provide a reasonable level of safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations (2018 IFC 101.3-Intent).

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### Plan Review and Permit Fee Inspection Schedule

| Type of Permit/Activity              | Fee                       | Definition  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Plan Review Submittal Fee            | \$100                     | Non-refundable fee is required upon submittal of plans. This fee will be taken off the final permit fee charge.   |
| Building Plan Review                 | \$535                     | <b>0-5,000 square feet</b> -new construction, tenant improvement, and remodel   |
|                                      | \$535 +<br>0.04 /sq. ft.  | <b>Over 5,000 square feet</b>   |
| Site Plan Review                     | \$200                     | Preliminary and Final site plan review for fire access, fire hydrants and all letters required by county  |
| Will Serve Letter                    | \$50                      | Will Serve Letter for county permits or insurance purposes, does NOT include on/off-site access review.   |
| Will Serve Letter with Access Review | \$175                     | Covers review of on and off-site access, site visits, and letter(s).  |
| Fire Sprinkler and Alarm             | \$200 +<br>0.06/sq. ft.   | <b>0-50,000 square feet</b> -New and or modifications to one of the following: fire sprinkler system (13, 13R, 13D) and fire alarm.   |
|                                      | \$2500 +<br>0.03/ sq. ft. | <b>Over 50,000 square feet</b>  |
| Additional Systems                   | \$200                     | New and/or modifications to any fire protection or life safety system not otherwise listed, i.e. cistern, kitchen hood suppression, underground fire line, BDA etc.                 |
| Temporary Structures                 | \$120                     | This fee if required to obtain a construction permit to construct a temporary structure (tent, canopy, or temporary membrane structure) with an area of 200 square feet or greater. |
| Other                                | \$200                     | Any permit required by Section 105 of the 2018 IFC not otherwise listed.  |
| Hourly Rate                          | \$75/hour                 | This fee is necessitated by revisions or incomplete submittals, accelerated project reviews and/or inspections outside of business hours (8:00-4:30, M-F.)                          |

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| Work without Permit or Approval  | \$650                         | This inspection fee is to be assessed whenever any work for which a permit is required by the fire department has been commenced without first obtaining a permit. NOTE: Review of plans will be 1.5 times the basic review cost plus the amount to the left. |
| Removal of a Stop Work Order   | \$650                         | This inspection fee is to remove a "Stop Work Order" issued by the fire department and will be paid after the inspection and be paid prior to lifting of the "Stop Work Order."   |
| Continuing Work after a Stop Work Order  | \$150/day                     | This inspection fee is to be assessed anytime a "Stop Work Order" has been placed and work and/or use of systems or appliance continues prior to removal of the "Stop Work Order."  |
| Fire Protection System Out-of-Service  | \$150/day                     | This inspection fee is to be assessed anytime a fire protection or life safety system is out-of-service for more than 24 hours or without the necessary Fire Watch.   |
| Fire Code Violation without Compliance   | \$150/day                     | This inspection fee is to be assessed when the responsible party fails to correct a Fire Code Violation that creates a fire and/or life safety hazard.  |
| Interference with a Firefighter, Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator or EMS personnel. | Determined by Law Enforcement | Obstructing a firefighter, emergency medical service provider, rescue specialist, or volunteer is a class 2 misdemeanor per CRS Title 18, Criminal Code 18-8-104.   |

**Note:**

1. This Fee Schedule is approved by the Board of Directors per CRS 32-1-1002(1)(e)(II) and (III)
2. The Fire Marshal is authorized to make interpretations and clarification changes to the fee descriptions.
3. The Fire Marshal is authorized to collect inspection fee for construction permits and for other items set forth in this schedule.
4. All fees may be required to be collected at the time of submittal at the discretion of the Fire Marshal or the reviewer.
5. All fees are to be collected from contractor when the contractor cancels a permit or when the plans are reviewed without, permit being issued.
6. All fees to be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
7. Returned (bounced) checks shall be charged a fee of \$35.00 per occurrence.



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## Inspection Fee Schedule for Excessive False Alarms

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This section establishes fees for excessive and unnecessary false fire and emergency alarms. These types of alarms unnecessarily endanger firefighters and citizens during a response.

### Section 1 - Definitions:

The following definitions shall apply to this resolution:

1. Category I Alarms: Any alarm requiring a fire department response where the system operated properly under the following conditions:
  - a. Accidental: Any alarms caused by the following:
    - i. A guest or circumstances beyond the control of management
    - ii. An accidental smoke or fire condition
2. Category II Alarms: Any alarm requiring a fire department response under the following conditions:
  - a. System malfunction: Any alarm caused by poor or improper maintenance, improper installation of alarm equipment, poor placement of emergency activation buttons, hardware, or wiring. An improper action by the alarm monitoring center shall also be considered a system malfunction.
  - b. User error: The act or omission of an agent, employee, or contractor of management.
  - c. Undetermined cause: Any alarm which after investigation by the fire department does not reveal the apparent cause of the alarm. If the alarm system owner, or their agent, can provide proof of cause within two (2) working days from the alarm time, the fire department may re-evaluate the assessment.

\*\*\*Category I alarms shall not be assessed a fee.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Category II alarms shall be termed nuisance and will be assessed a fee as outlined in Table 1. \*\*\*

3. Malicious Alarms: Any alarm caused by a malicious or mischievous action.
  - a. These alarms are unlawful. The individual responsible for a malicious alarm(s) may be subject to criminal action as defined in the Colorado Revised Statutes and be responsible for the cost of the response to the alarm.



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### Section 2- Fee Schedule for Excessive Alarms

- 2.1 **Existing Occupancies:** Any fire alarm system found to have three or more Category II alarms, as defined in this resolution, in a calendar year, or a three-month span, shall be considered in violation of this resolution. An excess alarm fee shall be charged to the owner of that fire alarm system.
- 2.2 **Fire Alarm Monitoring or Fire Protection Maintenance Companies:** Any fire alarm monitoring or fire protection maintenance companies found to have three or more Category II alarms at any combination of properties, as defined in this resolution, in a calendar year shall be considered in violation of this resolution. An excess alarm fee shall be charged to the fire alarm installation/testing company, fire alarm monitoring company, or fire protection maintenance company depending upon which is found to be the cause of the false alarm. If designation of cause cannot be distinguished between companies, the owner of the property found to be in violation shall be charged the appropriate fees.
- 2.3 **New Construction:** Any new construction site found to have three or more Category II alarms, as defined in this resolution, shall be considered in violation of this resolution. An excess alarm fee shall be charged to the owner of said property.

### The excess fees shall be assessed as follows:

The third Category II alarm in violation of Section 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3 in any calendar year will be assessed a fee of \$200.00. The fee will progressively increase by an additional \$100.00 for each violation with no fee limit. See Table 1 for details.

Table 1: Excessive Alarm Fees

| Number of Alarms | In Violation of Section 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3         | Malicious |
|------------------|--|-----------|
| 1                | \$0.00   | \$100.00  |
| 2                | \$0.00   | \$200.00  |
| 3                | \$200.00   | \$300.00  |
| 4                | \$300.00   | \$400.00  |
| 5                | \$400.00   | \$500.00  |
| 6+               | Increase by \$100 for each additional activation |           |

**Section 3 - Failure to Pay Fees:**

Failure of any fees to be paid by contracted companies or general contractors shall be charged to the owner of the system in violation of this resolution. Owners of alarm systems more than ninety days in arrears for all excess emergency alarm inspection fees, due under this resolution, shall have a perpetual lien placed against the property pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, §32-1-1001(j). The owner shall be responsible to reimburse the Evergreen Fire Protection District for all reasonable legal fees incurred in collecting such fees.

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