

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Public Safety; amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code for the purpose of updating the fee schedule for certain fire services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

Section 1. The following section, 10.05.015, of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.05.015 Fire code plan review and inspection fees.

A. General. Fees as set forth in Table 10.05.015A shall be paid to the city for review of building plans for compliance with Chapter 10.05 YMC and for inspection of construction for compliance with Chapter 10.05 YMC. Existing buildings, and special events licensed pursuant to Chapter 9.70 YMC, and other events requiring fire and life safety inspection, will be subject to an annual fire and life safety inspection, and fees for such inspections shall be paid as set forth in Table 10.05.015B.

B. Fees Required for Plan Review. For construction projects for which the fire code requires submittal documents, the hourly plan review fee indicated in Table 10.05.015A shall be charged for the time to perform the plan review. The plan review fees required by this section are separate from the inspection fees required by this section, and are in addition to any inspection fees. When submittal documents are incomplete or are changed so as to require additional plan review, additional plan review fees shall be charged at the rate shown in Table 10.05.015A.

C. Fees Required for Construction Inspection. For construction projects for which the fire code requires inspection, the hourly inspection fee set forth in Table 10.05.015A shall be charged for the time to perform the inspection. The inspection fees required by this section are separate from the plan review fees required by this section, and are in addition to any plan review fees.

D. Fees Required for Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection. For existing buildings, and for special events for which the fire code or other applicable city codes require fire inspection, the inspection fee set forth in Table 10.05.015B shall be charged based on the area to be inspected or for the time to perform the inspection, as applicable. The fees required by this section are separate from the plan review fee and construction inspection fee set forth in subsections B and C of this section, and are in addition to such fees.

E. Fees Required for Fire System Records Management. Independent fire system service providers shall submit copies of fire system inspection and/or maintenance reports within 30 days of completed inspection service. A fifteen dollar (\$15) administrative fee will be charged to the service provider for each system inspection/maintenance report submitted. Independent fire system service providers performing inspection and maintenance on fire protection systems requiring inspection and maintenance by the State Adopted International Fire Code and associated NFPA Standards shall submit copies of the service and inspection reports to the Yakima Fire Department (YFD). Upon receipt of the reports, the fire department shall:

1. verify that the service was performed by a qualified fire system service company or individual;

2. review the service report to determine if the service was completed in full with no deficiencies;
3. in the event there are deficiencies in the report, YFD shall provide an inspection, either on-site, by telephone or by email, and shall affirmatively verify the necessary deficiency correction has been completed. Service providers shall provide documentation of the completed corrections.
4. Maintain the submitted service records in a databank.

For purposes of this Section, a fire protection system includes, but is not limited to: carbon dioxide fire extinguishing systems, Halon 1301 fire-extinguishing systems, dry-chemical extinguishing systems, wet-chemical extinguishing systems, water-based fire protection systems, fire alarm systems, smoke and heat vents, fire doors, hood and duct systems, water-mist systems, clean-agent extinguishing systems, and private fire hydrants.

F. Fees Required for Re-inspections. For construction inspections, associated with fire code compliance, a fee shall be charged for re-inspection for each inspection that must be made: (1) because work for which inspection is called by the permittee is not complete and ready for inspection; (2) when the inspection record card is not posted or otherwise available on the work site; (3) when the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector; (4) for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested; or (5) when corrections required by an inspector are not satisfactorily made when the permittee calls for a follow-up inspection for corrections. No re-inspection fee shall be incurred for verification of corrections when such corrections are satisfactorily made. To obtain a construction re-inspection, the permittee must pay the re-inspection fee stated in Table 10.05.015A in advance.

G. Re-inspection fees for compliance with the annual fire and life safety inspections are assessed in accordance with the fee rates set forth in Table 10.05.015B below.

Table 10.05.015A

Plan Review and Construction Inspection Fees

1. Plan review for compliance with Chapter 10.05 YMC and for changes, additions or revisions to approved plans (minimum charge—one hour)	\$47.00 per hr.
2. Normal inspection (minimum charge—one hour)	\$47.00 per hr.
3. Re-inspection (minimum charge—one hour)	\$47.00 per hr.
4. Inspections for which no other fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge—one hour)	\$47.00 per hr.

Table 10.05.015B

Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fee Schedule

E, I, F, H, M, S Occupancy	
Area in Square Feet	Fee^{1 2}
0—5,000	\$80.00
5,001—10,000	\$105.00
10,001 and Over	\$130.00
A, B, R Occupancy	
Area in Square Feet	Fee^{1 2}
0—5,000	\$55.00
5,001—10,000	\$80.00
10,001 and Over	\$105.00

1. For vacant occupancies, deduct twenty-five dollars from the fee schedule. Vacant occupancies shall contain no storage and be unoccupied at time of inspection to qualify for the reduction.
2. The hourly rate of fifty dollars per hour, charged in thirty-minute increments, will be applied if the 'per square foot' fee schedule amounts above do not cover the time spent inspecting at the hourly rate, up to a maximum charge of two hundred dollars.

Special Event Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fee Schedule	
To Be Charged to the Event (Not to the Individual Vendor)	
Time per Day	Fee
2 Hours (Minimum)	\$100
3 Hours	\$150
4 Hours	\$200
5 Hours	\$250

For every additional hour add fifty dollars per hour to the Special Event Fees above.

Compliance Fire and Life Safety Re-inspection Fee Schedule	
Number of Re-inspections	Fee
1	\$0
2	\$55
3	\$105
4	\$155
5	\$205
6 +	\$255

H. Severability. If any part of this section is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this section. (Ord. 2018-017 § 1, 2018: Ord. 2016-033 § 1, 2016: Ord. 2016-011 § 1 (Exh. A) (part), 2016: Ord. 2012-27 § 1 (Exh. A) (part), 2012: Ord. 2002-16 § 1, 2002).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this 19th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

Kathy Coffey, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date:_____

Effective Date:_____