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Construction Inspection Services and Fees as of January 1, 2015

In 2015, construction inspection fees are increasing by approximately 5%, to better align fees with current service costs. Construction inspection fees were last increased in 2013 or earlier. Specific service changes include:

Improved Process for Scheduling Overtime Inspections

Beginning in 2015, a streamlined overtime scheduling request form will be available online as a fillable pdf, and can be emailed directly to our scheduler. We are transitioning away from requiring faxes, and we anticipate this process will be more efficient for customers. The [online form](#) and email (SFD_FMO_OT_Inspections@seattle.gov) are available Jan. 2, 2015.

Sprinkler Main Inspection Services

The sprinkler main inspection fee will include up to two inspections for the same property and project.

Standpipe System Inspection Services

A new fee has been added for inspections of pressure reducing valves (PRVs) that are part of standpipe systems in large buildings. Standpipe systems that include PRVs take significantly more time to inspect than standpipe systems without PRVs, and the new fee is intended to more accurately reflect the costs of the service provided to the more complex standpipe system projects.

Fee for Late Cancellation of Inspections/Inspections Not Ready

To help us provide inspection time slots to customers who are ready and able to use them, a fee will be added if an SFD inspector arrives at a scheduled inspection and is unable to conduct the inspection because the job site or the contractor is not properly prepared. The same fee will apply if inspections are cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice.

The 2015 construction inspection service fees are summarized in the table below:

Inspection Service	2015 Inspection Fee
Fire Alarm Systems	\$460 plus \$4.60 per device > 6 devices
Fire Alarm Systems with more than 6 devices and no new control panel installation or major modification to system	\$231 plus \$4.60 per device > 6 devices
Fire Sprinkler Systems	\$278, plus \$2.78 per sprinkler head > 6 sprinkler heads
Fire Extinguishing System - Pre-Engineered or Rangehood	\$197 each
Standpipe	\$197 each, plus \$4 per landing with PRVs (pressure reducing valves)
Fire Pump	\$197 per pump
Sprinkler System Supply Main	\$245
Tenant Improvement (TI) Inspection without modification of fire protection systems, or TI with 6 or less sprinkler heads and 6 or less fire alarm devices	\$178
Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage – Systems Testing	\$175 per hour, one hour minimum
Request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy recommendation	\$210 plus time charge* for all related inspection and review.
Failed/Missed Inspection Fee	\$176 hour, one hour minimum

* The time charge shall be equal to actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead.

For more information, please call our office at 206-386-1450 and ask to speak with the Engineering Lieutenant. Thank you for your business and we wish you a safe and successful 2015.