CITY OF ASHEVILLE
FEES & CHARGES MANUAL

DEPARTMENT Fire **DIVISION** Management Services

Revenue Name Fire Inspections Fees

Account Code See Below

Description of Revenue

Revenue derived from fees charged for fire inspections.

Fee Schedule

See schedule in attached Exhibit "A"

Account Numbers:

Fire Inspection Fees	11000110:443620
Mandatory Fire Inspection	11000110:443621
Standby Fees	11000110:450034

City of Asheville Fire Department
Adopted Professional Services User Fees for FY 10-11

A. FEES FOR STATE MANDATED PERIODIC FIRE INSPECTIONS
ORDINARY RISK OCCUPANCIES – inspected and fees charged every 36 months

Ordinary Risk Occupancies: Uses that have an average probability of a fire or other emergency occurring due to type and/or quantity of materials stored, used, or handled on site, or because of processes typically performed in business operations. Additionally, these occupancies would have an average risk of injury or death to the occupants in a fire or other emergency.

	First Inspection Fee	Reinspection Fee if all Violations Cleared	Reinspection fee if violations NOT Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if all Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if NOT Cleared
1. Small Assembly - Group A					
a. Capacity 50-99	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
2.1 Business – Group B					
2.2 Mercantile – Group M					
2.3 Storage – Group S*(see footnote 12)*					
2.4 Utility – Group U*(see footnote 12)*					
a. Less than 501 sq. ft.	$25.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	$100.00
b. 501 to 2,500 sq. ft.	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
c. 2,501 to 10,000 sq. ft.	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
d. 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
e. 20,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
f. 40,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
g. 80,001 to 120,000 sq. ft.	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
h. 120,001 to 150,000 sq. ft.	$375.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
i. 150,001 to 200,000 sq. ft.	$425.00	$0.00	$850.00	$0.00	$1,700.00
j. 200,001 sq. ft. plus	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00

B. FEES FOR STATE MANDATED PERIODIC FIRE INSPECTIONS
MODERATE RISK OCCUPANCIES – inspected and fees charged every 24 months

Moderate Risk Occupancies: Uses that have an average probability of a fire or other emergency occurring, but due to the type and/or quantity of materials stored, used, or handled on site, or because of processes typically performed in their operations, a fire may be more intense or the emergency more severe. Additionally, these occupancies would have a higher than average risk of injury or death to the occupants in a fire or other emergency due to occupants' age and/or presence of higher fire risk processes.

	First Inspection Fee	Reinspection Fee if all Violations Cleared	Reinspection fee if violations NOT Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if all Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if NOT Cleared
1.1 Educational Group E – Private Schools (See footnote 9 for Public Schools)					
1.2 Factory – Industrial – Group F					
a. Less than 501 sq. ft.	$25.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	$100.00
b. 501 to 2,500 sq. ft.	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
c. 2,501 to 10,000 sq. ft.	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
d. 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
e. 20,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
f. 40,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
g. 80,001 to 120,000 sq. ft.	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
h.120,001 to 150,000 sq.ft.	$375.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
i. 150,001 to 200,000 sq.ft.	$425.00	$0.00	$850.00	$0.00	$1,700.00
j. 200,001 sq. ft. plus	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
2.1. Educational Group E – Public Schools (See footnote 9 for Public Schools)					
a. Each school site	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00

C. FEES FOR STATE MANDATED PERIODIC FIRE INSPECTIONS
HIGH RISK OCCUPANCIES – inspected and fees charged every 12 months

High Risk Occupancies: Uses that have a higher than average probability of a fire or other emergency occurring due to type and/or quantity of materials stored, used, or handled on site, or because of processes typically performed in business operations. Additionally, these occupancies would include those that have a higher than average risk for injury or death to occupants due to age, physical or mental abilities, occupant load, or size and complexity of structure.

	First Inspection Fee	Reinspection Fee if all Violations Cleared	Reinspection Fee if violations NOT Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if all Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if NOT Cleared
1. Large Assembly - Group A *(see footnote 11)*					
a. Capacity 100-200	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
b. Capacity 201-300	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
c. Capacity 301-400	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
d. Capacity 401-500	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
e. Capacity 501-600	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
f. Capacity 601-plus	$375.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
2.1 Educational Group E - Day Care					
2.2 Institutional Group I, R-4, and R-3 Group Homes					
a. Licensed for 0-25	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
b. Licensed for 26 – 50	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
c. Licensed for 51-100	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
d. Licensed for 101-150	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
e. Licensed for 151-175	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
f. Licensed 176 plus	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
g. Hospitals – Per Building	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00

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3. Hazardous - Group H					
a. Less than 501 sq. ft.	$25.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	$100.00
b. 501 to 2,500 sq. ft.	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
c. 2,501 to 10,000 sq. ft.	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
d. 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
e. 20,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
f. 40,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
g. 80,001 to 120,000 sq. ft.	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
h.120,001 to 150,000 sq. ft.	$375.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
i. 150,001 to 200,000 sq. ft.	$425.00	$0.00	$850.00	$0.00	$1,700.00
j. 200,001 sq. ft. plus	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
4. Residential (see footnote 5 and 13)					
Group R-1 Number of Sleeping Rooms					
a. 1-30	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
b. 31-50	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
c. 51-75	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
d. 76-99	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
e. 100-125	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
f. 126-175	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
g. 176-199	$375.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
h. 200-250	$425.00	$0.00	$850.00	$0.00	$1,700.00
i. 251 plus	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
R-2 Buildings (inspection of common use areas only)					
j. 1 to 5	$75.00	$0.00	$150.00	$0.00	$300.00
k. 6 to 10	$125.00	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00
l. 11 to 20	$175.00	$0.00	$350.00	$0.00	$700.00
m. 21 to 30	$225.00	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$900.00
n. 31 to 40	$275.00	$0.00	$550.00	$0.00	$1,100.00
o. 41 plus	$325.00	$0.00	$650.00	$0.00	$1,300.00
5. High-Rise (inspection of common use/service areas only)					
a. **Common Areas**	$250.00	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00	$1,000.00

D. FEES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

Fees for new construction inspection services are identified with the Building Safety Department's fee schedule as an integral component of City Government's Development Services Center.

E. FEES FOR ADOPTED STATE FIRE CODE PERMITS

Code Section/Title			Permit Fees
1.	105.6.4	Carnivals and fairs	$100.00/event
2.	105.6.9	Covered mall buildings	$500.00/year
3.	105.6.14	Explosives	$50.00/48 hours or $100.00/30 days
4.	105.6.14	Use of Outdoor Fireworks (Does not include standby apparatus or personnel)	$100.00/event or $500.00/event After 5th permit issued in fiscal year
4.	105.6.16	Flammable liquids (Items 5-10)	$50.00
5.	105.6.19	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging	$100.00
6.	105.6.26	Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings	$50.00

7.	105.6.30-32	Open burning and open flame use	$50.00
8.	105.6.36	Pyrotechnics Special Effects	$50.00
9.	105.6.43	Fireworks Tent	$300.00/30 days
10.	105.6.43	Assembly Tent	Follow Assembly Inspection Fee Schedule in Section A or C
11.	105.6.43	All Other Tents Requiring a Permit	$50.00/30 days
12.	105.6.XX	Any other operational permits not listed above and required by the NC Fire Code	$50.00

F. DEDICATED SERVICES OF FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL

Appropriate personnel and apparatus necessary for a requested or required service will be determined by the Fire and Rescue Chief. A written agreement of the supplemental service will be in place prior to AFR providing any services, or may be used by the judicial system as necessary.

Rank/Band Required for Duty	Hourly rate or portion of any hour (two hour minimum)
1. Firefighter	$30.00
2. Senior Firefighter	$35.00
3. Engineer	$40.00
4. Specialist	$45.00
5. Company Officer	$50.00
6. Chief Officer	$55.00

G. DEDICATED STANDBY OF EMERGENCY APPARATUS

Apparatus Required for Duty	Hourly rate or portion of any hour
1. Support vehicle	$ 25.00
2. Light duty quick response vehicle, boat	$ 50.00
3. Fire Engine	$200.00
4. Rescue Truck or Quint	$250.00
5. Ladder Truck	$300.00

Footnotes for Sections "A" , "B", and "C":

1. For Multi-occupancy buildings, other than residential or institutional, fees are per occupancy.
2. For single buildings where there are more than four occupancies, all occupants agree to a continuing inspection date, and a single invoice is paid through the building owner(s) or agent, a 33.3% discount on the first inspection fee is available. NO discounts are available on reinspections due to non-compliance.
3. For multiple buildings owned by the same owner(s) the fees are per building as defined by the NC State Building Code.
4. Subsequent reinspections beyond the second reinspection with violations not cleared will result in doubled fees with each necessary reinspection of continuing violations, with no fee cap.
5. High-rise buildings shall be assessed a fee for the common use areas per section C5.
6. Inspections will match the State mandated minimum inspection frequency. The Fire Chief can authorize a specific occupancy classification to be inspected more frequently, but not less frequently.
7. At the time of the periodic inspection for the occupancy or business operation, if an operational permit is required, that permit fee is included with the periodic inspection fee for that permit type.
8. Occupancies that are current with fire inspection fees as outlined above are not charged staff time for staff fire safety training. Occupancies that are not current or not covered by the above fee schedule will be charged according to the hourly rate fee schedule for staff fire safety training.
9. Asheville City public schools are inspected every six months, as required by state statute; however, these fees are billed on an annual basis. All Buncombe County owned school buildings are inspected by Buncombe County Government.
10. Premises, complexes, and/or uses that are not covered by the above fee schedule will be charged according to the hourly rate fee schedule for the specialist rank.
11. Large assembly occupancies used primarily for worship and that are not used for exhibition or display purposes are inspected on a 36 month schedule regardless of occupant load, in accordance with the North Carolina State Fire Code.
12. Parking garages, greenhouses, sheds, stables, tanks, and towers will be charged according to the hourly rate fee schedule for the specialist rank.
13. Accessory buildings, such as clubhouses, maintenance sheds, etc, are inspected independently based on their occupancy type.