




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 11, 2007

To:  Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Debra Pryor, Fire Chief

Subject: Adopt Amendments to the Fire Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 62,535-N.S. and re-adopting amendments to the Annual Permit and Fire Inspection Fee Schedule.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no fiscal impacts of the recommendation as the amendments reflect the change in specific fire code sections. If the resolution is not adopted, the City could lose approximately \$120,000 in revenue due to the inability to charge a fee for specific use and construction permits.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Council adopted Resolution No. 62,535-N.S. on June 15, 2004 establishing the annual fire permit fees, inspection and billing schedule. The schedule lists specific fire code sections as codified in the 2001 California Fire Code with amendments.

On November 27, 2007, the Council adopted the 2007 California Fire Code with local amendments that will be effective on January 1, 2008. The adoption of the new fire code created eleven new permit categories.

The new permit categories require permits for operation of 1) amusement buildings, 2) entertainment industry, 3) live audience production studios, 4) exhibit and trade shows, 5) dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into fuel tanks of motor vehicles, 6) storage or use of Class III-B liquids with flashpoints less than 500 degrees Fahrenheit, 7) floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet using Class I or Class II liquids, 8) installation of industrial ovens, 9) to melt, cast, heat, treat or grind more than 10 pounds of Magnesium, 10) operation of rooftop heliports, or 11) tire-rebuilding plants.

The amended fee schedule will not impose any new fees upon adoption for the additional permit requirements. The Fire Department will be reviewing all fees for

services and permits and will report back to Council in May 2008 for recommended fee increases or adjustments to take effect in the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Additionally, many of the new permit categories will not be applicable in the near future as some of the operation and use categories will require Zoning approval for amusement buildings, rooftop helicopter landing sites, tire rebuilding plants, and entertainment production facilities that use pyrotechnic effects, flammable liquids, and parking of motor vehicles in a building for the purpose of motion picture, television or commercial production.

If this resolution is not adopted, the City will not be citing the correct Berkeley Fire Code sections that authorize fees for specific use permits.

BACKGROUND

The annual permit and fire inspection fee schedule provides the legal means to obtain full cost recovery associated with plan reviews, fire alarm installations and acceptance testing, fire suppression system installations and acceptance testing, and inspections required for specific use permits.

On June 15, 2004, the Council adopted Resolution No. 62,535-N.S. which set the current permit and inspection fee schedule. The Fire Department provided a report and fee study to the Council justifying the inspection and permit fee schedule.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If the resolution is not adopted, the City could lose approximately \$120,000 in revenue on an annual basis due to improper citing of the appropriate fire code sections authorizing the fire department to issue permits for use or construction.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

Gil Dong, Assistant Fire Chief / Fire Marshal, 981-5502

Attachment

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 62,535-N.S. AND ESTABLISHING ANNUAL PERMIT FEES, INSPECTION AND BILLING RATES FOR INSPECTION OF PROPERTY SITES BY THE BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Resolution No. 62,535-N.S. and all resolutions amendatory thereof are hereby rescinded.

Section 2. ANNUAL PERMIT FEES.

For every permit issued under the provisions of the Berkeley Fire Code (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.48, Sections 105.6, 105.7, 2701.7), a fee therefore shall be paid in advance to the Fire Department or upon completion of services rendered as specified by the Fire Department as follows:

Section 105.6.1	Aerosol products. To manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.	\$ 326.00
<i>Section 105.6.2</i>	<i>Amusement buildings.</i> <i>To operate a special amusement building.</i>	<i>\$ NO FEE</i>
Section 105.6.3	Aviation facilities. To use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing, or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of the fire code may include but are not limited to hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes..	\$ 326.00
Section 105.7.2	Battery system. To install a stationary lead-acid battery system having a liquid capacity of more than 100 gallons (189 L).	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.4	Carnivals and fairs. To conduct a carnival or fair.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.5	Cellulose nitrate film. To store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A occupancy.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.6	Combustible dust-producing operations. To operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 3.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.7	Combustible fibers. To store or handle combustible fibers in quantities in excess of 100 cubic feet (2.8m ³).	\$ 326.00

	Exception: A permit is not required for agricultural storage	
Section 105.6.8	<p>Compressed gases (operational permits). To store, use or handle at normal temperatures and pressure compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Appendix Chapter 1 Table 105.6.8.</p> <p>Exception: Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle</p>	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.7.3	<p>Compressed gases (construction permits). When the compressed gases in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Appendix Chapter 1, Table 105.6.8, a construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a compressed gas system.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Routine maintenance. 2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work. 3. The permit applicant shall apply for approval to close storage, use or handling facilities at least 30 days prior to the termination of the storage, use or handling of compressed or liquefied gases. Such application shall include any change or alteration of the facility closure plan filed pursuant to Section 2701.6.3. The 30-day period is not applicable when approved based on special circumstances requiring such waiver. 	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.9	<p>Covered mall buildings. A fire permit is required for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall. 2. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall. 3. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall. 	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.10	<p>Cryogenic fluids. To produce, store, transport on site, use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in Appendix Chapter 1 Table 105.6.10</p> <p>Exception: Permits are not required for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading.</p>	\$ 326.00 minimum

Section 105.6.11	Cutting and welding. To conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.	\$ 163.00
Section 105.6.48	Christmas tree sales lot. To operate a Christmas tree sales lot.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.12	Dry cleaning plants. To engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.47	<p>Additional permits (entertainment industry). <i>In addition to the permits required by Appendix Chapter 1, Sections 105.6 and 105.7, the following permits shall be obtained from the Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to engaging in the following activities, operations, practices or functions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Production facilities. To change use or occupancy or allow the attendance of a live audience, or for wrap parties.</i> 2. <i>Pyrotechnics and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television and commercial production.</i> 3. <i>Live audiences. To install seating arrangements for live audiences in approved production facilities, production studios and sound stages. See Chapter 46.</i> 	\$ NO FEE
Section 105.6.49	Escort convoy service. Police and/or Fire Department convoy service for vehicle transportation of extremely hazardous materials.	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.13	Exhibits and trade shows. To operate exhibits and trade shows.	\$ 0.00
Section 105.6.14	<p>Explosives or blasting agents. To manufacture, store, handle, sell or use any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects materials with the scope of Chapter 33.</p> <p>Exception: Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 3306.</p> <p>To conduct a public fireworks display</p> <p>To continue the use of a public fireworks display permit</p>	<p>\$ 489.00</p> <p>\$ 978.00</p>

		\$ 163.00
Section 105.7.4	<p>Fire alarm and detection system/s and related equipment installation (construction permit). For installation of or modification to any fire alarm or detection system/s and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.</p> <p>A. Under 12 devices.....</p> <p>B. 12-30 devices</p> <p>C. 31-49 devices___</p> <p>D. 50 or more devices___</p> <p>E. Water flow alarms....</p> <p>F. Field Inspection....</p>	<p>\$ 326.00</p> <p>\$ 489.00</p> <p>\$ 815.00</p> <p>\$ 896.50*</p> <p>\$ 163.00</p> <p>\$ 81.50</p> <p>/qtr. hr.*</p> <p>*minimum</p>
Section 105.7.1	<p>Automatic fire extinguishing system/s (construction permit). To install or modify automatic fire-extinguishing system/s including but not limited to automatic sprinkler systems and associated above or underground water supply systems, Range Hood systems, Chemical Suppression systems and other special automatic extinguishing systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit</p> <p>B. Range Hood System.....</p> <p>C. Chemical Suppression System.....</p> <p>D. Automatic Sprinkler</p> <p>E. Automatic Sprinkler (small alteration or repairs to an existing system with 20 heads or less.....</p> <p>G. Underground___</p> <p>H. All others.....</p> <p>Field Inspection</p>	<p>\$ 326.00*</p> <p>\$ 326.00*</p> <p>\$ 326.00*</p> <p>\$ 163.00*</p> <p>\$ 326.00*</p> <p>\$ 326.00*</p> <p>\$81.50/qtr hour*</p> <p>*minimum</p>
Section 105.6.15	<p>Fire hydrants and valves. To use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.</p> <p>Exception: A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire</p>	\$ 163.00

	<p>6. To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank.</p> <p>7. To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material other than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.</p> <p>8. To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids.</p> <p>9. To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.</p> <p><i>10. To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.</i></p> <p><i>11. To store, handle or use class III-B liquids with a flashpoint of less than 500 degrees F. in excess of 110 gallons.</i></p>	<p>\$ 163.00</p> <p>\$ 326.00</p> <p>\$ 326.00</p> <p>\$ 326.00</p> <p>\$ NO FEE</p> <p>\$ NO FEE</p>
Section 105.7.6	<p>Flammable and combustible liquids (construction permits).</p> <p>1. To repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids.</p> <p>2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.</p> <p>3. To install, alter, remove or otherwise dispose of an above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank---</p> <p>To remove an underground tanks (per tank)---</p> <p>To abandon (fill in place) underground tank (per tank)---</p>	<p>\$ 326.00 minimum</p> <p>\$ 163.00</p> <p>\$ 163.00</p> <p>\$ 326.00</p> <p>\$ 326.00</p>
Section 105.6.17	<p>Floor finishing. <i>To conduct floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m2) using Class I or Class II liquids.</i></p>	<p>\$NO FEE</p>

Section 105.6.18	Fruit and crop ripening. To operate a fruit- or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.19	Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging. To operate a business of fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.	No permit required.
Section 105.6.50	General use permit. For any activity or operation not specifically described in this Code, which the Fire Chief reasonably determines, may produce conditions hazardous to life or property.	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.20	Hazardous materials (operational permits). To store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Appendix Chapter 1 Table 105.6.20.	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.7.7	Hazardous materials (construction permits). To install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 27 when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Appendix Chapter 1 Table 105.6.20. Exceptions: 1. Routine maintenance. 2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.21	HPM Facilities. To store, handle or use hazardous production materials.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.22	High-piled storage. To use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet (46 m ²)	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.23	Hot work operations. For hot work including, but not limited to: 1. Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted. 2. Use of portable hot-work equipment inside a structure. Exception: Work that is conducted under a construction permit issued by the building official. 3. Fixed-site hot-work equipment such as welding booths.	\$ 326.00 (unless otherwise notes)

Section 105.6.28	Magnesium. To melt, cast, heat, treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.	\$ NO FEE
Section 105.6.29	Miscellaneous combustible storage. To store in any building or upon any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71 m ³) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, rubber tires, rubber, cork, or other similar combustible material.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.30	Open burning. For the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to Exception: Recreational fires	\$ 163.00
Section 105.6.31	Open flames and torches. To use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.	\$ 163.00
Section 105.6.33	Organic coatings. To manufacture more than 1 gallon (4 L) of organic coatings in a working day.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.51	Parking facility, special events. To use buildings or structures for vehicle parking, including parking for special events (i.e. football games, etc.) A. Less than 15 parking spaces B. 15 or more parking spaces	\$ 163.00 \$ 326.00
Section 105.6.34	Places of assembly. To operate a place of assembly. See Article 25. A. Occupant load less than 300 B. Occupant load 300 or more	\$ 326.00 \$ 489.00
Section 105.6.35	Private fire hydrants (operational permits). To use, operate or remove from service private fire hydrants. Exception: A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private fire hydrants.	\$ 163.00
Section 106.7.10	Private fire hydrants (construction permits). To install or modify private fire hydrants. Hydrant(s) or hydrant groups____ Field Inspection	\$326.00

		\$81.50/qtr hour* *minimum
Section 105.6.36	Pyrotechnical special effects material. To use or handle pyrotechnic special effects material.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.37	Pyroxylin plastics. To store or handle more than 25 pounds (11 kg.) of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving pyroxylin plastics.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.38	Refrigeration equipment. To operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by Chapter 6.	\$ 326.00 minimum
Section 105.6.39	Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities. To operate repair garages and automotive, marine and fleet motor fuel dispensing facilities.	\$ 326.00
<i>Section 105.6.40</i>	<i>Rooftop heliports.</i> <i>To operate a rooftop heliport.</i>	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.41	Spraying or dipping (operational permits). To conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 15.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.7.11	Spraying or dipping (construction permits). To install or modify a spray room, dip tank or booth.	\$ 326.00
Section 105.7.12	Standpipe Systems (construction permits). To install, modify or remove from service a standpipe system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit. A. Standpipe, Class I, II and III combined B. Underground____ Field Inspection	\$ 326.00 \$ 326.00 \$81.50/qtr hour* *minimum
Section 105.6.42	Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts. To establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71 m ³) of total volume of scrap tires and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.	\$ 326.00
Section 2701.7	Tank vehicles. To operate a tank vehicle (other than flammable and combustible liquids tank vehicles as listed and regulated in 105.6.16, item 5) including those hazardous materials transportation vehicles defined in Section 2701.7 of	\$ 326.00 annually

	the Berkeley Fire Code, for the transportation of hazardous liquids or materials.	
Section 105.6.43	<p>Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies (operational permits). To operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m²), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²)</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes. 2. Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²). 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m²) total. 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided. 	\$ 326.00
Section 105.7.13	<p>Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies (construction permits). To erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m²), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²)</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes. 2. Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²). 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m²) total. 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided. 	\$ 326.00
Section 105.6.44	Tire-rebuilding plants. For operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant.	\$NO FEE
Section 105.6.45	Waste handling. To operate wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material handling facilities.	\$ 326.00

Section 105.6.52	Window bars. To install window bars on exterior doors or windows of any sleeping rooms below the fourth floor in apartment houses, hotels, and motels.	\$ 163.00
Section 105.6.46	Wood products. To store wood chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m ³).	\$ 326.00

Section 3. ANNUAL FIRE CLEARANCE

For every annual fire clearance certificate issued by the Berkeley Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance of issuance of such certificate (Berkeley Fire Code Section 106.2), to the Fire Department as follows:

Group Homes , institutions for children, certified family care homes, board and care facilities, and maternity homes (each accommodating more than six persons, not including employees or relatives), and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).	\$ 326.00
Convalescent Hospitals , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750).	\$ 326.00
Convalescent Hospitals , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating not more than six persons and less than 100, not including employees or relatives) and <u>NOT</u> classified as a Community Care Facility as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, or as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (H&SC 1569.2), or as a Child Day Care Facility (H&SC 1596.750)..	\$ 489.00
Convalescent Hospitals , nursing homes, and homes for the aged (each accommodating 100 or more persons, not including employees or relatives).	\$ 652.00
Hospitals , less than 100 beds.	\$ 326.00
Hospitals , 100 beds or more.	\$ 652.00
Community Care Facilities as defined in the Calif. Health & Safety Code (H&SC) section 1502, Residential Care Facility for the Elderly as defined in H&SC 1569.2, and Child Day Care Facilities (H&SC 1596.750).	
Pre-inspection Fee (25 or fewer client capacity)...	\$ 50.00
Pre-inspection Fee (26 or more client capacity)---	\$ 100.00

Section 4. MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

A. For copies of fire reports prepared by the Fire Department, a fee shall be paid in advance as follows:

1. Staff cost for file review and preparation of subpoena documents \$ 6.00 qtr. hr.

2. Copy of each report \$ 0.10 per pg.

B. State Requested Fire & Life Safety Inspection & Permit Clearances \$ 81.50/qtr hr

C. General inspection and investigation fees (Berkeley Fire Code, Section 106.2).

1. Fees for services rendered by the Fire Department for inspections of fire protection systems, reinspections of citizen complaints with violations, nuisance inspections, preliminary plan review, inspection services, research, report preparation and file review services (except for subpoena documents, city records, publications and meeting tapes.) \$81.50 per quarter hour

NOTE: All permits and inspection fees under this Resolution are based on average estimated staff and clerical time for applicable plan checking, research, field inspections, etc. Where a fee is indicated as a minimum, and where staff time exceeds one hour, an additional charge will be made at the rate of \$81.50 per quarter hour.

Section 5. INSPECTION AND BILLING RATE.

That a rate of \$75.00 per quarter hour (15 minutes) is hereby established as both the billing rate and the billing unit for a given Fire Prevention inspection of a property. A minimum charge of \$75.00 will be made for each property inspected (e.g. each property and/or business address) with an additional charge for each additional quarter hour unit, or portion thereof.

Section 6. DELINQUENCY CHARGE.

That a delinquency charge of 20% may be imposed on each account that remains unpaid, sixty (60) days following the initial mailing of the bill.

Section 7. RE-INSPECTION AND BILLING RATE.

That a rate of \$75.00 per quarter hour (15 minutes) is hereby established as both the billing rate and the billing unit for the 1st and any further re-inspections necessary to gain compliance with the Codes.

Exception: Properties that have abated their fire code violations prior to the first reinspection shall not be charged a fee for the reinspection.

Section 8. BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES.

That the billing and collection procedures are to be done by the Finance Department and will allow the City to recover unpaid fees through all available remedies, including the lien process. That in the event of billing disputes, the Fire Chief or his designated representative may review and make recommendations for adjustments to the Finance Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and in effect on and after January 1, 2008.