

## **Fire Fees and Inspection and Billing Rates**

*Annual Permit Fees and Inspection and Billing Rates for Inspection of Property Sites by the Berkeley Fire Department*

Starting July 1, 2017

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### **Section 1. ANNUAL PERMIT FEES.**

For every permit issued under the provisions of the Berkeley Fire Code (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.48, Sections 105.6, 105.7, 5001.5), a fee therefore shall be paid in advance to the Fire Department or upon completion of services rendered as specified by the Fire Department as follows:

#### Operation Permits

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.1

**Fee Description: Aerosol products.** An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.2

**Fee Description: Amusement buildings.** An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.3

**Fee Description: Aviation facilities.** An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing, or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of the fire code may include but are not limited to hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.4

**Fee Description: Carbon dioxide systems used in beverage dispensing or other applications.** An operational permit is required for carbon dioxide systems used in beverage dispensing or other applications having more than 100 pounds of carbon dioxide.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.5

**Fee Description: Carnivals and fairs.** An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.6

**Fee Description: Cellulose nitrate film.** An operational permit is required to store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A occupancy.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.7

**Fee Description: Combustible dust-producing operations.** An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.8

**Fee Description: Combustible fibers.** An operational permit is required to store or handle combustible fibers in quantities in excess of 100 cubic feet (2.8m<sup>3</sup>).

**Exception:** A permit is not required for agricultural storage

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.9

**Fee Description: Compressed gases.** An operational permit is required to store, use or handle at normal temperatures and pressure (NTP) of compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.9.

**Exception:** Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.10

**Fee Description: Covered and open mall buildings.** An operational permit is required for:

1. The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall.
2. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall.

3. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.11

**Fee Description: Cryogenic fluids.** An operational permit is required to produce, store, transport on site, use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.11

**Exception:** Permits are not required for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.12

**Fee Description: Cutting and welding.** An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.50

**Fee Description: Christmas tree sales lot.** An operational permit is required to operate a Christmas tree sales lot.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.13

**Fee Description: Dry cleaning plants.** An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.49

**Fee Description: Additional permits (entertainment industry).** In addition to the permits required by Section 105.6, the following permits shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following activities, operations, practices or functions:

1. Production facilities. To change use or occupancy or allow the attendance of a live audience, or for wrap parties.
2. Pyrotechnics and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television and commercial production.
3. Live audiences. To install seating arrangements for live audiences in approved

production facilities, production studios and sound stages. See Chapter 48.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.51

**Fee Description: Escort convoy service.** Police and/or Fire Department convoy service for vehicle transportation of extremely hazardous materials.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.14

**Fee Description: Exhibits and trade shows.** An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.15

**Fee Description: Explosives.** An operational permit is required to manufacture, store, handle, sell or use any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, firework\$ or pyrotechnic special effects materials. with the scope of Chapter 56.

**Exception:** Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 5606.

**Fee:** \$588.00

**Fee:** To conduct a public fireworks display: \$1176.00 minimum

**Fee:** To continue the use of a public fireworks display permit: \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.16

**Fee Description: Fire hydrants and valves.** An operational permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.

**Exception:** A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.17

**Fee Description: Flammable or combustible liquids.** An operational permit is required:

1. To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible

liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) nor does it apply to piping systems.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

2. To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons (19 L) in a building or in excess of 10 gallons (37.9 L) outside of a building, except that a permit is not required for the following:

2.1 The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the chief, would cause an unsafe condition.

2.2 The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures when such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.

**Fee:** \$392.00

3. To store, handle or use Class II or Class III-A liquids in excess of 25 gallons (95 L) in a building or in excess of 60 gallons (227 L) outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.

**Fee:** \$392.00

4. To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.

**Fee:** \$196.00

5. To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.

**Fee:** \$196.00

6. To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank

**Fee:** \$196.00

7. To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material other than that for which the tank was designed and constructed

**Fee:** \$196.00

8. To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids

**Fee:** \$392.00

9. To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

**Fee:** \$392.00

10. To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank. vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments

**Fee:** \$392.00

11. To store, handle or use class 111-B liquids with a flashpoint of less than 500 degrees F. in excess of 110 gallons.

**No Fee**

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.18

**Fee Description: Floor finishing.** An operational permit is required to conduct floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m<sup>2</sup>) using Class I or Class II liquids.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.19

**Fee Description: Fruit and crop ripening.** An operational permit is required to operate a fruit- or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.20

**Fee Description: Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging.** An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.

**No permit required**

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.52

**Fee Description: General use permit.** For any activity or operation not specifically described in this Code, which the Fire Chief reasonably determines, may produce conditions hazardous to life or property.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.21

**Fee Description: Hazardous materials.** An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.21.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.22

**Fee Description: HPM Facilities.** An operational permit is required to store, handle or use hazardous production materials.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.23

**Fee Description: High-piled storage.** An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet (46 m<sup>2</sup>)

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.24

**Fee Description: Hot work operations.** An operational permit is required for hot work including, but not limited to:

1. Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.

**Fee:** \$392.00

2. Use of portable hot-work equipment inside a structure.

**Exception:** Work that is conducted under a construction permit issued by the building official.

**Fee:** \$392.00

3. Fixed-site hot-work equipment such as welding booths.

**Fee:** \$392.00

4. Hot work conducted within a hazardous fire area

**Fee:** \$392.00

5. Application of roof coverings with the use of an open-flame device

**Fee:** \$98.00

6. When approved, the fire code official shall issue a permit to carry out a Hot Work Program. This program allows approved personnel to regulate their facility's hot work operations. The approved personnel shall be trained in the fire safety aspects denoted in Chapter 35 in another applicable fire code chapters and shall be responsible for issuing permits requiring compliance with the requirements found in Chapter 35. These permits shall be issued only to their employees for hot work operations under their supervision.

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.25

**Fee Description: Industrial ovens.** An operational permit is required to operate industrial ovens regulated by Chapter 30.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.26

**Fee Description: Lumber yards and woodworking plants.** An operational permit is required to store or process lumber in excess of 100,000 board feet (8,333 ft<sup>3</sup>)(236 m<sup>3</sup>).

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.27

**Fee Description: Liquid-or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.** An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid-or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.28

**Fee Description: LP-gas.** An operational permit is required:

1. To store or use LP-gas.

**Exception:** A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500 gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less or multiple container systems having an aggregate quantity not exceeding 500 gallons (1893 L), serving occupancies in Group R-3.

2. To operate cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.29

**Fee Description: Magnesium.** An operational permit is required to melt, cast, heat, treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.30

**Fee Description: Miscellaneous combustible storage.** An operational permit is required to store in any building or upon any premises in- excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71 m<sup>3</sup>) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, rubber tires, rubber, cork, or other similar combustible material.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.31

**Fee Description: Motor fuel-dispensing facilities.** An operational permit is required for the operation of automotive, marine, and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facilities, or for mobile fueling operations using flammable liquids and which are conducted at facilities or locations which are not permanent, permitted motor fuel dispensing facilities.

**Exception:** Transfer of not more than 5 gallons flammable or combustible liquids using Listed or approved portable fuel container of less than five gallons capacity.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum



**Code Section:** Section 105.6.32

**Fee Description: Open burning.** An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to

**Exception:** Recreational fires

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.33

**Fee Description: Open flames and torches.** An operational permit is required to remove paint with a torch; or to use a torch or open-flame device in a wildfire risk area.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.34

**Fee Description: Open flames and Candles.** An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.35

**Fee Description: Organic coatings.** An operational permit is required to manufacture more than 1 gallon (4 L) of organic coatings in a working day.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.53

**Fee Description: Parking facility, special events.** An operational permit is required to use buildings or structures for vehicle parking, including parking for special events (i.e. football games, etc.)

A. Less than 15 parking spaces

**Fee:** \$196.00

B. 15 or more parking spaces.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.36

**Fee Description: Places of assembly.** An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly.

A. Occupant load less than 300

**Fee:** \$392.00

B. Occupant load 300 or more

**Fee:** \$588.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.37

**Fee Description: Private fire hydrants.** An operational permit is required to use, operate or remove from service private fire hydrants.

**Exception:** A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private fire hydrants.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.38

**Fee Description: Pyrotechnical special effects material.** An operational permit is required to use or handle pyrotechnic special effects material.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.39

**Fee Description: Pyroxylin plastics.** An operational permit is required to store or handle more than 25 pounds (11 kg.) of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving pyroxylin plastics.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.40

**Fee Description: Refrigeration equipment.** An operational permit is required to operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by Chapter 6.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.41

**Fee Description: Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities.** An operational permit is required to operate repair garages.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.42

**Fee Description: Rooftop heliports.** An operational permit is required to operate a rooftop heliport.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.43

**Fee Description: Spraying or dipping.** An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.44

**Fee Description: Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts.** An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71 m<sup>3</sup>) of total volume of scrap tires and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 5001.7

**Fee Description: Tank vehicles.** An operational permit is required to operate a tank vehicle (other than flammable and combustible liquids tank vehicles as listed and regulated in 105.6.17, item 6) including those hazardous materials transportation vehicles defined in Section 5001.7 of the Berkeley Fire Code, for the transportation of hazardous liquids or materials.

**Fee:** \$392.00 annually

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.45

**Fee Description: Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies.** An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)

**Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1 Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.

A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.46

**Fee Description: Tire-rebuilding plants.** An operational permit is required for operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.47

**Fee Description: Waste handling.** An operational permit is required to operate wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material handling facilities.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.48

**Fee Description: Wood products.** An operational permit is required to store wood chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m<sup>3</sup>).

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.6.54

**Fee Description: Fire Fighter Air Replenishment System (FARS).** An annual operational permit is required to maintain a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.

**Fee:** \$196.00

### Construction Permits

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.1

**Fee Description: Automatic fire extinguishing system(s).** A construction permit is required to install or modify automatic fire extinguishing system/s including but not limited to automatic sprinkler systems and associated above or underground water supply systems, Range Hood systems, Chemical Suppression systems and other special automatic extinguishing systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

A. Range Hood System

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

B. Chemical Suppression System

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

C. Automatic Sprinkler

**Fee:** \$392.00

D. Automatic Sprinkler (small alteration or repairs to an existing system with 20

heads or less)

**Fee:** \$196.00 minimum

E. Underground

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

F. All others

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

G. Field Inspection

**Fee:** \$98/qtr hour

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.2

**Fee Description: Battery system.** A construction permit is required to install a stationary lead-acid battery system having a liquid capacity of more than 100 gallons (189 L).

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.3

**Fee Description: Compressed gases.** A construction permit is required when the compressed gases in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.6.8, a construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a compressed gas system.

**Exceptions:**

1. Routine maintenance.
2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.4

**Fee Description: Cryogenic fluids.** A construction permit is required for installation of or alteration to outdoor stationary cryogenic fluid storage systems where the system capacity exceeds the amounts listed in Table 105.6.11. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered an alteration and does not require a construction permit. (construction permit)

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.5

**Fee Description: Emergency responder radio coverage system.** A construction permit is required for installation of or alteration to emergency responder radio

coverage systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.6

**Fee Description: Fire alarm and detection system/s and related equipment installation.** A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to any fire alarm or detection system/s and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

- A. Under 12 devices  
**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum
- B. 12-30 devices  
**Fee:** \$588.00 minimum
- C. 31-49 devices  
**Fee:** \$980.00 minimum
- D. 50 or more devices  
**Fee:** \$1176.00 minimum
- E. Water flow alarms  
**Fee:** \$196.00
- F. Field inspection  
**Fee:** \$98/qtr hour minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.7

**Fee Description: Fire pumps and related equipment.** A construction permit is required to install or modify fire pumps and related equipment including but not limited to fuel tanks, jockey pumps, controllers and generators. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.8

**Fee Description: Flammable and combustible liquids.**

A construction permit is required:

1. To repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids.  
**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum
2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, -equipment, tanks, plants, terminals,

wells, fuel dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.

**Fee:** \$196.00

3. To install, alter, remove or otherwise dispose of an. above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank

**Fee:** \$196.00

4. To remove an underground tanks (per tank)

**Fee:** \$392.00

5. To abandon (fill in place) underground tank (per tank)

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.9

**Fee Description: Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads.** A construction permit is required for the installation of or modification to a gate or barricade across a fire- apparatus access road

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.10

**Fee Description: Hazardous materials.** To install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 50 when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.6.21.

**Exceptions:**

1. Routine maintenance.
2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.11

**Fee Description: Industrial ovens.** A construction permit is required for installation of industrial ovens covered by Chapter 30.

**Exceptions:**

1. Routine maintenance.
2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.12

**Fee Description: LP-gas.** A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an LP-gas system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.13

**Fee Description: Private fire hydrants.** A construction permit is required to install or modify private fire hydrants. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.

1. Hydrant(s) or hydrant groups

**Fee:** \$392.00

2. Field Inspection

**Fee:** \$98 / qtr. Hour minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.14

**Fee Description: Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems.** A construction permit is required for installation of or alteration to smoke control or smoke exhaust systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a permit.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.15

**Fee Description: Solar photovoltaic power systems.** A construction permit is required to install or modify solar photovoltaic power systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered to be an alteration and does not require a permit.

**Fee:** Std. Bldg. Dept. fees apply

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.16

**Fee Description: Spraying or dipping.** A construction permit is required to install or modify a spray room, dip tank or booth.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.17

**Fee Description: Standpipe Systems.** A construction permit is required to install, modify or remove from service a standpipe system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.



A. Standpipe, Class I, II and 111 combined

**Fee:** \$392.00

B. Underground

**Fee:** \$392.00

Field Inspection

**Fee:** \$98/qtr. Hour minimum

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.18

**Fee Description: Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies.** A construction permit is required to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)

**Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1 Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2 The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.

A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Code Section:** Section 105.7.19

**Fee Description: Window bars.** A construction permit is required to install window bars on exterior doors or windows of any sleeping rooms below the fourth floor in apartment houses, hotels, and motels.

**Fee:** \$196.00

**Code Section:** 105.7.20

**Fee Description: Fire Fighter Air Replenishment System (FARS).** A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to a FARS system in accordance with Appendix L.

**Fee:** \$392.00 minimum

## **Section 2. ANNUAL FIRE CLEARANCE**

For every annual fire clearance certificate issued by the Berkeley Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance of issuance of such certificate (Berkeley Fire Code Section 106.2), to the Fire Department as follows:

**Fee Description: Group Homes**, institutions for children, certified family care homes, board and care facilities, and maternity homes (each accommodating more than six persons, not including employees or relatives), and NOT classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Fee Description: Convalescent Hospitals**, nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons, not including employees or relatives) and NOT classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).

**Fee:** \$392.00

**Fee Description: Convalescent Hospitals**, nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating more than six persons and less than 100, not including employees or relatives) and NOT classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).

**Fee:** \$ 588.00

**Fee Description: Convalescent Hospitals**, nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating 100 or more persons, not including employees or relatives).

**Fee:** \$ 784.00

**Fee Description: Hospitals**

**Fee:** \$392.00 per hour

**Fee Description: Community Care Facilities** as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, **Residential Care Facility for the Elderly** as defined in H&SC 1569.2, and **Child Day Care Facilities** (H&SC 1596.750).

**Pre-inspection Fee** (25 or fewer client capacity): \$50.00

**Pre-inspection Fee** (26 or more client capacity): \$100.00

[Ref. Calif. Health & Safety Code, section 13235(a)]

**Section 3. MISCELLANEOUS FEES.**

- A. For copies of fire reports prepared by the Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance as follows:
  - 1. Staff cost for file review and preparation of subpoena documents: **\$ 6.00/qtr. hr.**
  - 2. Copy of each report: **\$ 0.10 per pg.**
  
- B. State Requested Fire & Life Safety Review, Consultation, Inspection & Permit Clearances: **\$98/qtr. hr.**
  
- C. General inspection and investigation fees
  - 1. Fees for services rendered by the Fire Department for inspections of fire protection systems, re-inspections of citizen complaints with violations, nuisance inspections research, report preparation and file review services (except for subpoena documents, city records, publications and meeting tapes.): **\$98 / qtr. Hr.**
  - 2. Fire code consultation services for building development, construction and modifications and pre-permit application: **\$392.00 per hour**
  - 3. Overtime fire & life safety inspection: **\$392.00 per hour (2 hr. min.)**
  - 4. After-hours call-back for fire & life safety inspection: **\$392.00 per hour (4 hr. min.)**
  - 5. Accelerated plan review services (as-available, billed at 1.5x the standard hourly rate \$392.00): **\$588.00 per hour**
  
- D. Fire and Life Safety investigations of Stand-by Services: **\$392.00 minimum**
  
- E. 1. Indoor Entertainment Inspection Fee: **\$93.50**

NOTE: All permits and inspection fees under this Resolution are based on average estimated staff and clerical time for applicable plan checking, research, field inspections, etc. Where a fee is indicated as a minimum, and where staff time exceeds one hour, an additional charge will be made at the rate of \$98 per quarter hour.

**Section 4. INSPECTION AND BILLING RATE.**

That a rate of \$98.00 per quarter hour (15 minutes) is hereby established as both the billing rate and the billing unit for a given Fire Prevention inspection of a property. A minimum charge of \$98.00 will be made for each property inspected (e.g. each property and/or business address) with an additional charge for each additional quarter hour unit, or portion thereof.

Exception: Properties that have- abated all fire code violations prior to the first re-inspection shall not be charged a-fee for the re-inspection.

**Section 5. DELINQUENCY CHARGE**

That a delinquency charge of 20% may be imposed on each account that remains unpaid, sixty (60) days following the initial mailing of the bill.

**Section 6. BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES.**

That the billing and collection procedures are to be done by the Finance Department and will allow the City to recover unpaid fees through all available remedies. including the lien process. That in the event of billing disputes, the Fire Chief or his designated representative may review and make- recommendations for adjustments to the Finance Department.