

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2007-O-036

AMENDING SECTION 12-81 [PURPOSE AND SCHEDULE] OF ARTICLE IV [FIRE PREVENTION FEES] OF CHAPTER 12 [FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION] OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE AND AMEND THE FEES FOR INSPECTION SERVICES, AND ADDING THE NEW SPRINKLER INSTALLATION, SPRINKLER SYSTEM MODIFICATION / REMODEL, NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLATION, FIRE ALARM MODIFICATION / REMODEL, FIRE ALARM CONNECTED TO SPRINKLER SYSTEM, FIRE ALARM PANEL REPLACEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is legally charged with the duty of performing Fire inspection services and life safety inspections for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department cannot readily meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA) to maintain adequate inspections each year because of limitation of personnel and lack of automated software systems; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing these services necessitates increases in the fire inspection fees; and

WHEREAS, these increases are recommended in the interest of the public health and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

Part 1: That Section 12-81 of Article IV of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-81. Purpose and Schedule

Fees for Fire Inspection Services and Inspections shall be for the amounts and purposes hereinafter set forth in Exhibit A.

Activity	Existing Fees	Proposed Fees	
Plan Review			
Plat Review	(\$100.00)	\$100.00	<u>Per plat</u>
Plan Review Construction	(\$100.00 + \$0.02 per square foot)	\$100.00 + \$0.01 per <u>Square Foot</u>	
Plan Review for Sprinkler System	(\$100.00 + \$0.02 per square foot)	\$100.00 + \$0.002 per <u>Square Foot</u>	
New Sprinkler System Installation	(180.00)	\$100.00 + (1-25) \$1.50 per head, (26 +) \$0.50 per head	
Sprinkler System Modification / Remodel	(180.00)	\$50.00 +	

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Plan Review for Fire Alarm System	(\$100.00 + \$0.02 per square foot)	\$100.00 + \$0.002 per Square Foot	
New Fire Alarm System Installation	(\$180.00)	\$100.00 + (1-25) \$1.75 per device, (26 +) \$0.75 per device.	
Fire Alarm Modification / Remodel	(\$180.00)	\$50.00 + (1-25) \$1.75 per device, (26 +) \$0.75 per device	
Fire Alarm Connected to Sprinkler System	(\$180.00)	\$100.00	Per panel
Fire Alarm Panel Replacement	(\$180.00)	\$100.00	Per panel
Plan Review for Vent Hood System	\$180.00	\$180.00	Per hood
Permits			
Above Ground Storage Tanks	\$150.00	\$150.00	Per tank
Control Burning	\$100.00	\$100.00	For every 30 days
Explosive (Transport)	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per vehicle
Food Booth	\$20.00	\$20.00	Per day
Fireworks Display	\$250.00	\$250.00	Per event
LPG Tank	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per tank
Mobile Refuel initial fee	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Mobile Refuel 1-3 vehicles	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Mobile Refuel 4-6 vehicles	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Mobile Refuel 7-10 vehicles	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Mobile Refuel 11 + vehicles	\$800.00	\$800.00	
Parade Float	\$20.00	\$20.00	Per float
Pyrotechnics, Indoor	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per event
Spray Paint Booths	\$150.00	\$150.00	Per booth
Underground Storage Tanks	\$150.00	\$150.00	Per tank
Used Clothing (Ropa Usada) small stores only	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Underground Fire Line	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per line
Tents Permits	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per tent
Inspections			
After Hours Inspection	\$200.00	\$200.00	Per hour
Airport	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Beer and Wine Permits Inspection	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Church	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Daycare or Similar Inspection	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Detention / Correctional	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Fire Inspection	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Fire Line Pressure Test	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per line
Fuel Pump (each)	\$50.00	\$50.00	Per pump

Hotel/Motel	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Hospital or Similar Inspection	<u>\$250.00 + \$1.00 per Bed after 250 beds</u>	<u>\$250.00 + \$1.00 per Bed after 250 beds</u>	
Hydrostatic Test	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>Per test</u>
Monitoring Wells (Ignitable Liquids)	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>Per well</u>
Nursing Home or Similar Inspection	<u>\$150.00 + \$1.00 per Bed after 150 beds</u>	<u>\$150.00 + \$1.00 per Bed after 150 beds</u>	
Rehab, Physical Therapy and Clinics	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Re-Inspection Fee	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Underground Tank Removal	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Per tank</u>
Warehouse 0 to 50,000 sq. ft.	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Warehouse 50,001 to 200,000 sq. ft.	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	
Warehouse 200,001 + sq. ft.	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Operating without a Permit	<u>Permit fee + 150% of Permit fee</u>	<u>Permit fee + 150% of Permit fee</u>	
Others			
Fire Drill (Commercial)	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>Per Fire Drill</u>
Fire Equipment Demo/Training	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>Per demo/training up to 40 people</u>
Fire Report Copy	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>Per copy</u>
Standby Fire Company	<u>\$250.00 per Hr.</u>	<u>\$250.00 per Hr.</u>	<u>Minimum 2hrs</u>

Part 2: Section 12-82 of Article IV of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-82. When Imposed


That Fire Inspection Fees will be imposed on businesses that do not meet Safety and Fire Prevention Standards and require a secondary (and/or more additional) inspection. The following stipulations will be adhered to:

- 1) Businesses/Agencies that receive a satisfactory evaluation upon a primary visit will not be required to pay Fire Inspection Fees.
- 2) Businesses that require a secondary visit to verify that corrections have been made to deficiencies found initially will be charged even if corrections have been made or not. The fees will be applied as follows:

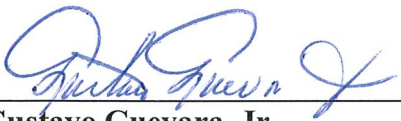
- The standard hourly fee of \$50 fifty dollars will be applied upon second visit to businesses that do not comply with violations (identified in initial visit)
- Businesses that require a third or more visits will be applied an hourly fee of \$100.00 hundred dollars.

Part 3: As required by Sections 2.09(D) and 8.03 of the Charter, this ordinance shall become effective from and after the later of the date of its publication or the 61st date after the date of its final passage.

Passed and approved by the City Council and signed by the Mayor on the 22nd day of MARCH, 2007.

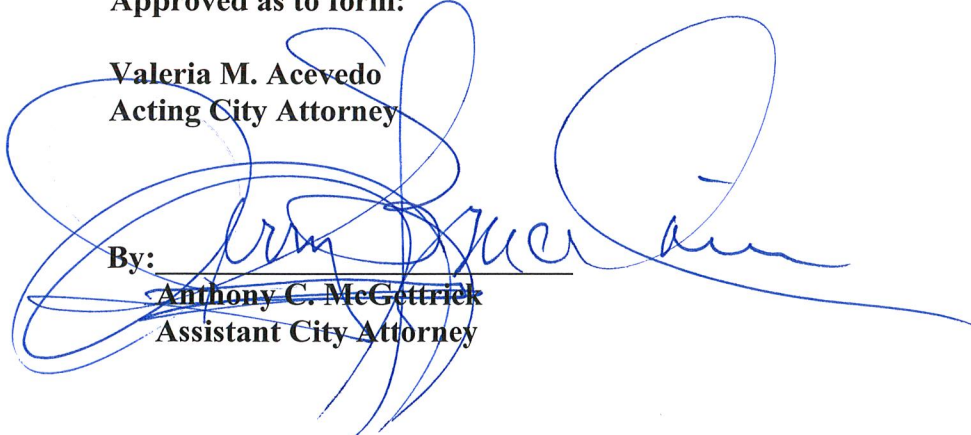
By: 
Raul G. Salinas
Mayor

Attest:


Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

Approved as to form:


Valeria M. Acevedo
Acting City Attorney

By: 
Anthony C. McGettrick
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 03/19/07	SUBJECT: FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2007-O-036 AMENDING SECTION 12-81 [PURPOSE AND SCHEDULE] OF ARTICLE IV [FIRE PREVENTION FEES] OF CHAPTER 12 [FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION] OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE AND AMEND THE FEES FOR INSPECTION SERVICES, AND ADDING THE NEW SPRINKLER INSTALLATION, SPRINKLER SYSTEM MODIFICATION / REMODEL, NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLATION, FIRE ALARM MODIFICATION / REMODEL, FIRE ALARM CONNECTED TO SPRINKLER SYSTEM, FIRE ALARM PANEL REPLACEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.
INITIATED BY: Cynthia Collazo Acting City Manager	STAFF SOURCE: Luis F. Sosa, Jr. Fire Chief
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: On February 20, 2007, City Council directed staff to proceed with the proposed amendment of Inspection Fees and Inspection Services.	
BACKGROUND: The NFPA 1 Fire Prevention Code adopted in August 23, 1999 which is updated yearly requires fire inspections of certain buildings and allows for charging of fees according to a schedule. These fees were last adjusted in 2006. Since the Fire Department is legally charged with the duty of performing fire inspection services and life safety inspections for the community, it cannot readily meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA) to maintain adequate inspections each year because of limitation of personnel and lack of automated software systems. Amending plan review fee's because of a type-o to adjust the cost of plan reviews for construction from \$0.02 to \$0.01, plan reviews for sprinkler system from \$0.02 to \$0.002 and plan reviews for fire alarm system from \$0.02 to \$0.002. The addition of plan reviews for new sprinkler installation, sprinkler system modification / remodel, new fire alarm system installation, fire alarm modification / remodel, fire alarm connected to sprinkler system, and fire alarm panel replacement is subject to these items not being incorporated into the last ordinance amendment.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: With the implementation of these fees the revenues for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for fire permits and fire inspections will increase by an estimated \$40,618 which translates to 17%.	
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF RECOMMENDATION Staff recommends that City Council approves the Final Reading as presented.