

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE PROTECTION
PLANNING IN THE PLACER COUNTY FIRE AREA
OF RESPONSIBILITY, SETTING INITIAL FEES,
AND AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL FEE INCREASE
BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.**

Resol. No: _____

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **NOVEMBER 3, 2009** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9, Slice 1, also known as the California Fire Code (CFC), establishes "the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized best practices to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare from the hazards of fire, explosions or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety and assistance to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations;" and

WHEREAS, your Board adopted the latest CFC for Placer County on April 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with CFC, Placer County Fire (PCF) fire protection planners complete 38 different planning tasks that involve such actions as plan reviews, alarm system checks, subdivision and multi-residential development fire protection planning, code compliance checks, fire suppression equipment and apparatus inspections and operability checks, etc. virtually all of which involve a site visit and physical inspection; and

WHEREAS, systemwide fee-based fire protection planning in all areas for which Placer County Fire provides fire protection services does not currently exist which precludes realization of revenues from much of the work of the two PCF fire protection planners, and in fact, Placer County Fire currently only realizes revenues in the North Auburn/Ophir Fire area which retained the Placer Consolidated Fire Protection District fee structure which was in place when it was dissolved and incorporated into Placer County Fire in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, after frequency and time required for completion of each of the 38 fire protection planning tasks were tracked in 2007 staff determined that a fee schedule based on a fixed rate v. time and materials (Attachment A) is preferable for three primary reasons: a fixed-fee schedule gives the applicant complete knowledge of permit costs from project inception, fees are not subject to year over year fluctuations, and fees are applicable solely to fire planning; and

WHEREAS, near 100% cost recovery is already a goal of the Community Development Resource Agency for Major Projects, proposed Placer County Fire fees are in line with other fire agencies in the region, and staff has determined that a fixed-fee schedule best meets the needs of both Placer County Fire and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that the Placer County Fire Planning Fee structure at Attachment A is hereby approved.

FIRE PLANNER TASKS AND FEE LIST

TASK	EXPLANATION	HOURS	FEE	REQUIRED BY*
GENERAL / MISCELLANEOUS				
Underground LPG tank installation	Plan Check and inspection	2.75	302.42	CFC
Set-back Variance	Plan Check and inspection	2	219.94	PRC / COUNTY
Fireworks display (review only)	Plan Check and inspection	3.5	384.90	H & S Code 12648
Fireworks display with stand-by	Same as above and present at the display	7.75	852.27	H & S Code 12648
Temporary outdoor event permit (per site)	Plan Check and inspection	4.5	494.87	CFC / COUNTY
State mandated inspections (Care homes, day care, etc.)	Plan Check and inspection	2.5	274.93	CFC
Parcel Maps	Plan Check and inspections	4	439.88	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Hydrant Flow Test	Site Visit	5.25	577.34	CFC
Special Inspection request	1 hour minimum	2.25	247.43	CFC/NFPA/PRC/COUNTY
7A inspection	Site Visit	3.5	384.90	UBC / PRC / COUNTY
Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (non major projects)	Review for compliance	3.75	412.39	CFC / COUNTY
Minor Use Permit (MUP)	Review for compliance	2.75	302.42	CFC / COUNTY
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)	Review for compliance	4.5	494.87	CFC / COUNTY
CIVIL				
Traffic and Circulation	Plan Check	3.25	357.40	CFC / COUNTY
Private Fire Service Main (sprinkler feed only)	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	4.5	494.87	NFPA 24 / COUNTY
Private Fire Service Main (hydrants only)	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	5.5	604.84	NFPA 24 / COUNTY
Private Fire Service Main (hydrant and sprinkler feet)	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	5.5	604.84	NFPA 24 / COUNTY
SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS				
UL 300 hood system	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	2.25	247.43	CFC / COUNTY
Special suppression system-clean agent	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	3.75	412.39	CFC / COUNTY
Standpipe - Dry	Plan Check and Inspection	4.75	522.36	NFPA 14 / COUNTY
Standpipe - Wet	Plan Check and Inspection	4.75	522.36	NFPA 14 / COUNTY
Fire Pump	Plan Check, Flow Test, Inspection	5.25	577.34	NFPA / COUNTY
Sprinkler - Shell/initial system 1-99 heads	Plan Check, Visual Inspection, 2-hour Hydro Test and Final	5.5	604.84	NFPA 13 / COUNTY
Sprinkler - Shell/initial system 100-299 heads	Plan Check, Visual Inspection, 2-hour Hydro Test and Final	7.75	852.27	NFPA 13 / COUNTY
Sprinkler - Shell/initial system 300+ heads	Plan Check, Visual Inspection, 2-hour Hydro Test and Final	8.75	962.24	NFPA 13 / COUNTY
Sprinkler - Tenant Improvement 1-49 heads	Plan Check, Visual Inspection	3.5	384.90	NFPA 13 / COUNTY
Sprinkler - Tenant Improvement 50+ heads	Plan Check, Visual Inspection, 2-hour Hydro Test and Final	5.5	604.84	NFPA 13 / COUNTY
Spray Booth	Plan Check, Visual Inspection	2.75	302.42	CFC / COUNTY
FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS				
Alarm System - 1-9 devices	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	2.75	302.42	NFPA 72 / COUNTY
Alarm System - 10-29 devices	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	3.75	412.39	NFPA 72 / COUNTY
Alarm System - 30+ devices	Plan Check, Inspection, Testing	4.75	522.36	NFPA 72 / COUNTY
SUBDIVISIONS / MULTI-RESIDENTIAL				
Subdivisions 5-25 units	Plan Check, EIR, Inspection	6	659.82	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Subdivisions 26-50 units	Plan Check, EIR, Inspection	8	879.76	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Subdivisions 51+ units	Plan Check, EIR, Inspection	10	1099.70	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Multi-residential 5-25 units	Plan Check, Inspection	5.5	604.84	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Multi-residential 26-50 units	Plan Check, Inspection	6.5	714.81	CFC / PRC / COUNTY
Multi-residential 51+ units	Plan Check, Inspection	8	879.76	CFC / PRC / COUNTY

PRC = Public Resources Code

CFC = California Fire Code

NFPA = National Fire Protection Association

H & S Code = Health & Safety Code