

# Seattle Fire Marshal's Office

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## Compliance Re-inspection Fee Refund Policies

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Compliance re-inspection fees are established in the Seattle Municipal Code, Section 22.602.050. The authority to waive fees is limited to the Fire Chief, the Fire Marshal, and the Assistant Fire Marshal. The following policies are used to determine whether a fee waiver is granted. The intent of the policies is to ensure all customers are treated consistently and fairly.

Compliance re-inspection fees will be waived under the following conditions:

**1. Violation Invalid**

The violation notice as originally written is determined by the SFD Compliance unit to be invalid during inspection or prior to inspection.

**2. Unable to Validate Violation**

The violation notice as written cannot be validated due to a building alteration or demolition, as determined by the SFD Compliance unit.

**3. Conflicting Enforcement**

The violation notice as originally written is determined by the SFD Compliance unit to pertain to a condition that was directed by another jurisdiction or agency. SFD will still work with customers to ensure fire code compliance, however compliance fees may be waived. Documentation of the direction from the other jurisdiction or agency is required in order to process this type of fee waiver request.

**4. Conditions Caused by Third Parties**

The violation pertains to conditions that are caused by someone who is not the owner, responsible party, or part of a tenant/landlord agreement with respect to the building address in the violation. Documentation may be required in order to process this type of fee waiver request.

**5. Mitigating Circumstances Outside of Responsible Party's Control**

The responsible party has initiated a good faith effort to resolve the violation notice timely however due to circumstances outside of the responsible party's control, the violation has not been corrected on the compliance timeline established by the FMO Compliance unit. Documentation that demonstrates the responsible party has begun the good faith effort to resolve the violation timely will be required in order to process this type of fee waiver request.

**If you would like to request a compliance re-inspection fee refund**, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office Compliance Unit at (206) 386-1333 or by email at [SFD\\_FMO\\_Compliance@seattle.gov](mailto:SFD_FMO_Compliance@seattle.gov). Please provide information as to why you believe you are entitled to a refund and supporting documentation including a copy of the original Notice of Violation.