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# Santa Barbara County

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **01 BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD), through the Office of the Fire Marshal, is responsible for protecting life, property, and the environment through fire prevention, planning and engineering review, inspections, investigations, code enforcement, training, and public education. These services ensure that development projects, commercial operations, residential occupancies, and specialized activities comply with adopted fire and life safety codes.

As more fiscal limitations are imposed on local government, user fees have become an important source of revenue. A user fee is a payment made by an individual or private party for a service that primarily benefits the individual or private party. Public agencies can impose a user fee for a service when 1) the individual or private party's decision to use the service is voluntary, and 2) the fee charged to an individual or private party user is reasonably related to the level of service rendered and the cost of providing that service.

The land development, sprinkler and alarm, and construction permit fees were last comprehensively reviewed in 2006 and 2016. Occupancy, operational, and miscellaneous fees have not been updated since 2009. Since the last update, additional staff, Safety and civilian, with associated expenses, have been added to address inspection workload and complexity. Those updates resulted in additional staffing costs, operating expenses, in addition to regulatory requirements, and service delivery responsibilities, have increased costs substantially for SBCFD. The department engaged Government Consulting Partners, Inc. (GCP) to conduct a comprehensive user fee study so that it could align its fees for service to the cost of providing these services.

### **LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR USER FEES**

User fees in California are required to conform to the statutory requirements of the California Constitution, Proposition 218 (1996), and the California Code of Regulations, including Government Code 66000 et seq. By law, user fees may not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the services for which they are levied, unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the electorate. Proposition 218 ensures user fees are fair, transparent, and directly connected to the actual cost of the service provided.

### **STUDY OBJECTIVES**

The user fee study was performed under the general direction of the department's Fire Marshal-Division Chief, Fire Battalion Chief, Fire Captain - Investigation Services, Fire Captain - Planning and

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Engineering, and the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer. GCP's primary objective in this study was to:

- Align fees to the cost of the services being provided.
- Identify fees that should be added to the fee schedule.
- Analyze all costs and determine whether they are being appropriately recovered.
- Enhance fee transparency.

The purpose of this user fee study is to evaluate the estimated reasonable cost of providing services to the SBCFD customers and recommend adjustments to existing fees needed to maintain fiscal sustainability. This report advocates the development of a fee structure that is transparent and compliant with applicable legal requirements, while promoting sound fiscal policy and responsible cost recovery practices.

This report presents GCP's comprehensive review of SBCFD user fees with the goal of aligning fee structures and amounts with Board priorities and fiscal policy. The County's priorities and objectives for this project include the following components:

- Restructure fees as necessary in order to better align with the services being provided
- Calculate the full cost of each service
- Propose appropriate fee levels for individual services based on cost analysis and other relevant factors
- Provide recommendations for cost recovery approaches and fee setting best practices, with consideration for the unique operational demands of the department.

The proposed fee schedule adds new fee categories, eliminates others, and modifies certain categories to either increase user-friendliness or better reflect how services are provided by the department.

The overall goal of this report is to present the study's findings in a concise, focused format that allows the County's decision-makers to make informed pricing decisions.

## **02 Approach & Methodology**

Upon project commencement GCP met with the Fire Marshal-Division Chief, Fire Battalion Chief, Fire Captain - Investigation Services, Fire Captain - Planning and Engineering, and the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer to better understand the goals and priorities for the new fee schedule. A workplan was then developed to ensure that the proposed fee schedule resulting from the study reflected those priorities.

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## FEE SCHEDULE STRUCTURE REVIEW PROCESS

A key component of the workplan for the SBCFD fees included evaluating the existing fee structure and modifying it where necessary so that it aligns with the services being provided. Every proposed change either streamlines the fee calculation process, aligns with the County's Fire Code, improves customer experience, or otherwise furthers the department's objectives for the fee schedule.

As part of the restructuring process several factors were considered including:

- **Reflect Modern Structure** - Over time, best-practice fee structures evolve as industries change and as customers demand and expectations shift.
- **Transparent** - Restructuring the fee schedule enhances transparency by clearly linking each fee to its corresponding service, making it easier for users to understand the cost structure and review the process behind it.
- **Aligns with the Services Provided** - Overtime, the services provided by SBCFD may change and fees may need to be removed, added or modified on the fee schedule so that they align with the work being performed.

## METHODOLOGY

Fees in this study were calculated via a per-unit analysis approach. Also called a "bottom-up" approach, this method analyzes the direct staff time required to deliver one unit of service. Fully burdened rates are then applied to reflect services and supplies, administrative costs and overhead required to deliver each service, resulting in a detailed per-unit cost assessment.

The per-unit methodology includes the following five steps to build the individual per unit costs:

1. Define the fees to be analyzed
2. Time spent on the fee-related service
3. Develop fully burdened hourly rate
4. Compare total costs to the current fee schedule
5. Annual revenue projections

### 1. Define the fees to be analyzed

GCP worked with staff to identify any fee structure changes, new fees or fee removals in order to establish a list of the fees to be analyzed.

### 2. Time spent on the fee-related service

Once all fee structure decisions were finalized, the County's subject matter experts provided average reasonable time estimates for the various fee types.

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### 3. Develop fully burdened hourly rates (FBHR)

The current hourly rates for SBCFD have not been kept pace with growing inflation and changes in labor and supply costs thus creating a large gap between the fees and the cost of services being provided. One of the contributing factors for this is that SBCFD added an additional section within the Fire Prevention Division.

Establishing FBHR is essential to any user fee study engagement because they lay the foundation to calculating the true cost of providing services. FBHR can be used to determine how much it costs to deliver any labor-based service. Reliable FBHR ensure the study's findings and recommendations and resulting fee schedules are based on real, defensible costs. This promotes both financial sustainability and transparency.

**Step A - Calculate Annual Cost of Direct Staff:** The FBHR calculation process incorporated data from the following sources:

- **Staffing costs** were calculated using the County's budgeted compensation data, including salaries and benefits, for employees with the SBCFD Fire Prevention division.
- **Operating costs** directly associated with service delivery—such as materials and supplies were incorporated into the fully burdened rate to ensure a comprehensive reflection of total service costs.
- **Overhead costs** from the Fire Prevention division's indirect costs and the departmental indirect cost rate (ICRP) were applied to the direct salary and benefit expenses to calculate the fully burdened hourly rates.
  - *Division overhead:* Division overhead includes indirect costs such as labor services and supply costs from program formerly 6010 Prevention Administration, now updated to program number 6020, that is not included in the department ICRP and other service and supply costs from program 6022 Inspection Services, 6023 Planning and Engineering and 6024 Vegetation Management.
  - *Department ICRP overhead:* Department ICRP overhead includes indirect costs from the department and the County's central services, such as the County Executive, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Procurement, that are allocated to the department through the county's cost allocation plan.

**Step B - Identify Annual Available Work Hours per FTE:** Available work hours become the denominator in the rate. Conceptually, the idea is to reflect the average number of hours in a year that an FTE is typically available to deliver services. By including only available work hours

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in the denominator, instead of the traditional 2,080, the rates are “fully burdened” sufficient to recover the full annual cost of one FTE, assuming normal service demand levels.

Since the division has both sworn safety members and civilian staff, two different average available hours were calculated and then a weighted average was determined. The average available hours accounts for the reduction of the average holiday, sick, and vacation hours, but sworn safety members also include the average annual training hours. The chart below shows the average productive hours used:

- Sworn Safety Members: 1,725 hours
- Civilian: 1,780 hours

| Division   | Total Productive Hours | Total Direct Staff | Avg. Productive Hours |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Inspection Services/Oil and Gas / Investigations Unit (Enforcement Duties) | 12,240                 | 7                  | 1749                  |
| Planning and Engineering   | 12,295                 | 7                  | 1756                  |
| Vegetation Management*   | 8,735                  | 5                  | 1747                  |
| <b>Avg. Productive Hours</b>   | <b>33,270</b>          | <b>19</b>          | <b>1751</b>           |

*\* Does not include extra help or part time staff*

Table 1 Average Productive Hours Available

### FBHR Calculation:

The FBHR was calculated by adding line-staff salaries and benefits, divisional administrative costs and operating expenditures, incorporating the department ICRP that was then divided by the annual available/direct hours per year to produce an hourly rate that reflects the total cost required to deliver the Fire Prevention services. The breakdown for this calculation is presented in Table 2 below.

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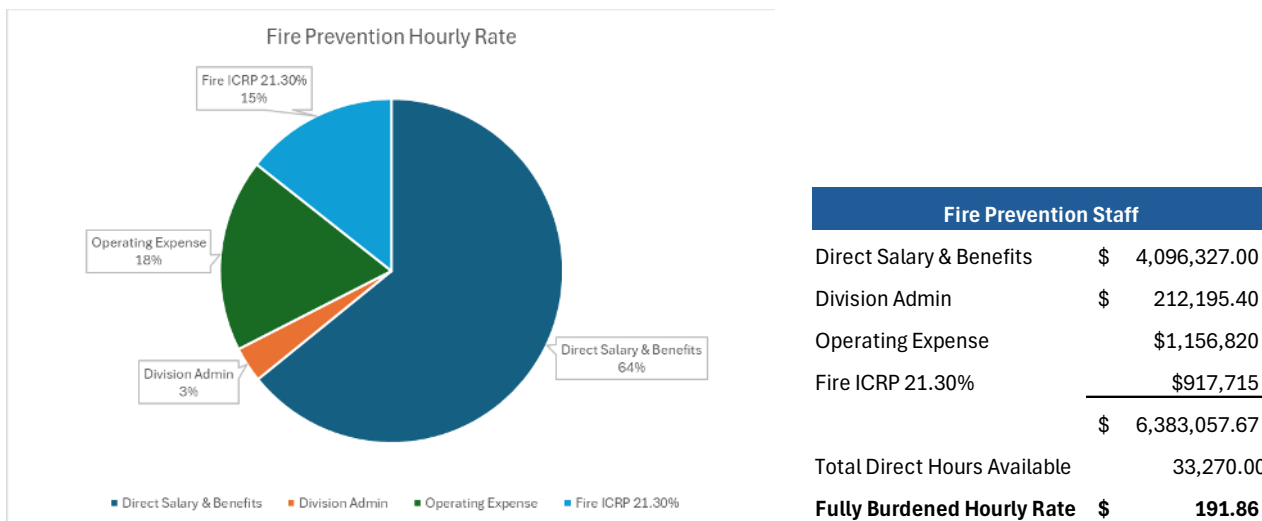


Table 2 Fully Burdened Hourly Rate

#### 4. Compare total costs to the current fee schedule

Once the fully burdened hourly rate is applied to the time estimates, this creates the “total cost” per unit for fixed fees and an hourly rate to be charged for the per hour fees. GCP compared the total cost for each fixed fee-related service to the fee currently charged.

If the current cost recovery for a particular service is under 100%, this implies the fee does not cover the cost of providing the service and should be increased. If the current cost recovery is over 100%, then the fee is set too high and must be lowered to comply with State laws prohibiting the making of a profit on user fee activities.

#### 5. Annual Revenue Projections

GCP projected the annual fiscal impact for the division by multiplying current and proposed fees by annual demand figures. Demand figures were estimated based on the following assumptions:

- In this case, FY 2024/25 demand is the best predictor of short-term demand for each service.
- Estimates are used for any restructured fee categories.
- Per hour fees are often difficult to predict. These fees are seen as revenue neutral since they are based on the actual time spent multiplied by the hourly rate and therefore are assumed to be 100% cost recovery.

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## 03 FISCAL IMPACT

### STUDY RESULTS

The User fee fiscal impact presents the key financial results, including cost-of-service calculations, current cost recovery rates, and anticipated changes in revenue based on proposed fee updates. In cooperation with Fire Prevention staff, GCP developed cost and revenue projections for each area under study. Costs and revenues were primarily projected by extrapolating individual per-unit results for an entire year of demand activity. Our findings show an overall \$547,191 net revenue increase on an annual basis, assuming historic demand levels. The table below summarizes the fiscal impact of our findings and recommendations for each fee area under study.

| Fee Service Area | Total Costs, User Fee Services | Current Revenue (Based on FY 24-25 Volume) | Proposed Fee Revenue | Increased Revenue |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Prevention  | \$932,528                      | \$385,337 41%                              | \$932,528 100%       | \$547,191         |

Table 3: Fee Service Cost Recovery Rates and Revenues

Due to some fee restructuring and fluctuations within the construction cycle for the Land Development fees within Fire Prevention, this study's fiscal projections are approximations and should be approached conservatively. GCP recommends that SBCFD monitor actual fiscal impacts beginning with the first six months of actual revenue data to ensure the fees are performing the way that they are intended to. In addition, the department is recommending conducting a follow-up fee study after twelve (12) months of implementation of the new fees to evaluate actual revenues and expenditures.

## 04 ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

GCP worked with the subject matter experts on the analysis of the following fees: land development, sprinklers and fire alarms, miscellaneous, operational permits, and occupancy inspections. This section details the recommended adjustments to the fee schedule, such as eliminating outdated fees, introducing new ones, and combining similar charges to enhance transparency and consistency. It outlines the final recommended fee structure customized to align with actual service costs and supports department's broader fiscal objectives. The full list of the proposed fees can be found in Appendix A of this report.

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### LAND DEVELOPMENT FEES

The land development fees have undergone significant changes since the last fee study was adopted in 2009. GCP worked with the Planning and Engineering staff in order to align the fees to the County and State codes and to the services being provided.

The land development fees can be broken down into three categories:

- **Fixed fees** are assigned to fee categories that typically require a consistent level of effort.
- **Per Hour** fees are charged when the service requires a varying level of effort and ensures fairness in a fee's application. The service is based on the division's hourly rate.
- **Actual Cost-plus Admin fee** assigns the cost incurred from utilizing a third party to perform the service. The administrative fee is assessed to cover the time spent by the County to both administer the contract, coordinate with the third party and evaluate and ensure the work was performed to the county's requirements.

The new fee structure for the land development fees includes:

#### New fixed fees such as:

- Land Use Permit
- Cannabis Land Use Permit
- Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance
- Miscellaneous Land Use or Zoning Review

#### Fixed fee updates include:

- Fire Protection Certificate - Minor
- Fire Protection Certificate - Major
- Residential Fire Sprinklers
- Commercial Fire Sprinklers

### Sprinkler and Fire Alarms

The current structure for the sprinklers and fire alarm fees underwent a significant restructure. The new fee structure, sprinklers and fire alarms contains 10 fees, 9 of which are fixed fees or incremental fees and one per hour rate. The proposed fee highlights include:

#### Residential Sprinkler Systems

The current fee for a residential sprinkler system has unlimited square footage and is \$232. GCP's analysis shows that the average cost to provide this service for a NFPA13D system or an NFPA 13R system for a home between 1 - 5,000 sq ft is \$815. The current fee is recovering 28% of what it is actually

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costing to provide this service leaving the remaining 72% unrecovered. The proposed new residential fire sprinkler system structure includes three fees:

- Residential fire sprinklers NFPA13D system \$815
- Residential fire sprinkler NFPA 13R system 1 - 5,000 sq ft \$815
- Residential fire sprinkler NFPA 13R system - Every additional 5,000 sq ft \$192

### **Commercial Sprinkler Systems**

The current fee structure for a commercial sprinkler system is not reflective of the average square footage or average time spent. The current commercial sprinkler system fee structure is listed below:

- Commercial sprinkler system under 52,000 sq ft \$509
- Commercial sprinkler system 52,001-104,000 sq ft \$694
- Commercial sprinkler system 104,001 - 156,000 sq ft \$879

The new fee structure provides a better nexus to the average time spent.

- Commercial fire sprinkler NFPA 13 system 1 - 10,000 sq ft \$1,439
- Commercial fire sprinkler NFPA 13 system - Every additional 10,000 sq ft \$480

## **OPERATIONAL PERMIT FEES**

The proposed Operational Permit fee schedule has been restructured to better align with the new and/or current permit types and processes. The proposed fee structure consists of mostly fixed fees and some hourly rate based fees, some of which SBCFD was not charging a fees for but allotted significant staff time towards.

The proposed operational permit fee changes include but are not limited to:

### **New fixed fees such as:**

- Energy Storage Systems
- Indoor Plant Cultivation
- Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities
- Mobile Fueling of Hydrogen-Fueled Vehicles

### **Updates to fixed fees to account for actual time spent include:**

- Places of Assembly
- Outdoor Assembly Event
- Agricultural Burning Permit
- Hot Work Operations

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### **OCCUPANCY INSPECTION FEES**

The proposed Occupancy Inspection fee schedule has been restructured to better align with the new and/or current occupancy types and high hazard activities with them. The proposed fee structure consists of mostly fixed fees and some hourly rate based fees, some of which SBCFD was unable to charge fees for but allotted significant staff time towards.

The proposed Occupancy Inspection fee changes include but are not limited to:

#### **New fixed fees such as:**

- Group R-1 Occupancies - Hotels
- Group R-2 Occupancies - Large Multi-Family Dwelling Units
- Group I Occupancies - Institutional
- Group L Occupancies - Laboratories

#### **Updates to fixed fees to account for actual time spent include:**

- Code Enforcement Fee
- Release of Stop Work Order
- Licensed Care Facilities

### **MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

The proposed Miscellaneous Inspection fee schedule has been added to better align with the new occupancy types and/or activities with them. The proposed fee structure consists of mostly fixed fees and some hourly rate based fees, some of which SBCFD was unable to charge fees for but allotted significant staff time towards.

The proposed Miscellaneous Inspection fee additions or changes include but are not limited to:

#### **New fixed fees such as:**

- Zoning Clearance Fee
- Reinspection Fee
- Film Application Review
- Film Standby

#### **Film Fees**

Four new film fees are being proposed:

- Film Review
- Film Application Review (without required inspection)
- Film (Stand by)

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- Film Permit Inspection / Spot Check

Film services that are not covered by the four proposed fees will be billed at a per hour rate.

## 05 COMPARISON SURVEY RESULTS

The purpose of conducting a user fee comparison survey is to benchmark the County's current fees against those charged by neighboring or comparable jurisdictions. This analysis provides valuable context for evaluating the competitiveness, consistency, and reasonableness of existing or proposed fees. While fee setting should primarily reflect the actual cost of service, comparative data can inform policy decisions by highlighting regional trends, identifying potential outliers, and supporting transparent, defensible adjustments.

GCP surveyed regional agencies to determine what they charge for a variety of Fire Prevention fees.

Key considerations when reviewing comparison survey results:

- **Service Costs Vary** - Differences in staffing, operations, and overhead means fees aren't always directly comparable.
- **Policy Choices Matter** - Some agencies keep fees low by subsidizing them to support access or other goals.
- **Different Services** - Fees may reflect different levels or types of service, even if the name is the same.
- **Compliance** - Fees must reflect the actual costs to stay legally compliant, regardless of what others charge.

Comparison survey results can be found in Appendix B of this report.

## 06 RECOMMENDATIONS

With such major restructuring of the Fire Prevention fees, GCP recommends the following:

1. GCP recommends adoption of the proposed fees.
2. SBCFD should seek a full cost recovery policy.
3. SBCFD should continue to update the fees in the off years by the regional CPI factor (Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim) and/or employment cost index (ECI) factor, whichever is greater.
4. SBCFD should update fees on July 1 of each year based on the previous calendar year's index.

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5. Due to the extent of the restructuring of the division's fees, GCP recommends monitoring both the time spent and revenue generated and performing a check at both six months and one year to ensure that the restructured fees are performing the way they are intended too.
6. GCP recommends that the division undertake a detailed analysis at least every three to five years, with minor adjustments in the non-study years to keep pace with economic factors.

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### APPENDIX A

| Santa Barbara County - 2025-2026                |  |             |  |                   |                         |                          |              |  |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Fire Prevention - 2000<br>(6010/6022/6023/6024) |  |             |  | PER UNIT ANALYSIS |                         |                          |              |  |
| FY 2025-2026                                    |  |             |  |                   |                         |                          |              |  |
| Fee #   | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description  | Cost Per Unit     | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |  |
| <b>LAND DEVELOPMENT FEES</b>                    |  |             |  |                   |                         |                          |              |  |
| 1   | Conditional Certificate of Compliance  | \$312       | Fixed Fee  | \$480             | 65%                     | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee  |
| 2   | Land Use Permit (up to 2 hrs.)   | \$0         | Fixed Fee (includes up to 2 hours; hourly rate thereafter) | \$384             | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee (includes up to 2 hours; hourly rate thereafter) |
| 3   | Cannabis Land Use Permit   | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$576             | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee  |
| 4   | Agriculture Enterprise Ordinance   | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$384             | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee  |
| 6   | Conditional Use Permits: Major (New or Revised)  | \$519       | Fixed Fee  | \$1,535           | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$1,535      | Fixed Fee  |
| 7   | Conditional Use Permits: Minor (New or Revised)  | \$103       | Fixed Fee  | \$288             | 36%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 8   | Conditional Use Permits: Cannabis  | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$959             | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$959        | Fixed Fee  |
| 9   | Development Plans: (New or Revised)  | \$1,247     | Fixed Fee  | \$2,494           | 50%                     | 100%                     | \$2,494      | Fixed Fee  |
| 10  | Development Plans: Any Fire Hazard Severity Zone in the SRA or LRA (all land use review) | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$192             | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee  |
| 11  | Maps: Lot Line Adjustment  | \$208       | Fixed Fee  | \$480             | 43%                     | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee  |
| 12  | Maps: Tentative Parcel Map   | \$1,247     | Fixed Fee  | \$1,151           | 108%                    | 100%                     | \$1,151      | Fixed Fee  |

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| Santa Barbara County - 2025-2026                |   |             |  |               |                         |                          |              |  |
|---|---|-------------|--|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Fire Prevention - 2000<br>(6010/6022/6023/6024) |   |             | PER UNIT ANALYSIS                                |               |                         |                          |              |  |
| FY 2025-2026                                    |   |             |  |               |                         |                          |              |  |
| Fee #   | Fee Name  | Current Fee | Fee Description                                  | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |  |
| 13  | Maps: Tract Map - (5-50 Lots)   | \$1,247     | Fixed Fee  | \$2,110       | 59%                     | 100%                     | \$2,110      | Fixed Fee  |
| 14  | Maps: Tract Map - Each additional 25 lots above initial 50 lots           | \$0         | Each additional 25 lots above initial 50 lots    | \$2,110       | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$2,110      | Each additional 25 lots above initial 50 lots    |
| 15  | Maps: Road Naming New or Rename   | \$208       | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 72%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 16  | Discretionary Follow-up Permits: Parcel Map/Lot Line Adjustment Clearance | \$103       | Fixed Fee  | \$384         | 27%                     | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee  |
| 17  | Discretionary Follow-up Permits: Map Clearance                            | \$103       | Fixed Fee  | \$384         | 27%                     | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee  |
| 18  | Pre-Application (PRE) Planning Review                                     | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$384         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee  |
| 19  | Miscellaneous Land Use or Zoning Review                                   | \$0         | Per Hour   | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour   |
| 20  | Miscellaneous Fire Permit Review  | \$0         | Per Hour   | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour   |
| 21  | Deferred Submittal Plan Review for Planning Projects                      | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee  |
| 22  | Request Modification, Alternative Materials, Design, and Methods          | \$0         | Hourly Rate ( 2 hour minimum); hourly thereafter | \$384         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Hourly Rate ( 2 hour minimum); hourly thereafter |
| 23  | Fire Protection Certificate (FPC) Permit - Major                          | \$536       | Fixed Fee  | \$1,151       | 47%                     | 100%                     | \$1,151      | Fixed Fee  |
| 24  | Fire Protection Certificate (FPC) Permit - Minor                          | \$536       | Fixed Fee  | \$576         | 93%                     | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee  |
| 25  | Additional address fee over 5   | \$45        | Each additional 10 addresses over initial 5      | \$96          | 47%                     | 100%                     | \$96         | Each additional 10 addresses over initial 5      |
| 26  | Addressing issuing (1-5) without FPC                                      | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee  |
| 27  | FPC: H Occupancy Review   | \$0         | Fixed Fee (in addition to the FPC fee)           | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee (in addition to the FPC fee)           |
| 28  | FPC: High Piled Storage Plan Review                                       | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee  |

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Fire Prevention - 2000

(6010/6022/6023/6024)

FY 2025-2026

### PER UNIT ANALYSIS

| Fee #                            | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description   | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |   |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|---|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| 29                               | Emergency Responder Communication Coverage System (ERCCS)  | \$0         | Initial Fee   | \$480         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$480        | Initial Fee   |
| 29.1                             | Emergency Responder Communication Coverage System (ERCCS) - Complex Review and   | \$0         | Actual cost per hour after initial review                       | \$192         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$192        | Actual cost per hour after initial review                       |
| 30                               | Third Party - applicant request AND required for technical assistance for complex review, and other cases where a consultant is required | \$0         | Actual cost plus 20% admin fee                                  | \$0           | 100%                    |                          | \$0          | Actual cost plus 20% admin fee                                  |
| 31                               | Additional Inspection Requests   | \$0         | Per Inspection  | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Inspection  |
| 32                               | After Hours Inspection Request   | \$0         | Actual cost per hour  | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Actual cost per hour  |
| 33                               | Master Fire Protection Plan  | \$0         | Fixed Fee   | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee   |
| 34                               | Stored water system or private fire water system without fire pump review  | \$0         | Fixed Fee   | \$959         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$959        | Fixed Fee   |
| 35                               | Stored water system or private fire water system with fire pump review   | \$0         | Fixed Fee   | \$1,535       | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$1,535      | Fixed Fee   |
| <b>SPRINKLERS + FIRE ALARMS:</b> |  |             |   |               |                         |                          |              |   |
| 36                               | Residential fire sprinklers NFPA13D system   | \$232       | Fixed Fee   | \$815         | 28%                     | 100%                     | \$815        | Fixed Fee   |
| 37                               | Residential fire sprinkler NFPA 13R system 1 - 5,000 sq ft   | \$0         | Fixed Fee   | \$815         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$815        | Fixed Fee   |
| 38                               | Residential fire sprinkler NFPA 13R system - Every additional 5,000 sq ft  | \$0         | Every additional 5,000 sq ft                                    | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Every additional 5,000 sq ft                                    |
| 39                               | Commercial fire sprinkler NFPA 13 system 1 - 10,000 sq ft  | \$509       | Fixed Fee   | \$1,439       | 35%                     | 100%                     | \$1,439      | Fixed Fee   |
| 40                               | Commercial fire sprinkler NFPA 13 system - Every additional 10,000 sq ft   | \$0         | Every additional 10,000 sq ft                                   | \$480         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$480        | Every additional 10,000 sq ft                                   |
| 41                               | Commercial fire sprinkler NFPA 13 fire sprinkler monitoring system (up to ten devices after that full fire alarm review)                 | \$0         | Fixed Fee (up to ten devices after that full fire alarm review) | \$528         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$528        | Fixed Fee (up to ten devices after that full fire alarm review) |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000           |  |             |                                       |               |                         |                          |              |                                       |
| (6010/6022/6023/6024)            |  |             |                                       |               |                         |                          |              |                                       |
| FY 2025-2026                     |  |             |                                       |               |                         |                          |              |                                       |
| PER UNIT ANALYSIS                |  |             |                                       |               |                         |                          |              |                                       |
| Fee #                            | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description                       | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |                                       |
| 41.1                             | Tenant Improvements of a structure with fire sprinkler system - up to 30 heads           | \$92        | Fixed Fee                             | \$144         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$144        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 41.2                             | Tenant Improvements of a structure with fire sprinkler system - each additional 30 heads | \$185       | Fixed Fee                             | \$144         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$144        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 42                               | Fire Alarm Review: Up to 10 initiating devices   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$624         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$624        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 43                               | Fire Alarm Review: Each additional 10 initiating devices                                 | \$0         | Each additional 10 initiating devices | \$144         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$144        | Each additional 10 initiating devices |
| 43.1                             | Tenant Improvements of a structure with fire alarm system - up to 10 devices             | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$144         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$144        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 43.2                             | Tenant Improvements of a structure with fire alarm system - each additional 10 devices   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$144         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$144        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 44                               | Hood Systems   | \$0         | Per Hood System                       | \$336         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$336        | Per Hood System                       |
| 45                               | Other Fire Protection Systems  | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$624         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$624        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 45.1                             | Tenant Improvements of a structure of other fire protection system                       | \$0         | Per Hour (1 hour minimum)             | \$192         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour (1 hour minimum)             |
| MISCELLANEOUS FEES               |  |             |                                       |               |                         |                          |              |                                       |
| 46                               | Zoning Clearance Fee   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$384         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 47                               | Reinspection Fee   | \$0         | Fixed Fee Per Inspection              | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee Per Inspection              |
| 48                               | Special Event Review (No charge for 1st hour) per hour thereafter                        | \$0         | Per Hour (First hour no charge)       | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour (First hour no charge)       |
| 49                               | Film Review  | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | New Fixed Fee                         |
| 49.1                             | Film Application Review (without required inspection)                                    | \$0         | Fixed Fee                             | \$192         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee                             |
| 50                               | Film (Stand by)  | \$0         | Per Hour                              | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour                              |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000<br>(6010/6022/6023/6024) |   |             | PER UNIT ANALYSIS  |               |                         |                          |              |  |
| FY 2025-2026                                    |   |             |  |               |                         |                          |              |  |
| Fee #   | Fee Name  | Current Fee | Fee Description  | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |  |
| 50.1  | Film Permit Inspection/Spot Check                 | \$0         | 2 Hours Per Check or Actual Cost   | \$384         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$384        | 2 Hours Per Check or Actual Cost   |
| 50.2  | Fire Safety Officer                               | \$0         | Actual Cost Per Hour (including travel time)   | \$0           | 100%                    |                          | \$0          | Actual Cost Per Hour (including travel time)   |
| 51  | Code Enforcement                                  | \$0         | Per Hour   | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour   |
| 52  | Unwanted Alarm Response: greater than 3 per month | \$0         | Hourly rate for all personnel used to bring the alarm system into compliance after the second inspection | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Hourly rate for all personnel used to bring the alarm system into compliance after the second inspection |
| 53  | Fire Prevention Safety Officer                    | \$0         | Per Hour   | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour   |
| OPERATIONAL PERMITS                             |   |             |  |               |                         |                          |              |  |
| 54  | Additive manufacturing                            | \$0         | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 55  | Aerosol products                                  | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 56  | Amusement buildings                               | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$671         | 15%                     | 100%                     | \$671        | Fixed Fee  |
| 57  | Aviation facilities                               | \$145       | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 50%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 58  | Carnivals and fairs                               | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$863         | 11%                     | 100%                     | \$863        | Fixed Fee  |
| 59  | Cellulose nitrate film                            | \$198       | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 69%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 60  | Combustible dust-producing operations             | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 61  | Combustible fibers                                | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |
| 62  | Compressed gases                                  | \$99        | Fixed Fee  | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee  |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000<br>(6010/6022/6023/6024) |  |             | PER UNIT ANALYSIS                |               |                         |                          |              |                                  |
| FY 2025-2026                                    |  |             |                                  |               |                         |                          |              |                                  |
| Fee #   | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description                  | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |                                  |
| 63  | Covered and open mall buildings  | \$149       | Remove                           | \$0           |                         | n/a                      |              | Remove                           |
| 64  | Cryogenic fluids   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 65  | Cutting and welding  | \$99        | <i>Refer hot work operations</i> | \$0           |                         | n/a                      |              | <i>Refer hot work operations</i> |
| 66  | Dry cleaning   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 67  | Energy storage systems   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 68  | Exhibits and trade shows   | \$274       | Fixed Fee                        | \$863         | 32%                     | 100%                     | \$863        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 69  | Explosives   | \$206       | Fixed Fee                        | \$480         | 43%                     | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 71  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>1. Pipeline   | \$137       | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 48%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 72  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>2. To store Class I liquids >5in, >10 out   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 73  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>3. To store Class II or III-A liquids >25 in, >60 out   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 74  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>6. To install, construct, alter or operate equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, refineries, etc. | \$1,070     | Fixed Fee                        | \$959         | 112%                    | 100%                     | \$959        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 75  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>9. To manufacture, process, blend or refine   | \$0         | Actual Cost (Sec. 15-102)        | \$0           | 100%                    |                          | \$0          | Actual Cost (Sec. 15-102)        |
| 76  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>10. Dispensing into fuel tanks of motor vehicles  | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 77  | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>11. Dispensing from tank vehicles to motor vehicles   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 78  | To maintain non-operational petroleum facilities   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |
| 79  | Floor finishing  | \$99        | Fixed Fee                        | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                        |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000           |  |             |                 |               |                         |                          |              |           |
| (6010/6022/6023/6024)            |  |             |                 |               |                         |                          |              |           |
| FY 2025-2026                     |  |             |                 |               |                         |                          |              |           |
| PER UNIT ANALYSIS                |  |             |                 |               |                         |                          |              |           |
| Fee #                            | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |           |
| 63                               | Covered and open mall buildings                                  | \$149       | Remove          | \$0           |                         | n/a                      |              | Remove    |
| 80                               | Fruit and crop ripening  | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 81                               | Fumigation and insecticidal fogging                              | \$198       | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 69%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 82                               | Hazardous materials  | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$576         | 17%                     | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee |
| 86                               | HPM facilities   | \$198       | Fixed Fee       | \$480         | 41%                     | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee |
| 87                               | High-piled storage   | \$198       | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 69%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 88                               | Hot work operations  | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 88.1                             | Indoor plant cultivation   | \$0         | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 89                               | Industrial ovens   | \$274       | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 95%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 91                               | Liquid or gas fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 91.1                             | Lithium batteries  | \$0         | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 92                               | LP - gas   | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 90                               | Lumber yard and woodworking plants                               | \$149       | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 93                               | Magnesium  | \$198       | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 69%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |
| 94                               | Miscellaneous combustible storage                                | \$99        | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000           |  |             |   |               |                         |                          |              |   |
| (6010/6022/6023/6024)            |  |             |   |               |                         |                          |              |   |
| FY 2025-2026                     |  |             |   |               |                         |                          |              |   |
| PER UNIT ANALYSIS                |  |             |   |               |                         |                          |              |   |
| Fee #                            | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description                               | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |   |
| 96                               | Motor fuel-dispensing facilities                 | \$0         | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 97                               | Open burning                                     | \$0         | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 98                               | LE5  | \$0         | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 99                               | LE7  | \$0         | Base fee up to 10 acres then plus hourly rate | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Base fee up to 10 acres then plus hourly rate |
| 100                              | Burn Permit Program: Agricultural Burning Permit | \$50        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 17%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 101                              | Burn Permit Program: Tier II Burn Permit         | \$0         | Fixed Fee                                     | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 102                              | Burn Permit Program: Backyard                    | \$50        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$96          | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$96         | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 103                              | Fire Hazard Reduction                            | \$50        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$96          | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$96         | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 104                              | Open flames and torches                          | \$99        | <i>Refer hot work operations</i>              | \$0           |                         | n/a                      |              | <i>Refer hot work operations</i>              |
| 105                              | Open flames and candles                          | \$99        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 106                              | Organic coatings                                 | \$99        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 107                              | Outdoor assembly event                           | \$99        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$1,055       | 9%                      | 100%                     | \$1,055      | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 108                              | Places of assembly                               | \$99        | Fixed Fee                                     | \$384         | 26%                     | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 108.1                            | Plant extraction systems                         | \$0         | Fixed Fee                                     | \$288         | 100%                    | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                                     |
| 109                              | Pyrotechnic special effects material             | \$274       | Fixed Fee                                     | \$1,055       | 26%                     | 100%                     | \$1,055      | Fixed Fee                                     |

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| Fire Prevention - 2000<br>(6010/6022/6023/6024) |   |             | PER UNIT ANALYSIS         |               |                         |                          |              |                           |
| FY 2025-2026                                    |   |             |                           |               |                         |                          |              |                           |
| Fee #   | Fee Name  | Current Fee | Fee Description           | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |                           |
| 110   | Pyroxylin plastics  | \$198       | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 69%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 111   | Refrigeration equipment   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 112   | Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 113   | Rooftop heliports   | \$0         | Remove                    | \$0           | 100%                    | n/a                      |              | Remove                    |
| 114   | Spraying or dipping   | \$99        | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 34%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 115   | Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts  | \$149       | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 116   | First Tent  | \$137       | Fixed Fee                 | \$192         | 71%                     | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 117   | Each tent thereafter  | \$137       | Fixed Fee                 | \$48          | 285%                    | 100%                     | \$48         | Fixed Fee                 |
| 118   | Tire re-building plants   | \$0         | Actual cost (Sec. 15-102) | \$0           | 100%                    |                          | \$0          | Actual cost (Sec. 15-102) |
| 119   | Waste handling  | \$149       | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 120   | Wood products   | \$149       | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 52%                     | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 121   | Temporary heating or cooking in wildfire risk areas   | \$0         | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 95  | Mobile fueling of hydrogen-fueled vehicles  | \$0         | Fixed Fee                 | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 122   | Additional permits (SFM required): Production facilities  | \$137       | Fixed Fee                 | \$384         | 36%                     | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee                 |
| 123   | Additional permits (SFM required): Fireworks pyrotechnic and special effect (theatrical/movies) | \$274       | Fixed Fee                 | \$1,055       | 26%                     | 100%                     | \$1,055      | Fixed Fee                 |
| 124   | Additional permits (SFM required): Live audiences   | \$137       | Fixed Fee                 | \$384         | 36%                     | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee                 |

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| FY 2025-2026                                    |  |             |                                  |                   |                         |                          |   |
| Fee #   | Fee Name   | Current Fee | Fee Description                  | Cost Per Unit     | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee                                |
| 125.1   | Multiple permit reduction - operational permits  | \$0         | New Fee: 20% Reduction (excludes | \$0               |                         |                          | \$0 20% Reduction (excludes additional tent |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:</b>                    |  |             |                                  |                   |                         |                          |   |
| 126   | Automatic fire-extinguishing systems   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 127   | Compressed gases   | \$411       | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 128   | Cryogenic fluids   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 129   | Emergency responder radio coverage system  | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 130   | Energy Storage Systems   | \$274       | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 131   | Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 132   | Fire pumps and related equipment   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 133   | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>1. To repair or modify a pipeline   | \$274       | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 134   | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>2. To install, construct or alter equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, refineries, etc.            | \$1,370     | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 135   | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>3. To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a tank AST - less than 1,320 gallons        | \$274       | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 136   | Flammable or combustible liquids:<br>3. To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a tank AST - equal to or greater than 1,320 | \$548       | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |
| 137   | Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads  | \$0         | Covered Under FPC                | \$0               |                         | n/a                      | \$0 Covered Under FPC                       |

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| FY 2025-2026                                    |   |             |                   |               |                         |                          |              |                   |
| Fee #   | Fee Name  | Current Fee | Fee Description   | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |                   |
| 138   | Hazardous materials: Group 1  | \$137       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 139   | Hazardous materials: Group 2  | \$274       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 140   | Hazardous materials: Group 3  | \$343       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 141   | Hazardous materials: Group 4  | \$411       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 142   | Industrial ovens  | \$274       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 143   | LP gas  | \$137       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 144   | Private fire hydrants   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 145   | Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems  | \$0         | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 146   | Solar photovoltaic power systems  | \$274       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 147   | Spraying or dipping   | \$274       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 148   | Standpipe systems   | \$0         | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| 149   | Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies   | \$137       | Covered Under FPC | \$0           |                         | n/a                      | \$0          | Covered Under FPC |
| OCCUPANCY INSPECTION FEES                       |   |             |                   |               |                         |                          |              |                   |
| 150   | Group R-1 Occupancy Inspection (Annual), fee is applicable to all hotels, motels, and boarding houses per facility under the same ownership at a single property. | \$0         | Fixed Fee         | \$863         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$863        | Fixed Fee         |

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| (6010/6022/6023/6024)            |   |                   |                      |               |                         |                          |              |                      |
| FY 2025-2026                     |   |                   |                      |               |                         |                          |              |                      |
|                                  |   | PER UNIT ANALYSIS |                      |               |                         |                          |              |                      |
| Fee #                            | Fee Name  | Current Fee       | Fee Description      | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee |                      |
| 151                              | Group R-2 Occupancy Inspection (Annual), fee is applicable to all Multi-Family Dwelling units with more than 15 units or more than 2 stories in height.   | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee            |
| 152                              | Group C Occupancy Inspection (Annual), Organized Camps  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$480         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee            |
| 153                              | Group I Institutional Occupancy Inspections (Annual)  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$480         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$480        | Fixed Fee            |
| 154                              | Group L Laboratory Occupancy Inspection (Annual)  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$384         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384        | Fixed Fee            |
| 155                              | High Rise Inspection Fee (Over 75 feet in height)   | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$863         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$863        | Fixed Fee            |
| 156                              | Inspection fee for any occupancy over 5000 sq ft  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$576         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$576        | Fixed Fee            |
| 157                              | After Hour Inspection Fee   | \$0               | Actual Cost Per Hour | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Actual Cost Per Hour |
| 158                              | Code Enforcement Fee – The fully allocated rate will be charged for all personnel used to bring an occupancy into compliance for all time after the second inspection. Additional fees and/or fines may be imposed when a citation is issued. | \$0               | Per Hour             | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Per Hour             |
| 159                              | Release of Stop Work Order  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$1,631       | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$1,631      | Fixed Fee            |
| 160                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Care Pre-Inspection, for I's and R's, and Daycares 1-25 people   | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192        | Fixed Fee            |
| 161                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Care Pre-Inspection, for I's and R's, and  | \$0               | Fixed Fee            | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288        | Fixed Fee            |
| 162                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Care Initial Fire Clearance, for I's, R's and Daycares 1-6 people  | \$0               | No Charge            | \$192         | 0%                      | n/a                      | \$0          | No Charge            |

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| Santa Barbara County - 2025-2026 |   |                   |                 |               |                         |                          |                 |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Fire Prevention - 2000           |   |                   |                 |               |                         |                          |                 |
| (6010/6022/6023/6024)            |   |                   |                 |               |                         |                          |                 |
| FY 2025-2026                     |   |                   |                 |               |                         |                          |                 |
|                                  |   | PER UNIT ANALYSIS |                 |               |                         |                          |                 |
| Fee #                            | Fee Name  | Current Fee       | Fee Description | Cost Per Unit | Current Cost Recovery % | Proposed Cost Recovery % | Proposed Fee    |
| 163                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Care Initial Fire Clearance, for I's, R's and Daycares 7-12 people | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$240         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$240 Fixed Fee |
| 164                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Care Initial Fire Clearance, for I's, R's and Daycares 13+ people  | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288 Fixed Fee |
| 165                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Residential Care Annual Inspection (R2.1 and R4's) 1-6 people      | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$192         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$192 Fixed Fee |
| 166                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Residential Care Annual Inspection (R2.1 and R4's) 7-12 people     | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$240         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$240 Fixed Fee |
| 167                              | Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities: Licensed Residential Care Annual Inspection (R2.1 and R4's) 13+ people      | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$288         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$288 Fixed Fee |
| 168                              | All other NON 24 hour licensed care facility initial fire clearance or Form 850 request for inspection.                         | \$0               | Fixed Fee       | \$384         | 0%                      | 100%                     | \$384 Fixed Fee |

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## APPENDIX B

| PEER AGENCIES                                   |                |              |              |                    |                |                    |   |   |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Fee Category                                    | Current Fee    | Proposed Fee | Peer Average | Los Angeles County | Ventura County | Orange County      | City of Culver City   | Santa Monica  |
| <b>Fire Prevention - Operational Permits</b>    |                |              |              |                    |                |                    |   |   |
| Open Burning                                    | no current fee | \$288        | \$363        | \$390              | \$504          | Hourly Rate: \$254 | Open flame/burning<br>\$302.96  | N/A   |
| First Tent                                      | \$137          | \$192        | \$289        | \$390              | \$210          | Hourly Rate: \$254 | Tents and Air Supported Structures<br>401-700 sq ft \$302.96<br>701-1,200 sq ft \$403.95<br>Over 1,201 sq ft \$555.44 | Tents & Canopies<br>401-2,000 \$226.09<br>2,001-5,000 sq ft \$321.71<br>over 5,000 s foot \$0.062 per square foot |
| Each Tent thereafter                            | \$137          | \$48         |              |                    |                |                    |   |   |
| Places of assembly                              | \$99           | \$384        | \$620        | \$390              | \$336          | \$1,133            | N/A   | N/A   |
| Hot work operations                             | \$99           | \$288        | \$365        | \$390              | \$378          | \$138              | compared to Welding and Cutting fee of \$555.44   | Miscellaneous - uniform fire code permits, others Actual Cost   |
| <b>Land Development - Sprinklers and Alarms</b> |                |              |              |                    |                |                    |   |   |
| NFPA 13D Sprinkler                              | \$232          | \$815        | \$714        | \$565              | \$630          | \$738              | \$942.27  | \$695.85  |