

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 64

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
MASTER FEE SCHEDULE TO ADJUST
EXISTING FEES FOR INFLATION**

WHEREAS, the Merced Fire Department responds to over 12,000 requests for service and conducts over 2,500 business inspections annually; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code 66014(a) stipulates that user fees charged by local agencies may not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the specific services; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Fire Department conducts fire and life safety inspections in occupancies and businesses as described in the adopted California Fire Code, Section 105.5 (amended); and

WHEREAS, the Master Fee Schedule was last modified and adopted in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the fees are directly related to the costs of providing the required inspections; and

WHEREAS, the fees do not exceed the amounts reasonably necessary for covering the costs of the inspection activities; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Fire Department has presented a new schedule of existing fees that were based on a fee study conducted in 2016 together with evidence of cost inflation based upon reference to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, since the time of the cost study; and 's Master Fee Schedule will be amended to include annual fee increases beginning August 7, 2023, and each July 1st thereafter, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31 of the preceding year;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Master Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted and approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of August 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 Council Members: BOYLE, ORNELAS, PEREZ, SERRATTO,
SMITH, XIONG

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: 1 Council Members: DEANDA


ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: 
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney 8/8/2023
Date

MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fee Comparison Survey

Updated 07/12/2023

No.	Description	Notes	Fee Schedule with CPI increases
Annual			
	California Fire Code: Annual; Operational Permits		
	* Multiple Permits: Inspection Fee for a combination Permit shall be the sum of the highest permit fee, plus \$60 per each additional permit fee		\$ 60
	Aerosol Products		\$ 156
	Amusement Buildings		\$ 234
	Aviation Facilities		\$ 234
	Carnivals and Fairs		\$ 625
	Combustible dust-producing operations		\$ 156
	Combustible Fibers		\$ 156
	Compressed Gases		\$ 156
	Covered Mall Buildings		\$ 156
	Cryogenic Fluids		\$ 156
	Cutting and Welding		\$ 78
	Dry Cleaning Plants		\$ 156
	Exhibits and Trade Shows		\$ 312
	Explosives		\$ 312
	Flammable and Combustible Liquids		\$ 156
	Floor Finishing		\$ 156
	Fruit and Crop Ripening		\$ 312
	Fumigation and insecticidal fogging		\$ 78
	Hazardous Materials		\$ 625
	HPM Facilities (Hazardous Production Materials)		\$ 625
	High Piled Storage		\$ 625
	Hot Work Operations		\$ 78
	Industrial Ovens		\$ 156
	Lumber Yards and Wood Working Plants		\$ 156
	Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings		\$ 156
	LP GAS		\$ 118
	Magnesium		\$ 156
	Misc. Combustible Storage		\$ 156
	Open Burning		\$ 156
	Open Flames and Torches		\$ 156
	Open Flames and Candles		\$ 78
	Organic Coatings		\$ 469
	Pyrotechnic special effects material		\$ 312
	Pyroxylin plastics		\$ 156
	Refrigeration equipment		\$ 118
	Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities		\$ 156
	Rooftop heliports		\$ 234

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No.	Description	Fee Schedule with CPI increases
Annual California Fire Code: Annual; Occupancy Types		
A	A Occupancy Assembly - Occupancy 50-299	\$ 156
	A Occupancy Assembly - Occupancy > or eq 300	\$ 312
	A Occupancy Assembly - Non-profit organization	\$ 90
B	B Occupancies - (ie bank, professional office)	
	<u>Triannual</u> Inspection for 5000 sq. ft. or less (0.75 personnel hour)	\$ 118
	<u>Triannual</u> Inspection for 5,001 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft. (1 personnel hour)	\$ 156
	<u>Triannual</u> Inspection for 15,001 sq. ft. or greater (1.5 personnel hour)	\$ 234
E	E Occupancies - (ie educational)	
	K-8	\$ 469
	High School	\$ 1,875
F	F Occupancies - (ie Factory)	
	5000 sq. ft. or less (3 personnel hours)	\$ 469
	5001 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft. (4 personnel hours)	\$ 625
	15,001 sq. ft. or greater (5 personnel hours)	\$ 781
H	H Occupancies - (ie High Hazard)	
	5000 sq. ft. or less (2 personnel hours)	\$ 312
	5001 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft. (3 personnel hours)	\$ 469
	15,001 sq. ft. or greater (4 personnel hours)	\$ 625
I	I Occupancies - (ie Institutional)	
	I4 - Residential Care Facilities (Adult & Child)	\$ 78
	I2 - Medical, surgical 24 hr.+ care, ambulatory care	\$ 469
	I2 - Hospital	\$ 3,749
	I3 - Detention Facility	\$ 625
L	L Occupancies - (ie Laboratory)	\$ 156
M	M Occupancies - (ie market, department or drug store)	
	5000 sq. ft. or less (1 personnel hour)	\$ 156
	5001 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft. (1.5 personnel hours)	\$ 234
	15,001 sq. ft. or greater (2 personnel hours)	\$ 312

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No.	Description	Notes	Fee Schedule with CPI increases
R-1	R-1 Occupancy		
	1 and 2 story hotels (2 personnel hours)		\$ 312
	3 or greater story hotels (4 personnel hours)		\$ 625
R-2	R-2 Occupancy (ie Res Permanent 2+)		
	< 5 units		\$ 118
	5-20 units		\$ 156
	21-50 units		\$ 196
	> 50 units; each additional 50 units or fraction thereof		\$ 196
S	S Occupancies - (ie Storage)		\$ 234
	Re-Inspection (after initial and first reinspection)		\$ 156
	Re-Inspection (paid a fee)		\$ 156
	* 1st free; 2nd free is cleared; all other charged		
	Licensed Care Facilities		
	Pre-Inspection (Hourly rate of Inspector or Fire Marshal for time utilized)		\$ 234
Fire False Alarm Response			
	False Alarm Charge - first two false alarms in 1 calendar year		
	False Alarm Charge - 3rd false alarms in 1 calendar year		\$ 180
	False Alarm Charge - 4th false alarms in 1 calendar year		\$ 300
	False Alarm Charge - 5 or more false alarms in 1 calendar year		\$ 420
	Fire False Alarm Response (average)		

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No.	Description	Notes	Fee Schedule with CPI increases
Other Services:			
	Drug/DUI/Hazmat Incident Response (DUI \$12K Max.)	[1]	Actual cost plus 15% Admin Fee
	Weed and Lot Cleaning		Actual cost plus 15% Admin Fee
	Fire Department Equipment Costs: (placeholder for MFS - not analyzed as part of this scope)		
HOURLY RATES			
	Fire Hourly Rate		\$ 156
	Engine Company - hourly rate (3 person crew)		\$ 469
	Copy Service - per page (placeholder for MFS - not analyzed as part of this scope)		\$ -
	For services requested of City staff which have no fee listed in this fee schedule, the City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall determine the appropriate fee based on the established hourly rates for this department/division. Additionally, the City will pass-through to the applicant any discrete costs incurred from the use of external service providers if required to process the specific application.		
TOTAL FIRE			

Notes

[1] Set by State Law (DUI \$12K Maximum)