

Seattle Fire Marshal's Office

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Construction Inspection Services and Fees as of January 1, 2013

In 2013, the Seattle Fire Marshal's Office will introduce two new inspection services, one to provide inspection of in-building radio system enhancements, and one to provide a lower fee structure for fire alarm installation inspections for jobs with no new fire alarm control panel or major panel modifications.

- **Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage – Systems Testing** As required by national and local fire codes, public safety radio coverage must meet minimum standards in many larger buildings. Additional wireless system enhancements may be necessary to provide the required coverage. SFD inspectors will perform validation testing after installation and acceptance testing has been performed by the building owner or designee. *Note:* Radio system plans do not require review through the SFD plan review process. A client assistance memorandum with more information will be released soon. Until then, please contact Russ Byrd at (206) 386-1455 for more information.
- **Fire Alarms Systems with > 6 Devices and no New Panel or Major Panel Modifications** A new inspection category will be provided for fire alarm systems when no new fire alarm control panel and associated backbone wiring runs are installed. This new service category complements the existing fee for inspecting new fire alarm systems including new panels. The new service has a lower fee, reflecting the lower complexity and shorter duration of the inspection work performed by the Seattle Fire Department.

Fees for full fire alarm inspection and sprinkler inspection are not changing in 2013. Other inspection fees are going up, generally by about 6%. The last time construction inspection fees were increased was in 2005.

Inspection Service	2013 Inspection Fee
Fire Alarm Systems	\$440 plus \$4.40 per device > 6 devices
Fire Alarm Systems with more than 6 devices and no new control panel installation or major modification to system (NEW for 2013)	\$220 plus \$4.40 per device > 6 devices
Fire Sprinkler Systems	\$265, plus \$2.65 per sprinkler head > 6 sprinkler heads
Fire Extinguishing System - Pre-Engineered or Rangehood	\$188 each
Standpipe	\$188 each
Fire Pump	\$188 per pump
Sprinkler System Supply Main	\$188
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	\$169
Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage – Systems Testing (NEW for 2013)	\$169 per hour, one hour minimum
Request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy recommendation	\$156 plus time charge* for all related inspection and review.

* 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 to Lieutenant Doug Smart, Engineering Lieutenant. Thank you for your business and we wish you a safe and successful 2013.