

Implementing Order



Implementing Order No.: IO 4-123

Title: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE

Ordered: 9/17/2015

Effective: 10/1/2015

AUTHORITY:

Section 5.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter, Section 2-182(a), Section 14-53(f), Section 14-53.1, and Section 30-388 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

SUPERSEDES:

This Implementing Order supersedes previous Implementing Order 4-123 pertaining to fees related to fire inspections, plans review activities, and the establishment of emergency vehicle zones.

POLICY:

This Implementing Order pertains to fees charged by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department related to fire life safety inspections, new construction inspections, fire plans review, fire and life safety education, and establishment of emergency vehicle zones. Fire life safety inspections, plans review, fire and life safety education and the establishment of approved emergency vehicle zones are essential to protect the public health, safety and welfare in the jurisdiction. The schedule of fees is intended to pay for the cost of providing the services. Section 14-53 of the Miami-Dade County Code mandates that the fees for the permits shall be placed in a separate account and that the fees are to be used exclusively for fire prevention activities by the jurisdiction. No application, permit, certificate, or receipt shall be issued until the appropriate fee is paid.

PROCEDURE:

Administration of this implementing order is delegated to the Director of the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department, who shall be responsible for the collection of fees and the delivery of required services pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 14, Articles I through III in general and Section 14-53 specifically relating to fire prevention. The following fees shall be in effect through September 30, 2017. The rates shall be adjusted on October 1, 2017 and every two years subsequently to keep pace with the Consumer Price Index for Urban areas – All (CPI-U) for Miami/Fort Lauderdale rate of inflation, Adjustment shall be the sum of the actual two previous positive fiscal years' CPI-U Miami/Fort Lauderdale rates rounded to the nearest \$1.00 increment.

Every year, or earlier, if need be, the Director shall review all fees and recommend necessary changes to the County through this Implementing Order procedure.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency _____

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE

1. Work Done Without Permit:

When work for which a permit is required is commenced prior to the obtaining of a permit, the permit applicant shall be required to pay a double permit fee.

2. Preliminary Inspection:

If a preliminary inspection is requested, a fee of \$79.00 will be assessed per inspection for buildings less than 5,000 square feet.

For buildings over 5,000 square feet, a fee of \$117.00 per inspector per hour will be required.

3. Up Front Processing:

When the building permit application is received, the applicant shall pay an "up-front" processing fee equal to approximately 30% of the cost of a new permit. This processing fee is not refundable but shall be credited toward the final permit fee.

Approximately
30% of cost
of new permit

4. Review of Plans to Determine Applicability:

\$15.00

Review of plans to determine if they require further review for life safety.

5. New Building or Additions:

A. For each 100 square feet or fractional part of floor area up to 20,000 square feet. (Minimum fee of \$117.00) 3.15

For each additional 100 square feet or fractional part of floor area thereafter. 1.15

B. Except for buildings for storage and industrial uses of the Groups E and F occupancies as defined in the Florida Building Code, the fee shall be:

For each 100 square feet or fractional part of floor area up to 20,000 square feet. 6.80

For each additional 100 square feet or fractional part of floor area thereafter. 2.30

C. Except for greenhouses and buildings for agricultural uses (non-residential) when located on the premises so used, screen enclosures and trailer additions:

For each 100 square feet or fractional part of floor area. 1.15

6. Other New Commercial Construction:

(Water towers, pylons, bulk storage-tank foundations, seawalls, bulkheads, unusual limited-use buildings, freestanding rigid canopies, marquees and similar construction.)
(Minimum fee \$117.00)

For each \$1,000.00 of estimated cost or fractional 2.30

- 7. Repairs, Renovation, Modifications, Reconstruction and Alteration to Buildings and Other Structures and to establish use:**
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| Up to \$1,000.00 of estimated cost or fractional part (Minimum fee of \$117.00). | \$10.20 |
| For each additional \$1,000.00 of estimated cost or fractional part thereof. | 2.30 |
- 8. Revised or re-stamped Plans Processing:**
- A. Minor plan revisions or re-stamp up to one half hour work shall be subject to a minimum fee of \$79.00
 - B. Major plan revisions or re-stamp requiring over one half hour of work shall be subject to a fee of 50 percent of the original fee up to a maximum of \$678.00 and a minimum fee of \$117.00.
 - C. Subsequent revisions or re-stamp of zoning hearing application and/or land subdivision projects shall be subject to a flat fee of \$82.00 per revision.
 - D. Stamping of second or subsequent duplicate sets of plans. 80.00
- 9. Lost Plans Fees:**
- When plans for new buildings and additions are lost by the owner or contractor. A recertification fee will be required to review, stamp, and approve a new set of plans as a field copy. Such fees shall be based on 30 percent of the original building permit fee, with a minimum fee of \$79.00.
- 10. Life Safety Inspection for Certificate of Temporary Occupancy:**
- This fee will be charged for the life safety inspection leading to the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO). An inspection fee of \$79.00 for the first hour (or any part thereof) of inspection and \$79.00 per hour (or any part thereof) for each additional hour.
- 11. Minimum Fees for Plan Review and Inspection for Building Permit:**
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| Minimum fee for all permits is applicable to all items in this Section. This fee includes fire plans review and one life safety inspection request. | 117.00 |
| Partial life safety inspection for building permit | 124.30 |
- 12. Life Safety Re-inspections for Certificate of Occupancy:** 156.00
- A re-inspection is required for the following reasons:
- 1) Occupancy failed the C.O. inspection for one or more violations.
 - 2) An incorrect address was given resulting in no inspection.
 - 3) Occupancy is not ready for final inspection.
 - 4) No contractor or unable to gain access on inspector's arrival.
 - 5) No approved plans on-site at time of inspection.
 - 6) Previous violations were not corrected.
 - 7) Untimely cancellation of inspection request
- A partial inspection fee is charged for each inspection request following one initial inspection request when the inspection is for a portion of the building that had not been previously requested for inspection.

13. Fire Alarm Plan Review, Acceptance Test and Inspection/Recertification:	
This includes fire plan review and one life safety inspection request.	
1 to 6 devices	\$169.00
6 to 100 devices	282.00
Per device over 100	1.60
14. Re-inspection Fire Safety Systems (i.e. Fire Alarm, Sprinklers, Smoke Control, etc.):	
First re-inspection	79.00
Second re-inspection	79.00
Third or more re-inspections	156.00
15. Smoke Control Systems Test and Inspection:	282.00
16. Fire Well (On-Site System) Test and Inspection:	282.00
17. Fire Suppression System Plan Review, Test and Inspection/Recertification Each Request:	
Up to 20 heads	198.00
21 to 49 heads	282.00
Per head over 49	0.45
18. Rough Inspection of Fire Suppression Systems Each Request:	
(Inclusive of underground, flush, pressure test, and location).	
Up to 49 heads	259.00
Per head over 49	0.49
19. Standpipes Test and Inspection/Recertification:	282.00
20. Fire Pumps Test and Inspection/Recertification:	282.00
21. Hydrant Use Permits:	
Construction meters (fixed site). Per use	117.00
Construction meters (floating use such as pest control, lawn spraying, etc.) Annual and per meter	198.00
22. Hydrant Flow Test:	282.00
23. Special Request Inspections (SRI):	470.00*

*Per inspector and in addition to applicable inspection or re-inspection fee.

SRI's lasting over 4 hours will incur an additional charge of \$115.00 per hour or portion thereof per inspector.

24. Refunds:

A portion of fees charged pursuant to Implementing Order 4-123 may be refunded by the Chief Fire Official or designee based on the following:

- A. No refunds shall be made on requests involving:
 - 1. Permit fees for the minimum plans review fee or less.
 - 2. Permits revoked by the Building Official, permits cancelled by court order, or conditional permits.
 - 3. Permits which have expired.
 - 4. Permits under which work has commenced as evidenced by recorded inspection having been made by a fire inspector.
 - 5. When there is a change of contractor.
- B. Refunds will be for the permit fee less 50% or the minimum plans review fee, whichever is greater provided the following is met:
 - 1. The Department receives a written request from the permit holder prior to the permit expiration date.
 - 2. The permit holder submits with such request the applicant's validated copy of such permit.
 - 3. No work has commenced under such permit as evidenced by any recorded inspection.
 - 4. The Chief Fire Official approves the request.

25. Appeals to the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board: \$113.00

Fee to recover the expenditure of resources associated with operation of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board including but not limited to court reporters and legal transcripts.

26. Flammable, Combustible, Hazardous Materials and/or Processes:

Fee assessed to occupancies storing, handling, or using flammable, combustible, hazardous materials and/or processes.

Fee is half the permit fee.

27. Life Safety Permit Re-inspection Fee:

For more than one re-inspection, a fee of one half of the original permit fee will be charged for inspections of existing occupancies to determine compliance with adopted fire codes.

Maximum per re-inspection. 254.00

28. Requests for Inspection/ Zoning/Certificate of Use/Occupational Licensing Inspection: 73.00

Non-refundable inspection of existing occupancies to determine compliance with adopted fire codes for change of use, business speculations, etc. where a life safety permit is not required at time of inspection.

29. Non-permit required occupancy inspections: \$73.00*

Non-refundable fee for Inspections requested for occupancies that do not require or are exempt from obtaining a Life Safety Permit such as attorneys for legal work, governmental law requirements, State buildings, Federal buildings, etc.

*Fee is \$73.00 or the applicable occupancy inspection fee, whichever is greater.

30. Technical Professional Services:

Assessed for technical professional services requiring research, preliminary plans review, expedited plan review, zoning hearing applications, land subdivision projects, or review of engineered life safety plans. Expedited plan review fees shall be in addition to the applicable plan review fee

First hour or portion thereof	215.00
Each additional hour or portion thereof	73.00

31. Tents (Circus, Carnival, etc.), Membrane Structures, and Other Covered Structures

A. Use of structure(s) for outdoor assembly and exhibitions as per following fee schedule. 30 Days or Change of Use.

Outdoor Assembly Occupancies:	
50 to 300 Persons	73.00
301 to 1,000 Persons	107.00
Over 1,000 Persons	141.00

B. All other uses over 400 square feet and/or any size tent using hazardous material processes or open flame 73.00

Note: Plans that are submitted less than thirty (30) days prior to the event may result in additional fees such as expedited plan review fee and/or a special request inspection fee or may result in denial of the plan and non-approval of the event.

Inspections that are required to be performed before or after normal business hours or on holidays or weekends will result in an additional special request inspection fee.

32. Sparkler Sales:

Sale of sparklers requires submittal of completed application package 141.00

Note: Plans that are submitted less than thirty (30) days prior to the event may result in additional fees such as expedited plan review fee and/or a special request inspection fee or may result in denial of the plan and non-approval of the event.

Inspections that are required to be performed before or after normal business hours or on holidays or weekends will result in an additional special request inspection fee.

33. Fireworks, Pyrotechnic Displays and Flame Effects:	\$215.00
Public display of fireworks must be under the direction of a qualified person certified by the department as an operator.	
Per use	
Operator certification	141.00
Requires applicant to apply in person	
Certifications are good for one year.	
Note: Plans that are submitted less than thirty (30) days prior to the event may result in additional fees such as expedited plan review fee and/or a special request inspection fee or may result in denial of the plan and non-approval of the event.	
Inspections that are required to be performed before or after normal business hours or on holidays or weekends will result in an additional special request inspection fee.	
34. Open Burning:	
Agricultural 30 day	107.00
Agricultural annual	356.00
Movie set shoot per site/per day	107.00
Bon fire per site/per day	107.00
For all permits listed below:	
Initial and annual renewal permits may be prorated according to the number of months remaining between the month of date of permit issuance and the month of annual renewal.	
35. Duplicate or certified copy of Life Safety Permit:	6.00
Each	
36. Airport Terminal Building:	
A structure used primarily for air passenger enplaning or deplaning, including ticket sales, flight information, baggage handling, and other necessary functions in connection with air transport operations. This term includes any extensions and satellite buildings used for passenger handling or aircraft flight service functions. Aircraft loading walkways and "mobile lounges" are excluded.	
Annual permit required	
Per gross square Ft. re-inspection fees inclusive	0.04
37. Apartments and Condominiums:	
An apartment building having three or more living units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. Annual permit required.	
Fee is per building and consists of the fee for the number of stories plus the fee for the number of units.	
Occupancies storing, handling, or using flammable, combustible, hazardous materials and/or processes shall be assessed an additional hazard fee.	
Up to 2 stories,	55.00
3 to 5 stories,	56.00
6 to 7 stories,	89.00

8 stories and above,	\$148.00
Per unit	1.50
Maximum total fee	593.00

38. Assemblies:

Maintenance, operation or use of any occupancy for public assembly.
Annual permit required.

Up to 49 Persons	74.00
50 to 99 Persons	107.00
100 to 300 Persons	141.00
301 to 1,000 Persons	178.00
1,001 to 10,000 Persons	356.00
Over 10,000 Persons	499.00

Assemblies with an occupant load of 300 or more persons and operating after normal business hours as dance halls, discotheques, nightclubs or assemblies with festival seating and an occupant load of 300 or more persons.

Per person over 300	.01
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39. Assisted Living Facilities:

All facilities licensed to operate as assisted living facilities.
Annual permit required

Fee is based on the number of clients that the occupancy is licensed or approved for.

1 to 16 clients (Small Facilities)	119.00
Over 16 clients (Large Facilities)	148.00
Per additional client over 16	1.55

NOTE: As part of the permitting process, If validation of the evacuation capabilities becomes necessary by fire drill, an additional fee per fire drill will be assessed equivalent to the permit fee.

40. Automobile Wrecking Yards, Junk Yards: 141.00

Annual permit required.

41. Business Occupancies:

For the transaction of business for keeping of accounts and records and similar purposes.
Annual permit required.

0 to 1,500 square feet	28.00
1,501 to 3,000 square feet	56.00
3,001 to 5,000 square feet	73.00
5,001 to 10,000 square feet	118.00
10,001 to 50,000 square feet	148.00
50,001 to 100,000 square feet	208.00
100,001 to 150,000 square feet	261.00
150,001 to 200,000 square feet	326.00
Over 200,000 square feet	385.00

42. Day Care:	
All facilities licensed to operate as day care or nursery school. Annual permit required.	
Fee is based on the number of clients that the occupancy is licensed or approved for.	
3 to 6 Clients	\$84.00
7 to 12 Clients-	97.00
Over 12 Clients	113.00
Each additional licensed client over 12	1.70
43. Detention/Corrections Facilities:	565.00
Annual permit required.	
44. Educational Facilities:	
All occupancies operating as educational facilities in grades K-12.	
Annual permit required.	
Fee is based on number of students the occupancy is licensed, chartered, approved for or based on occupant load.	
Minimum	77.00
Additional fee per enrolled student	1.70
Maximum total	789.00
45. Emergency Vehicle Zone:	
For Establishment (one-time fee).	215.00
For Modifications as requested.	36.00
46. Fuel Terminals:	
Storage, handling, or dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids at fuel terminals.	
Annual permit required.	
Up to ten tanks	356.00
Per tank over 10	25.00
47. Hospitals:	
All facilities licensed to operate as hospitals.	
Annual permit required.	
Fee is based on number of beds that occupancy is licensed or approved for.	
Up to 100 beds	565.00
Each additional bed	1.45
Maximum total	1,130.00
48. Hotels, Motels & Dormitories:	141.00
Each building having up to 50 units under the same management in which there are sleeping accommodations, with or without meals. Annual permit required.	
Each additional unit over 50.	1.45

49. Industrial/Manufacturing Occupancies:

All buildings or structures primarily used for industrial or manufacturing purposes, including dry cleaning operations.

Annual permit required.

0 to 1,000 square feet	\$73.00
1,001 to 5,000 square feet	107.00
5,001 to 10,000 square feet	148.00
10,001 to 50,000 square feet	226.00
50,001 to 200,000 square feet	297.00
Over 200,000 square feet	374.00

50. Malls (Covered):

Annual permit required.

Up to 100,000 square feet	226.00
Over 100,000 square feet	356.00

51. Piers, Wharves or Docking Facilities:

All structures or facilities used for the launching and berthing of watercraft.

Annual permit required. 141.00

Plus per slip fee over 25. 1.45

52. Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Parks:

Annual permit required

1 to 100 sites	107.00
Over 100 sites additional per site	1.45

53. Nursing Homes:

All facilities licensed to operate as nursing homes.

Annual permit required.

Fee is based on number of beds occupancy is licensed or approved for.

Up to 100 Beds	237.00
Each additional bed	1.45
Maximum total	1,044.00

54. Other Residential Board & Care Facilities:

All other residential board and care facilities. Annual permit required

1 to 16 Persons (Small Facilities)	77.00
Over 16 Persons (Large Facilities)	113.00
Each additional licensed person over 16 Persons	1.50

55. Retail, Wholesale, Mercantile Occupancies (Including Open Air):

For display, retail, and wholesale merchandising.

Annual permit required

0 to 1,000 square feet	28.00
1,001 to 3,000 square feet	56.00
3,001 to 5,000 square feet	89.00
5,001 to 10,000 square feet	119.00
10,001 to 25,000 square feet	168.00
25,001 to 50,000 square feet	237.00

50,001 to 100,000 square feet	\$297.00
Over 100,000 square feet	356.00

56. Storage Occupancies:

Buildings or structures used primarily for storage and similar purposes.
Annual permit required.

0 to 1,000 square feet	73.00
1,001 to 5,000 square feet	107.00
5,001 to 10,000 square feet	141.00
10,001 to 25,000 square feet	170.00
25,001 to 50,000 square feet	226.00
50,001 to 100,000 square feet	282.00
100,001 to 200,000 square feet	339.00
Over 200,000 square feet	395.00