

# Seattle Fire Marshal's Office

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## Compliance Re-inspection Fee Invoices - FAQ

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### When Are Compliance Fees Charged?

Compliance fees are established in the Seattle Municipal Code, Section 22.602.050. These fees are charged for re-inspections that are required in order to gain compliance with the fire code.

### Why Are You Sending the Invoice to Me?

The invoices are being sent to the recorded owner of the property since it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the fire code requirements and/or fire protection equipment is being properly maintained. The Fire Department will not engage in investigative activities to determine a responsible party. If you feel a different party was responsible for causing a false alarm or for any fire code violations, you may wish to pursue that party, but the Fire Department considers all nuisance alarms and fire code violations against the owner.

### If I Disagree with the Invoice, Can I Request a Fee Waiver?

In order to ensure all customers are treated consistently and fairly, the City of Seattle has established compliance re-inspection fee waiver policies. Please review the compliance re-inspection fee waiver policies stored on our website to determine whether your situation applies: [www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/firecode/ComplianceFeeWaiverPolicies.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/firecode/ComplianceFeeWaiverPolicies.pdf).

If you would like to request a compliance re-inspection fee refund, please send a written request to the Fire Marshal's Office Compliance Unit. Your request should provide information as to why you believe you are entitled to a fee waiver according to the established policies and include pertinent details along with copies of other supporting documentation including the notice of violation. Requests should be emailed to [SFD\\_FMO\\_Compliance@seattle.gov](mailto:SFD_FMO_Compliance@seattle.gov) or sent by USPS to Administrative Specialist/Compliance Unit, Seattle Fire Marshal's Office, 220 3rd Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104-2608.

### Who Can I Call for Assistance?

If you have questions or need to speak with someone directly, 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).