



To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Schwartz, Fire Chief
Date: November 25, 2020
Subject: Setting Fees for Cost Recovery for Fire & Life Safety Activities

Background

In 1997 the District adopted Ordinance 97-1 Establishing Fire District Fee Schedule. The Board of Directors adopted this ordinance to shift the financial burden from the general public for certain Fire & Life Safety Activities including, but not limited to, providing reports, pyrotechnics, state-mandated inspections, new construction, etc.

In 2015, the District adopted Ordinance 15-1 Setting Fees for Cost Recovery of Fire & Life Safety Activities.

In 2018, the District adopted Ordinance 18-1 Setting Fees for Cost Recovery of Fire & Life Safety Activities.

In 2019, the District adopted Ordinance 19-1 Setting Fees for Cost Recovery of Fire & Life Safety Activities.

Fire prevention activities are some of the most cost-effective activities the District is involved in. When fires and other life-threatening incidents can be prevented from occurring, there is a significant savings to the community for direct and indirect costs.

The fees are established in order to obtain cost recovery for those activities outlined within the Fire Code. Per the Health & Safety Code, they do not exceed our actual costs. District staff annually reviews these fees to ensure the amount charged is equal to the amount required to perform the work.

We are presenting Ordinance 21-1 to add a service fee to account for credit card transactions, add additional services, and adjust some of the amounts based on the time required to complete these services.

Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce the ordinance, read the title, and then waive a full reading of Ordinance 21-1. A public hearing and vote will occur at the January 20, 2021 meeting.

MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



ORDINANCE
of the Board of Directors

No: 21-1

**Ordinance Setting Fees for Cost Recovery of
Fire & Life Safety Activities**

WHEREAS, Meeks Bay Fire Protection District is a Fire Protection District duly organized and existing under the Fire Protection District Law of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by the provisions of California Health & Safety Code Section 13869 to adopt and enforce ordinances relating to the prevention of fire within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by the provisions of Health & Safety Code Section 13916 to charge a fee to cover the cost of any service which the District provides or the cost of enforcing any regulation for the fee is charged; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District has determined that it is necessary to provide plan review and inspections for various activities regulated under the California Fire Code, California State Fire Marshal regulations, El Dorado County Fire Code, and Meeks Bay Fire Prevention Code within the legal boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District passed and adopted Meeks Bay Ordinance 19-1 on April 27, 2019, which adopted a cost recovery fee schedule for certain activities related to fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District has determined to adopt new cost recovery fees, revise existing cost recovery fees, adopt a revised cost recovery fee schedule for certain activities related to fire prevention as a matter of policy, and to provide for the District's ability to be able to revise cost recovery fees and the fee schedule in the future through the adoption of a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District that:

1. The fees set forth in the Schedule of Cost Recovery Fees services, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted as the fees to be charged for those listed activities by the District.

2. The Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's designee, shall have the authority to waive any Cost Recovery Fee, in full or in part, upon application of an affected party and showing of special, mitigating circumstances. The Fire Chief's decision on application for a waiver may be appealed to the Board of Directors at their next regularly scheduled meeting following the decision.
3. The fees set forth in the Schedule of Cost Recovery Fees, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", may be revised by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.
4. This Ordinance accordingly is adopted at the January 20, 2021, meeting, with the new rates to be effective March 1, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SAID BOARD, HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF January, 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF SAID BOARD:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: Edward I. Miller

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DATE THEREIN SET FORTH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: Shawn R. Crawford

Exhibit "A"



FIRE & LIFE SAFETY COST RECOVERY SCHEDULE
 PO Box 5879 / 222 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City, CA 96145
 (530) 583-6911 / Fax (530) 583-6909 /

plans@ntfire.net

Hourly Rate \$140.00

Pending Approval-

3.5% Service Fee for Credit Card Transactions

Fee Code	Service	Fee
LAR	Landscape/Access and Pre-TRPA Residential Plan Review	Hourly Rate
LAC	Landscape/Access and Pre-TRPA Commercial Plan Review	\$280.00
DRC	Design Review Consultation Residential Plan Review	Hourly Rate
DRC.2	Design Review Consultation Commercial Plan Review	\$280.00
GEN	Generator Installation Plan Review and Inspection	\$280.00
SOL	Solar Panel or Solar Ground Mount Plan Review and Inspection	\$280.00
HFT	Hydrant Flow Test - Private Hydrants Only (per hydrant)	\$280.00
TIP	Tenant Improvement Commercial Plan Review	\$280.00
CEL	Cell Tower or Cell Site Plan Review	Hourly Rate
DMO	Commercial Demo Plan Review	Hourly Rate
PDM	Pre-Development Meeting with NTFPD staff	Hourly Rate
PRE	Request Staff Participation/Review in Building Department Pre-Development Meeting	\$280.00
DFL	Meeks Bay Fire Developer Fees: New Construction (per structure) or Additions >1000 sq. ft.	\$500.00
DFS	Meeks Bay Fire Developer Fees: Additions <1000 sq. ft.	\$250.00
SPR	Sprinkler Plan Review Residential with Underground, Rough and Final Inspection NEW 1 to 99 Sprinklers	\$700.00
SPA	Sprinkler Plan Review Commercial with Underground, Rough and Final Inspection - NEW, 1 to 99 Sprinklers	\$770.00
SPB	Sprinkler Plan Review Commercial with Rough and Final Inspection - NEW, 100 to 199 Sprinklers Plus # of Risers > 1 _____ x 1 hr Floors >1 _____ x 1 hour	\$1,120.00
SPC	Sprinkler Plan Review Commercial with Underground, Rough and Final Inspection - NEW, > 199 Sprinklers Plus # of Sprinklers _____ x \$0.50 # of Risers > 1 _____ x 1 hr # Floors >1 _____ x 1 hr	\$1,470.00
STP	Sprinkler Plan Review (Tenant Improvement) with Rough and Final Inspection on Existing System with 5 to 50 Sprinklers	\$280.00
STT	Sprinkler Plan Review (Tenant Improvement) with Rough and Final Inspection on Existing System with > 50 Sprinklers	\$420.00
FAL	Fire Alarm System Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection Plus # devices _____ x \$2	\$385.00
SDP	Standpipe Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection	\$630.00
PBP	Paint or Spray Booth Plan Review and Inspection	\$385.00

Exhibit "A"

UGS	Underground Fire Systems with Inspection - Plus per riser/hydrant >1 _____ x 1/4 hour	\$350.00
CAS	Clean Agent Suppression System (Spray Booth/Industrial Dry Chemical Systems) with Rough and Final Inspection	\$525.00
HDP	Hood & Duct System Plan Review and Final Inspection (per system)	\$315.00
ULP	UL-300 Suppression System Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection	\$420.00
LPG	Propane Tank Installation Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection - Residential	\$280.00
UGT	Underground Propane Tank Installation Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection- Residential	\$350.00
AGT	Aboveground Propane Tank Installation Plan Review with Rough and Final Inspection - Commercial	\$350.00
GDT	NEW Gas/Diesel Tank Installation Plan Review with Rough and Final	\$350.00
TNT	Tents, Canopies, Temporary Structure Plan Review and Inspection for Permit - If >1 Plus # of Tents/Structures _____ x \$70	\$280.00
FWK	Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) - Plan Review, Inspections, and Safety Officer Standby	\$1,120.00
HHH	Halloween Haunted House Plan Review and Inspection	Hourly Rate
CCF	Carnivals, Concerts, Circus, Fairs - Basic Plan Review and Inspection Plus # of Booth(s) _____ x \$6.00	\$420.00
FWS	Fire Watch - Safety Officer	Hourly Rate
FSO	Film Safety Officer	Hourly Rate
RIF	Re-Inspection Fee: Charged when project is not complete or cannot be approved during regular inspection	Hourly Rate
DSI	Defensible Space Inspection	Hourly Rate
TRP	Tree Removal Permit	Hourly Rate
PBL	Business License Fire and Life Safety Inspection for County Sign-off	Hourly Rate
ASB	Annual Fire and Life Safety Business Inspections	Hourly Rate
PRI.1	Pre-Inspections Care Facilities/Day Cares < 26	\$280.00
PRI.2	Pre-Inspections Care Facilities/Day Cares > 26	\$385.00
FTK	Food Truck Inspection	\$70.00
SMI	State Mandated Fire & Life Safety Inspection	\$280.00
WSL	Will Serve Letter Processing Fee	Hourly Rate
FIS	Fire Investigations	\$280.00
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	Hourly Rate
REP.1	Report Request: \$0.50 per page/copy (# of copies _____)	\$0.50
REP.2	Report Request: \$15 per flash drive	\$15.00
PTG	Postage (Priority Shipping) Fees may vary depending on package. Min. \$25 cost recovery fee for postage and staff time	\$25.00
OSN	Other services not covered above (Miscellaneous)	Hourly Rate