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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Description: Attached is supplemental material received after publishing the

agenda, the update of Attachment 3. The attached staff report

replaces the original staff report in its entirety.

For the Meeting of: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion Item 7

7. Proposed Fire Prevention Fee Adjustments

File ID: 2025-00774

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- 2-Resolution
- 3-Exhibit A (Current & Proposed SFD Fire Prevention Fees) Updated
- 4-Exhibit B (Regional Fee Comparisons)

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Policy Considerations: The changes are consistent with Council's adopted Fees and Charges Policy and support the City's budget sustainability and fiscal responsibility goals.

Proposition 26 was passed by the voters on November 2, 2010, amending Article XIII C of the State constitution. According to the ballot measure, the intent of the measure is to ensure the effectiveness of Propositions 13 and 218 by providing a definition of a "tax" for state and local purposes "so that neither the Legislature nor local governments can circumvent these restrictions on increasing taxes by simply defining new or expanded taxes as 'fees'." Thus, under Proposition 26, a tax has been defined broadly to include any levy, charge or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government, except for seven specified categories of charges. Moreover, the City bears the burden of proving that a fee or charge is not a tax. The proposed fees are not a tax under Proposition 26 because of exception 3 (licenses and permits).

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment and does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); 15378 (b) (2)].

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Fire Prevention Service fees were last increased in 2018. The Department hired a consultant to determine the costs of providing fire prevention services and the resulting fees that would recover these costs. The proposed fees are based on recovering the direct staff costs for providing services. Department and citywide overhead costs known as indirect costs have not been included. In addition, the proposed fees are similar to those charged in the Sacramento region and some of the initial fees were further refined to be more in line with other comparable agencies in the region.

Financial Considerations: The Fire Department proposes adjustments to the current rate structure which will reflect the cost of providing fire prevention services and bring the City's fees more in line with the fees charged within the region as shown in Exhibit B. Staff is also recommending an annual inflation adjustment, based on the Consumer Price Index, so that fees keep up with service provision costs and to prevent sharp fee increases every few years when a fee study is conducted. Other jurisdictions in the region, such as Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, use this methodology.

Revenue estimates for this increase total approximately \$3.2 million annually. The City is currently in a structural budget deficit, with a \$62.2 million deficit projected for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 and

deficits growing in future fiscal years as cost growth outpaces revenues. On February 25, 2025, Council approved the one-time use of prior year savings to address the FY2025/26 budget gap resulting in the City now needing \$44.1 million in budget balancing solutions. On March 7, 2025, the City published budget balancing options that have been identified by City departments. This fee increase is option R9 and approval of this fee increase will help balance the FY2025/26 budget and as it is an ongoing balancing strategy, it will lower forecasted deficits in future fiscal years.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

PROPOSED FIRE PREVENTION FEE ADJUSTMENTS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Fire Department Fire Prevention Services is responsible for providing inspections, permits and oversee new construction in the City of Sacramento. These services are General Fund activities supported by fees charged for services.
- B. On February 7, 2006, the City Council adopted the Citywide Fees and Charges policy (Resolution No. 2006-106).
- C. The last increase of Fire Prevention fees occurred with the revision of the Citywide Fees and Charges policy (Resolution No. 2018-0059) on 2/6/2018.
- D. The costs to provide Fire Prevention Services have increased significantly over the past seven years.
- E. The most recent revision of the Citywide Free and Charges policy (Resolution No. 24-153) occurred in May 2024 without an increase in Fire Prevention fees.
- F. The existing Fire Prevention fees do not include a provision to adjust fees based on annual inflation. The ability to adjust fees annually will allow for recovery of increasing labor and service and supply costs.
- G. Proposed new Fire Prevention fees and fee adjustments are set forth in Exhibit A.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The existing Fire Prevention fees and fee adjustments in the Citywide Fees and Charges policy are amended as shown in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. Exhibit A is part of this resolution.
- Section 3. The Citywide Fees and Charges policy for the Fire Prevention Program is amended to include an annual fee increase beginning July 1, 2025, and each July 1st thereafter, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Series Title: Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers the U.S. City Average, All Urban Consumers—not seasonally adjusted, for San Francisco-Oakland- San Jose, CA as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the twelve (12) month period ending Page 10 of 13 December 31 of the preceding year. A cost analysis will be prepared annually, and CPI increases will be implemented, provided that the increase doesn't exceed the cost of providing services.

Section 4. The Fire Prevention fee changes will be effective July 1, 2025.

City of Sacramento Fire Departments Fire Prevention Fees

Fire Prevention Fees: Effective July 1, 2025						
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Permit Fee Description	Fee	Fee 1				
Aerosol Products (>500 LBS)	\$343	\$601				
Amusement Buildings	\$851	\$1,465				
Apartment 3-15 Units - Self Certification	\$51	\$108				
Apartment 16-30 Units	\$274	\$481				
Apartment 31-60 Units	\$357	\$625				
Apartment 61-100 Units	\$442	\$769				
Apartment 101-150 Units	\$524	\$908				
Apartment151-200 Units	\$611	\$1,057				
Apartment 201-250 Units	\$696	\$1,201				
Apartment 251-300 Units	\$781	\$1,345				
Apartment 301-350 Units	\$781	\$1,345				
Apartment 351-400 Units	\$865	\$1,489				
Apartment 401-450 Units	\$950	\$1,633				
Apartment 451-500 Units	\$1,036	\$1,777				
Apartment 501+ Units	\$1,036	\$1,921				
Arson - Background Check	\$33	\$48				
Arson - Report Copies	\$56	\$119				
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Candles/open flames	\$259	\$457				
Cannabis Grow Facility or Dispensary	\$470	\$817				
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Combustible Storage	\$513	\$889				
Compressed Gases	\$343	\$601				
Consultation Fee	\$169	\$288				
Copy of Reports (Each Document)	\$6	\$108				
Cryogens	\$343	\$601				
Daycare (9-14) Occupants	\$343	\$268				
Daycare (15-49) Occupants	\$428	\$745				
Daycare (50-99) Occupants	\$428	\$745				
Daycare (Commercial 100+) Occupants	\$428	\$745				
Dry Cleaning Plant	\$428	\$745				
Dust Producing Oper/storage	\$428	\$745				
Exhibit/Trade Shows	\$682	\$1,177				
Explosive Blasting Agent Storage	\$513	\$889				
Failure to Prepare/Cancel	\$343	\$601				
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	\$343	\$601				

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Permit Fee Description	Fee	Fee 1				
Floor Finish	\$343	\$601				
Fruit Ripening	\$343	\$601				
Garage Repairs/Motor Vehicle Fuel	\$428	\$745				
Hazardous Materials	\$513	\$889				
Hazardous Production Facilities	\$809	\$1,393				
Heliport/Helistop	\$259	\$457				
Helistop (Special Event)	\$343	\$601				
High Piled Storage	\$428	\$745				
Hood System	\$386	\$673				
Hot Food Vendor- Annual	\$301	\$529				
Hot Works/ Cutting and Welding	\$343	\$60:				
Hotel/Motel (3-8 Rooms)	\$343	\$60:				
Hotel/Motel (9-16 Rooms)	\$428	\$74				
Hotel/Motel (17-30 Rooms)	\$513	\$88				
Hotel/Motel (31-60 Rooms)	\$597	\$1,03				
Hotel/Motel (61-90 Rooms)	\$724	\$1,24				
Hotel/Motel (91-120 Rooms)	\$809	\$1,39				
Hotel/Motel (120+ Rooms)	\$894	\$1,53				
Hourly Inspection Fee	\$169	\$28				
Inspection- After Hours (Special Event Inspections)	\$254	\$43				
Institution (14 or Less) Occupants	\$528	\$92				
Institution (15-49) Occupants	\$909	\$1,57				
Institution (50-199) Occupants	\$1,291	\$2,21				
Institution (200+) Occupants	\$1,630	\$2,79				
Knox Box Servicing	\$84	\$14				
Late Payment Fee	\$107	\$10				
Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)	\$343	\$60				
Lumber Yard/Woodwork	\$640	\$1,10				
Magnesium	\$343	\$60				
Malls	\$1,234	\$2,11				
Marinas	\$428	\$74				
Multi Story Bldg (75 FT +)	\$0.0038	\$0.00				
Notice and Order to Abate	\$2,737	\$4,69				
Notice and Order to Abate - Appeal	\$1,666	\$2,88				
Open Burning	\$216	\$38				
Organic Coating Application	\$343	\$60				
Ovens (Industrial Baking/Drying)	\$343	\$60:				
Places of Assembly (A-1)	\$540	\$1,46				

City of Sacramento Fire Departments Fire Prevention Fees

Fire Prevention Fees: Effective July 1, 2025						
Downit Foo Doggrintion	SFD Current	Proposed				
Permit Fee Description	Fee	Fee 1				
Places of Assembly (A-2 & A-3) 100+	\$450	\$986				
Places of Assembly (A-2 & A-3) 50-99	\$327	\$889				
Places of Assembly (A-4 & A-5)	\$654	\$7,045				
Pyrotechnics and Special Effects	\$301	\$529				
Pyrotechnics Public Display	\$301	\$529				
Radioactive Materials	\$470	\$809				
Refrigeration Equipment	\$343	\$601				
Re-Issuance of Annual Permit	\$30	\$65				
Residential Care Facility (<25) Occupants	\$169	\$288				
Residential Care Facility (25+) Occupants	\$169	\$288				
Special Event Planning	N/A	\$600				
Schools	\$169	\$288				
Spraying or Dipping	\$343	\$601				
Technology Fee	\$0.10	\$0.11				
Temporary Membrane Structures	\$216	\$385				
Tire Storage (> 1000 Cubic FT)	\$470	\$817				
Wood Products	\$470	\$817				
Development Fee Changes: Effective July	1, 2025					
Development Fee: Administrative Fee	\$82	\$173				
Development Fee: Fire Plan Review Fee	\$149	\$255				
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee - New Building ²	\$0.093	\$0.11				
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee -Tenant Improvement	\$0.059	\$0.08				
Development Fee: Plan Review- Schools Per Hour	\$108	\$473				
Development Fee: Minimum Permit Fee	\$169	\$288				
Development Fee: Overtime / Expedite Plan Check	\$253	\$432				
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Statistics for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31 of the preceding year.

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Exhibit B

City of Sacramento Base Fee Comparisons of Local Fire Departments Fire Prevention Fees

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	Fee	Fee 1	е			mento	s
Aerosol Products (>500 LBS)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	N/A	\$510
Amusement Buildings	\$851	\$1,465	53%	\$947	\$296	\$231	\$491
Apartment 3-15 Units - Self Certification	\$51	\$108	72 %	\$473	\$390	N/A	\$431
Apartment 16-30 Units	\$274	\$481	55%	\$630	\$584	\$346	\$520
Apartment 31-60 Units	\$357	\$625	55%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
Apartment 61-100 Units	\$442	\$769	54%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment 101-150 Units	\$524	\$908	54%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
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Arson - Background Check	\$33	\$48	37%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arson - Report Copies	\$56	\$119	72%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Artists Live and Work	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aviation Facilities	\$851	\$1,465	53%	\$1,262	N/A	\$231	\$746
Candles/open flames	\$259	\$457	55%	N/A	N/A	\$231	\$231
Cannabis Grow Facility or Dispensary	\$470	\$817	54%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
Carnivals/Fairs	\$386	\$673	54%	947	N/A	\$231	\$589
Cellulose Nitrate Film	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Combustible Storage	\$513	\$889	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Compressed Gases	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	231	\$430
Consultation Fee	\$169	\$288	52%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Copy of Reports (Each Document)	\$6	\$108	179%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cryogens	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Daycare (9-14) Occupants	\$343	\$268	25%	\$630	\$584	N/A	\$607
Daycare (15-49) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$584	N/A	\$607
Daycare (50-99) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$947	\$776	N/A	\$861
Daycare (Commercial 100+) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$1,420	N/A	N/A	\$1,420

Dry Cleaning Plant	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	N/A	N/A	\$630
Dust Producing Oper/storage	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Exhibit/Trade Shows	\$682	\$1,177	53%	\$630	\$972	\$231	\$611
Explosive Blasting Agent Storage	\$513	\$889	54%	\$788	N/A	\$231	\$510
Failure to Prepare/Cancel	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Floor Finish	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Fruit Ripening	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Garage Repairs/Motor Vehicle Fuel	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Hazardous Materials	\$513	\$889	54%	\$1,292	\$390	\$231	\$637
Hazardous Production Facilities	\$809	\$1,393	53%	\$1,292	\$390	\$231	\$637
Heliport/Helistop	\$259	\$457	55%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
Helistop (Special Event)	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
High Piled Storage	\$428	\$745	54%	\$788	\$1,354	\$231	\$791
Hood System	\$386	\$673	54%	\$1,354	N/A	N/A	\$1,354
Hot Food Vendor- Annual	\$301	\$529	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hot Works/ Cutting and Welding	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$296	\$231	\$385
Hotel/Motel (3-8 Rooms)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$788	\$390	\$246	\$475
Hotel/Motel (9-16 Rooms)	\$428	\$745	54%	\$788	\$390	\$346	\$475
Hotel/Motel (17-30 Rooms)	\$513	\$889	54%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
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Hourly Inspection Fee	\$169	\$288	52 %	\$315	\$390	\$231	\$312
Inspection- After Hours (Special Event Inspections)	\$254	\$432	52%	\$472	\$584	\$288	\$448
Institution (14 or Less) Occupants	\$528	\$922	54%	\$947	\$298	N/A	\$623
Institution (15-49) Occupants	\$909	\$1,570	53%	\$1,292	\$447	N/A	\$870
Institution (50-199) Occupants	\$1,291	\$2,218	53%	\$1,578	\$447	N/A	\$10,113
Institution (200+) Occupants	\$1,630	\$2,794	53%	\$4,102	\$596	N/A	\$2,349
Knox Box Servicing	\$84	\$144	53%	\$339	N/A	N/A	\$339
Late Payment Fee	\$107	\$107	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$788	\$299	\$231	\$439
Lumber Yard/Woodwork	\$640	\$1,105	53%	\$788	\$299	\$231	\$439
Magnesium	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	\$231	\$431
Malls	\$1,234	\$2,113	53%	\$947	\$299	\$231	\$492
Marinas	\$428	\$745	54%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi Story Bldg (75 FT +)	\$0.0038	\$0.004	5%	\$2,524	N/A	\$461	\$1,492
Notice and Order to Abate	\$2,737	\$4,691	53%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Pyrotechnics Public Display	\$301	\$529	55%	\$630	\$895	N/A	\$763
Radioactive Materials	\$470	\$809	53%	N/A	N/A	\$231	\$231
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Re-Issuance of Annual Permit	\$30	\$65	74%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Proposition 26 was passed by the voters on November 2, 2010, amending Article XIII C of the State constitution. According to the ballot measure, the intent of the measure is to ensure the effectiveness of Propositions 13 and 218 by providing a definition of a "tax" for state and local purposes "so that neither the Legislature nor local governments can circumvent these restrictions on increasing taxes by simply defining new or expanded taxes as 'fees'." Thus, under Proposition 26, a tax has been defined broadly to include any levy, charge or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government, except for seven specified categories of charges. Moreover, the City bears the burden of proving that a fee or charge is not a tax. The proposed fees are not a tax under Proposition 26 because of exception 3 (licenses and permits).

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment and does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); 15378 (b) (2)].

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Fire Prevention Service fees were last increased in 2018. The Department hired a consultant to determine the costs of providing fire prevention services and the resulting fees that would recover these costs. The proposed fees are based on recovering the direct staff costs for providing services. Department and citywide overhead costs known as indirect costs have not been included. In addition, the proposed fees are similar to those charged in the Sacramento region and some of the initial fees were further refined to be more in line with other comparable agencies in the region.

Financial Considerations: The Fire Department proposes adjustments to the current rate structure which will reflect the cost of providing fire prevention services and bring the City's fees more in line with the fees charged within the region as shown in Exhibit B. Staff is also recommending an annual inflation adjustment, based on the Consumer Price Index, so that fees keep up with service provision costs and to prevent sharp fee increases every few years when a fee study is conducted. Other jurisdictions in the region, such as Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, use this methodology.

Revenue estimates for this increase total approximately \$3.2 million annually. The City is currently in a structural budget deficit, with a \$62.2 million deficit projected for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 and

deficits growing in future fiscal years as cost growth outpaces revenues. On February 25, 2025, Council approved the one-time use of prior year savings to address the FY2025/26 budget gap resulting in the City now needing \$44.1 million in budget balancing solutions. On March 7, 2025, the City published budget balancing options that have been identified by City departments. This fee increase is option R9 and approval of this fee increase will help balance the FY2025/26 budget and as it is an ongoing balancing strategy, it will lower forecasted deficits in future fiscal years.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

PROPOSED FIRE PREVENTION FEE ADJUSTMENTS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Fire Department Fire Prevention Services is responsible for providing inspections, permits and oversee new construction in the City of Sacramento. These services are General Fund activities supported by fees charged for services.
- B. On February 7, 2006, the City Council adopted the Citywide Fees and Charges policy (Resolution No. 2006-106).
- C. The last increase of Fire Prevention fees occurred with the revision of the Citywide Fees and Charges policy (Resolution No. 2018-0059) on 2/6/2018.
- D. The costs to provide Fire Prevention Services have increased significantly over the past seven years.
- E. The most recent revision of the Citywide Free and Charges policy (Resolution No. 24-153) occurred in May 2024 without an increase in Fire Prevention fees.
- F. The existing Fire Prevention fees do not include a provision to adjust fees based on annual inflation. The ability to adjust fees annually will allow for recovery of increasing labor and service and supply costs.
- G. Proposed new Fire Prevention fees and fee adjustments are set forth in Exhibit A.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The existing Fire Prevention fees and fee adjustments in the Citywide Fees and Charges policy are amended as shown in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. Exhibit A is part of this resolution.
- Section 3. The Citywide Fees and Charges policy for the Fire Prevention Program is amended to include an annual fee increase beginning July 1, 2025, and each July 1st thereafter, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Series Title: Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers the U.S. City Average, All Urban Consumers—not seasonally adjusted, for San Francisco-Oakland- San Jose, CA as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the twelve (12) month period ending Page 10 of 13 December 31 of the preceding year. A cost analysis will be prepared annually, and CPI increases will be implemented, provided that the increase doesn't exceed the cost of providing services.

Section 4. The Fire Prevention fee changes will be effective July 1, 2025.

Exhibit A

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Current and Proposed SFD Fire Prevention Fees

Fire Prevention Fees: Effective July 1, 2025			
Permit Fee Description	SFD Current Fee	Proposed Fee 1	% Variance
Aerosol Products (>500 LBS)	\$343	\$601	55%
Amusement Buildings	\$851	\$1,465	53%
Apartment 3-15 Units - Self Certification	\$51	\$108	72%
Apartment 16-30 Units	\$274	\$481	55%
Apartment 31-60 Units	\$357	\$625	55%
Apartment 61-100 Units	\$442	\$769	54%
Apartment 101-150 Units	\$524	\$908	54%
Apartment151-200 Units	\$611	\$1,057	53%
Apartment 201-250 Units	\$696	\$1,201	53%
Apartment 251-300 Units	\$781	\$1,345	53%
Apartment 301-350 Units	\$781	\$1,345	53%
Apartment 351-400 Units	\$865	\$1,489	53%
Apartment 401-450 Units	\$950	\$1,633	53%
Apartment 451-500 Units	\$1,036	\$1,777	53%
Apartment 501+ Units	\$1,036	\$1,921	60%
Arson - Background Check	\$33	\$48	37%
Arson - Report Copies	\$56	\$119	72%
Artists Live and Work	\$343	\$601	55%
Aviation Facilities	\$851	\$1,465	53%
Candles/open flames	\$259	\$457	55%
Cannabis Grow Facility or Dispensary	\$470	\$817	54%
Carnivals/Fairs	\$386	\$673	54%
Cellulose Nitrate Film	\$343	\$601	55%
Combustible Storage	\$513	\$889	54%
Compressed Gases	\$343	\$601	55%
Consultation Fee	\$169	\$288	52%
Copy of Reports (Each Document)	\$6	\$108	179%
Cryogens	\$343	\$601	55%
Daycare (9-14) Occupants	\$343	\$268	25%
Daycare (15-49) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%
Daycare (50-99) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%
Daycare (Commercial 100+) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%

Dry Cleaning Plant	\$428	\$745	54%
Dust Producing Oper/storage	\$428	\$745	54%
Exhibit/Trade Shows	\$682	\$1,177	53%
Explosive Blasting Agent Storage	\$513	\$889	54%
Failure to Prepare/Cancel	\$343	\$601	55%
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	\$343	\$601	55%
Floor Finish	\$343	\$601	55%
Fruit Ripening	\$343	\$601	55%
Garage Repairs/Motor Vehicle Fuel	\$428	\$745	54%
Hazardous Materials	\$513	\$889	54%
Hazardous Production Facilities	\$809	\$1,393	53%
Heliport/Helistop	\$259	\$457	55%
Helistop (Special Event)	\$343	\$601	55%
High Piled Storage	\$428	\$745	54%
Hood System	\$386	\$673	54%
Hot Food Vendor- Annual	\$301	\$529	55%
Hot Works/ Cutting and Welding	\$343	\$601	55%
Hotel/Motel (3-8 Rooms)	\$343	\$601	55%
Hotel/Motel (9-16 Rooms)	\$428	\$745	54%
Hotel/Motel (17-30 Rooms)	\$513	\$889	54%
Hotel/Motel (31-60 Rooms)	\$597	\$1,033	53%
Hotel/Motel (61-90 Rooms)	\$724	\$1,249	53%
Hotel/Motel (91-120 Rooms)	\$809	\$1,393	53%
Hotel/Motel (120+ Rooms)	\$894	\$1,537	53%
Hourly Inspection Fee	\$169	\$288	52%
Inspection- After Hours (Special Event Inspections)	\$254	\$432	52%
Institution (14 or Less) Occupants	\$528	\$922	54%
Institution (15-49) Occupants	\$909	\$1,570	53%
Institution (50-199) Occupants	\$1,291	\$2,218	53%
Institution (200+) Occupants	\$1,630	\$2,794	53%
Knox Box Servicing	\$84	\$144	53%
Late Payment Fee	\$107	\$107	0%
Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)	\$343	\$601	55%
Lumber Yard/Woodwork	\$640	\$1,105	53%
Magnesium	\$343	\$601	55%
Malls	\$1,234	\$2,113	53%
Marinas	\$428	\$745	54%
Multi Story Bldg (75 FT +)	\$0.0038	\$0.004	5%
Notice and Order to Abate	\$2,737	\$4,691	53%
Notice and Order to Abate - Appeal	\$1,666	\$2,884	54%
Open Burning	\$216	\$385	56%

Organic Coating Application	\$343	\$601	55%
Ovens (Industrial Baking/Drying)	\$343	\$601	55%
Places of Assembly (A-1)	\$540	\$1,465	92%
Places of Assembly (A-2 & A-3) 100+	\$327	\$1,177	113%
Places of Assembly (A-2 & A-3) 50-99	\$450	\$889	66%
Places of Assembly (A-4 & A-5)	\$654	\$7,045	166%
Pyrotechnics and Special Effects	\$301	\$529	55%
Pyrotechnics Public Display	\$301	\$529	55%
Radioactive Materials	\$470	\$809	53%
Refrigeration Equipment	\$343	\$601	55%
Re-Issuance of Annual Permit	\$30	\$65	74%
Residential Care Facility (<25) Occupants	\$169	\$288	52%
Residential Care Facility (25+) Occupants	\$169	\$288	52%
Special Event Planning	NA	\$600	200%
Schools	\$169	\$288	52%
Spraying or Dipping	\$343	\$601	55%
Technology Fee	\$0.10	\$0.11	10%
Temporary Membrane Structures	\$216	\$385	56%
Tire Storage (> 1000 Cubic FT)	\$470	\$817	54%
Wood Products	\$470	\$817	54%
Development Fee Changes: Effective July 1, 2025			
Development Fee: Administrative Fee	\$82	\$173	71%
Development Fee: Fire Plan Review Fee	\$149	\$255	52%
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee - New Building ²	\$0.11	\$0.093	17%
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee -Tenant Improvement	\$0.08	\$0.059	30%
Development Fee: Plan Review- Schools Per Hour	\$108	\$473	126%
Development Fee: Minimum Permit Fee	\$169	\$288	52%
Development Fee: Overtime / Expedite Plan Check	\$253	\$432	52%
Development Fee: Regular Time	\$169	\$288	52%

^{*} New fees are listed as N/A in the current fee column

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Exhibit B

City of Sacramento Base Fee Comparisons of Local Fire Departments Fire Prevention Fees

ire Prevention Fees: Effective July 1, 2025 Permit Fee Description	SFD Current	Proposed	% Varianc	Metro	Roseville	West Sacra	Average Comparison
	Fee	Fee 1	е			mento	s
Aerosol Products (>500 LBS)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	N/A	\$510
Amusement Buildings	\$851	\$1,465	53%	\$947	\$296	\$231	\$491
Apartment 3-15 Units - Self Certification	\$51	\$108	72 %	\$473	\$390	N/A	\$431
Apartment 16-30 Units	\$274	\$481	55%	\$630	\$584	\$346	\$520
Apartment 31-60 Units	\$357	\$625	55%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
Apartment 61-100 Units	\$442	\$769	54%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment 101-150 Units	\$524	\$908	54%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment151-200 Units	\$611	\$1,057	53%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment 201-250 Units	\$696	\$1,201	53%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment 251-300 Units	\$781	\$1,345	53%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Apartment 301-350 Units	\$781	\$1,345	53%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Apartment 351-400 Units	\$865	\$1,489	53%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Apartment 401-450 Units	\$950	\$1,633	53%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Apartment 451-500 Units	\$1,036	\$1,777	53%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Apartment 501+ Units	\$1,036	\$1,921	60%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Arson - Background Check	\$33	\$48	37%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arson - Report Copies	\$56	\$119	72%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Artists Live and Work	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aviation Facilities	\$851	\$1,465	53%	\$1,262	N/A	\$231	\$746
Candles/open flames	\$259	\$457	55%	N/A	N/A	\$231	\$231
Cannabis Grow Facility or Dispensary	\$470	\$817	54%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
Carnivals/Fairs	\$386	\$673	54%	947	N/A	\$231	\$589
Cellulose Nitrate Film	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Combustible Storage	\$513	\$889	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Compressed Gases	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	231	\$430
Consultation Fee	\$169	\$288	52%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Copy of Reports (Each Document)	\$6	\$108	179%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cryogens	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Daycare (9-14) Occupants	\$343	\$268	25%	\$630	\$584	N/A	\$607
Daycare (15-49) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$584	N/A	\$607
Daycare (50-99) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$947	\$776	N/A	\$861
Daycare (Commercial 100+) Occupants	\$428	\$745	54%	\$1,420	N/A	N/A	\$1,420

Dry Cleaning Plant	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	N/A	N/A	\$630
Dust Producing Oper/storage	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Exhibit/Trade Shows	\$682	\$1,177	53%	\$630	\$972	\$231	\$611
Explosive Blasting Agent Storage	\$513	\$889	54%	\$788	N/A	\$231	\$510
Failure to Prepare/Cancel	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Floor Finish	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Fruit Ripening	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Garage Repairs/Motor Vehicle Fuel	\$428	\$745	54%	\$630	\$390	\$231	\$417
Hazardous Materials	\$513	\$889	54%	\$1,292	\$390	\$231	\$637
Hazardous Production Facilities	\$809	\$1,393	53%	\$1,292	\$390	\$231	\$637
Heliport/Helistop	\$259	\$457	55%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
Helistop (Special Event)	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	\$390	N/A	\$390
High Piled Storage	\$428	\$745	54%	\$788	\$1,354	\$231	\$791
Hood System	\$386	\$673	54%	\$1,354	N/A	N/A	\$1,354
Hot Food Vendor- Annual	\$301	\$529	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hot Works/ Cutting and Welding	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	\$296	\$231	\$385
Hotel/Motel (3-8 Rooms)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$788	\$390	\$246	\$475
Hotel/Motel (9-16 Rooms)	\$428	\$745	54%	\$788	\$390	\$346	\$475
Hotel/Motel (17-30 Rooms)	\$513	\$889	54%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
Hotel/Motel (31-60 Rooms)	\$597	\$1,033	53%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
Hotel/Motel (61-90 Rooms)	\$724	\$1,249	53%	\$947	\$584	\$346	\$625
Hotel/Motel (91-120 Rooms)	\$809	\$1,393	53%	\$1,262	\$584	\$346	\$730
Hotel/Motel (120+Rooms)	\$894	\$1,537	53%	\$1,578	\$584	\$346	\$836
Hourly Inspection Fee	\$169	\$288	52 %	\$315	\$390	\$231	\$312
Inspection- After Hours (Special Event Inspections)	\$254	\$432	52%	\$472	\$584	\$288	\$448
Institution (14 or Less) Occupants	\$528	\$922	54%	\$947	\$298	N/A	\$623
Institution (15-49) Occupants	\$909	\$1,570	53%	\$1,292	\$447	N/A	\$870
Institution (50-199) Occupants	\$1,291	\$2,218	53%	\$1,578	\$447	N/A	\$10,113
Institution (200+) Occupants	\$1,630	\$2,794	53%	\$4,102	\$596	N/A	\$2,349
Knox Box Servicing	\$84	\$144	53%	\$339	N/A	N/A	\$339
Late Payment Fee	\$107	\$107	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)	\$343	\$601	55%	\$788	\$299	\$231	\$439
Lumber Yard/Woodwork	\$640	\$1,105	53%	\$788	\$299	\$231	\$439
Magnesium	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	\$231	\$431
Malls	\$1,234	\$2,113	53%	\$947	\$299	\$231	\$492
Marinas	\$428	\$745	54%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi Story Bldg (75 FT +)	\$0.0038	\$0.004	5%	\$2,524	N/A	\$461	\$1,492
Notice and Order to Abate	\$2,737	\$4,691	53%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Notice and Order to Abate - Appeal	\$1,666	\$2,884	54 %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Open Burning	\$216	\$385	56%	\$78	N/A	\$115	\$96
Organic Coating Application	\$343	\$601	55%	\$788	N/A	N/A	\$788
Ovens (Industrial Baking/Drying)	\$343	\$601	55%	N/A	\$299	N/A	\$299
Places of Assembly (A-1)	\$540	\$1,465	92%	\$947	\$447	\$231	\$541
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Pyrotechnics and Special Effects	\$301	\$529	55%	\$1,893	\$600	N/A	\$1,246
Pyrotechnics Public Display	\$301	\$529	55%	\$630	\$895	N/A	\$763
Radioactive Materials	\$470	\$809	53%	N/A	N/A	\$231	\$231
Refrigeration Equipment	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	N/A	\$630
Re-Issuance of Annual Permit	\$30	\$65	74%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Residential Care Facility (<25) Occupants	\$169	\$288	52%	\$630	\$150	N/A	\$390
Residential Care Facility (25+) Occupants	\$169	\$288	52%	\$947	\$150	N/A	\$549
Special Event Planning	NA	\$600	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Schools	\$169	\$288	52%	\$1,893	\$599	N/A	\$1,246
Spraying or Dipping	\$343	\$601	55%	\$630	N/A	\$231	\$430
Technology Fee	\$0.10	\$0.11	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Temporary Membrane Structures	\$216	\$385	56%	\$788	\$447	\$231	\$488
Tire Storage (> 1000 Cubic FT)	\$470	\$817	54%	\$788	N/A	\$231	\$339
Wood Products	\$470	\$817	54%	\$788	\$299	\$231	\$439
Development Fee Changes: Effective July 1, 2025							
Development Fee: Administrative Fee	\$82	\$173	71%	\$117	N/A	N/A	\$117
Development Fee: Fire Plan Review Fee	\$149	\$255	52%	\$315	N/A	N/A	\$315
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee - New Building ²	\$0.11	\$0.093	17%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Development Fee: Fire Inspection Fee -Tenant Improvement	\$0.08	\$0.059	30%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Development Fee: Plan Review- Schools Per Hour	\$108	\$473	126%	\$315	N/A	N/A	\$315
Development Fee: Minimum Permit Fee	\$169	\$288	52%	N/A	\$150	N/A	\$150
Development Fee: Overtime / Expedite Plan Check	\$253	\$432	52%	\$692	\$175	N/A	\$175
Development Fee: Regular Time	\$169	\$288	52%	\$315	\$150	N/A	\$232

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