

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



FEES FOR SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

FEES: Ambulance Run Report \$15
Incident Report \$15
Incident Pictures on CD \$5

COPIES OF DOCUMENTS: \$15 (includes first 20 copies), \$0.10 each additional BW copy, \$ 0.20 each additional color copy.

DESCRIPTION: The Fire District periodically receives requests for documents from members of the public, attorneys, and insurance companies. It takes staff time to access the requested documents and to reproduce them for the requesting party.

JUSTIFICATION: There are personnel costs as well as material costs associated with providing copies of documents.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND SANCTIONS - FIRE PREVENTION

FEE: (See Appendix 2)

DESCRIPTION: Fees and sanctions to increase fire safety for fire and life safety code non-compliant homeowners, businesses, and industries.

JUSTIFICATION: In lieu of a criminal citation, pursuant to Douglas County Title 20 Appendix B, an administrative fine may be sanctioned to address and correct unsafe conditions without causing a burden on the court system and administrative time. Fines and sanctions will serve to prompt corrections to violations of code without an individual criminal record violation in the Tahoe Township Justice Court system.

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF CODE PROVISIONS

FEE: Hourly wage (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: The International Fire and Building Codes allow that modifications to code requirements can be made when there are practical difficulties in carrying out the provisions of the code and the proposed modification meets the intent and purpose of the code and does not lessen the health, life and fire safety requirements as provided for by the code.

JUSTIFICATION: An application for modification of code provisions will require staff time to make site visits, research, draft correspondence and prepare a report to the requesting parties and building department. This fee will cover the costs associated with processing a request for a modification of code provisions.

ARSON FIRE SUPPRESSION AND INVESTIGATION FEE

FEE: Actual cost of personnel and equipment. (Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: A fee charged to any person or persons found guilty of arson to recover the cost of suppressing and investigating the fire.

JUSTIFICATION: Suppression and investigation of arson fires requires a significant commitment of personnel and equipment and impact the ability of the Fire District to respond to other emergencies. These incidents often result in the callback of off duty personnel. The subsequent fire investigation may require significant staff time to complete. The recovery such costs is provided for by NRS 205.034

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

FEE: (See Appendix 3)

DESCRIPTION: Base rates for Emergency Medical Services provided to Fire District residents and visitors.

JUSTIFICATION: The Fire District budget contains a separate enterprise fund for ambulance maintenance, medical supplies, paramedic salary & benefits, training and other operating expenses exclusively related to EMS. These fees are utilized for patient billing to recuperate expenses for care and transport.

FALSE ALARM RESPONSE (NEGLIGENT) FEE

FEE: \$150.00

DESCRIPTION: A fee charged for response to automatic fire alarms due to negligence, lack of maintenance, or failure to notify dispatch when performing maintenance on a fire protection system. False alarms, which could be prevented by prudent and reasonable operational, maintenance and test procedures, are negligent. This fee will only be levied when there are repeated negligent false alarms. This fee will not be levied for instances of accidental false alarms which are beyond the control of the responsible party (power surge etc.) This fee will be charged to the party responsible for proper operation and maintenance of the alarm system.

JUSTIFICATION: False alarms create unnecessary emergency responses which can negatively impact the Fire District’s ability to respond to legitimate emergencies. False alarms also de-sensitize the public to fire alarms. This Fee creates a financial incentive to the property owner to properly maintain and test their alarm system.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PLAN REVIEW FOR CHANGES ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

FEE: Hourly wage (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: This fee will be assessed when a set of plans must be re-checked due to major changes, additions or revisions by the architect or contractor, or when a re-submittal and recheck of more than 50% of the plan is required due to errors, discrepancies or missing information on the part of the architect or contractor. Rather than charging another complete plan review fee, this service will be charged for by the actual time associated with review of the re-submission. In most circumstances, this will be less than charging the full plan review fee for the re-submission.

JUSTIFICATION: It is the responsibility of the Department of Fire Prevention to review building plans. Plan review is conducted by either the Fire Marshal or the Fire Inspector. This fee would be levied when substantial time has already been invested in the initial plan review and additions, revisions, errors or omissions will require a subsequent major review of the plans. The amount is based upon the hourly rate of employees who will perform this service.

EXPLOSIVES ORDINANCE DISPOSAL RESPONSE

FEE: (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: A fee to recover the cost of personnel, equipment and supplies associated with providing EOD services to entities without an EOD contract.

JUSTIFICATION: EOD response can result in significant direct costs to the Fire District. Entities which do not have a pre-existing interlocal agreement or contract for EOD services will be invoiced for actual costs incurred by the Fire District.

HAND CREW RESPONSE/USE

FEE: \$670.00 hr. for crew, vehicles as per Appendix 1, plus an administrative rate based on approved CFFA rate for year. This rate may vary if a current inter-local agreement exists with requesting agency.

DESCRIPTION: The hand crew may be requested by outside agencies to assist with the suppression of wildland fires or other emergencies. Often this type of activity is

of the duration that overtime costs will be incurred. The rate is based upon an 18 person crew and the assumption that any given day there will be a combination of straight time, overtime and standby time paid to each crewmember.

JUSTIFICATION: The response of the hand crew to other jurisdictions has measurable costs in terms of personnel, equipment and apparatus. Typically such costs are reimbursed through existing inter-local agreements, operating plans or contracts. This fee provides a mechanism to recover these costs when providing services to agencies with which there is not a pre-existing agreement.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE

FEE: Actual cost of materials, personnel and equipment(See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: A fee to recover the cost of materials used to mitigate a hazardous materials incident. It may also include costs associated with the disposal of hazardous materials in a legal manner and the labor and equipment costs incurred to mitigate an incident. This fee would be charged to the party responsible for the incident.

JUSTIFICATION: Hazardous Materials incidents are typically long in duration and require a large number of response personnel. Due to the nature of the materials encountered on such incidents, the supplies and equipment used on such incidents frequently must be replaced after the incident. Failure to recover these costs can adversely impact the organization's finances and ability to maintain adequate preparedness for future Haz Mat incidents.

MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS RESPONSE FEE

FEE: Actual cost of personnel and equipment (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: A fee to be charged to an individual or individuals found to be responsible for a malicious false alarm.

JUSTIFICATION: Malicious false alarms create unnecessary emergency responses which can negatively impact the Fire District's ability to respond to legitimate emergencies. Malicious false alarms also de-sensitize the public to fire alarms. This Fee creates a financial disincentive to those who maliciously activate alarm systems.

PLAN CHECK FEES - FIRE PREVENTION

FEE: (See Appendix 1 & 4)

DESCRIPTION: Plan reviews are conducted to ensure new construction meets current fire and wildland urban interface code requirements. There are three levels of plan reviews which align with the process an applicant must complete when constructing a home, or structure in the Fire District.

JUSTIFICATION: Cost recovery of staff time related to performing the various levels of plan reviewing including consultation, site inspections and related overhead cost

REINSPECTION FEE

FEE: Hourly wage (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: Fire District personnel conduct a variety of inspections. These inspections include new construction, installation of fire protection systems, annual fire and life safety inspections, permit applications, and citizen complaints. Repeated inspections and the associated research, documentation and travel impacts the productivity of the Fire District. In all cases, the first re-inspection will be free of charge. The second and subsequent re-inspection may be charged an hourly rate based upon wage of the personnel conducting the inspection.

JUSTIFICATION: When discrepancies are noted during an inspection, a re-inspection is required to assure correction. If more than one re-inspection is required by the Department of Fire Prevention, the ability to respond in a timely manner to other requests for service can be negatively impacted. Therefore, it is reasonable to cover the excessive cost incurred. The minimum charge is ½ hours and will be billed in 1/4 hour increments.

STAND-BY FEE

FEE: Actual cost of personnel and equipment/apparatus (See Appendix 1)

DESCRIPTION: A fee charged to any individual or organization that requests or is otherwise required to have the Fire District to provide staffing at an event. This service is provided with overtime personnel.

JUSTIFICATION: Periodically the Fire District provides staffing which may include equipment/apparatus for an event. The fee covers the personnel and equipment cost associated with this service.

SUPPRESSION INSURANCE SERVICE FEE

FEE: \$500.00

DESCRIPTION: A flat fee to help recover the costs incurred in suppressing structure fires.

JUSTIFICATION: Most insurance policies have a provision which allows fire agencies to charge a fee for their services associated with suppressing a fire. This fee would not be levied when other methods of cost recovery are utilized.

VACATION HOME RENTAL (VHR) INSPECTION - FIRE PREVENTION

- FEE:** (See Appendix 1)
- DESCRIPTION:** Douglas County requires homeowners who rent their property for less than 30 days to have a current VHR permit. In order to obtain/renew a permit, the homeowner must have a fire and life safety inspection completed by the Fire District to ensure that code requirement is being met.
- JUSTIFICATION:** Cost recovery related to performing the initial and re-inspections, including time and travel as well as record maintenance and other follow up.

WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION FEE

- FEE:** Actual cost of personnel and equipment plus an administrative rate based on the annually-approved CFAA rate. (See Appendix 1)
- DESCRIPTION:** A fee will be charged to any individual or entity that causes a Wildland Fire.
- JUSTIFICATION:** The suppression of a Wildland fires can require a commitment of significant resources for an extended period of time. Callback of off-duty personnel is often required, resulting in overtime costs. There may be additional costs associated with the use of outside agency resources and cost share agreements. Such costs can negatively impact the Fire District's financial resources.

APPENDIX 1

FEE STRUCTURE

PERSONNEL	RATE/HOUR
Firefighter	\$36.51
Paramedic	\$41.00
Engineer	\$44.00
Captain	\$56.00
Battalion Chief	\$66.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$79.00
Fire Chief	\$88.00
Fire Inspector	\$52.00
Fire Prevention Captain	\$63.50
Fire Marshal	\$65.00

EQUIPMENT	RATE/HOUR
Bomb Squad	\$380.00 (Flat rate - Minimum of 2 hours)
Bomb Squad	\$190.00 (After 2 hours)
Bomb Squad Vehicle	\$150.00
EDC Sweep/Standby	\$500.00 (Flat rate - Minimum of 2 hours)
EDC Sweep/Standby	\$150.00 (After 2 hours)
Brush Truck	\$160.00
Engine	\$160.00
Water Tender	\$160.00
Ladder Truck	\$142.75
Chipper	\$24.31
Chip Truck	\$35.00
Ambulance	\$108.90
Rescue/Fire Boat	\$96.00/hr.
Rescue Personal Watercraft	\$48.00/hr.

	RATE/DAY
Pickup Truck ½ ton	\$86.00
Pickup Truck 1 ton	\$96.00
Pickup Truck 1 ½ ton	\$96.00
Crew Buggies	\$259.00
Crew Vehicles	\$163.35

INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW	
Vacation Home Rental (VHR)	\$150.00
VHR – Re-inspection	\$60.00
Plan Review Level I	\$60.00
Plan Review Level II	\$120.00
Plan Review Level III	Table

Other services, supplies, equipment and materials will be charged as used at replacement cost. Charges for non-Fire District personnel or services will be billed at the direct cost to the fire district.

APPENDIX 2

FIRE PREVENTION ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND SANCTIONS

IFC. SECTION 3		FINE AMOUNT
304.1	Compliance with orders and notices unlawful continuance of a fire hazard. Any person operating or maintaining any occupancy, premises, or vehicle subject to this code, or failure to take immediate action to abate a fire hazard when ordered	\$1,000.00
IFC. SECTION 9		FINE AMOUNT
401.4	Interfering with Fire Dept. (Obstructing/Disobeying a command)	\$500.00
901.8	Tampering with fire equipment (sprinklers, alarms, etc.	\$500.00
901.8	Tampering with fire hydrant or appliances	\$500.00
503.4	Obstructing fire lane or parking in fire lane	\$500.00
901.4.1	Failure to provide fire and safety protection as required	\$500.00
901.4.1	Failure to provide fire systems	\$100.00
904.11.6.3	Failure to prevent accumulation of grease or failure to maintain system	\$100.00
IFC. SECTION 3 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE		FINE AMOUNT
307.2	Burning bonfires or rubbish without a permit	\$100.00
304.4	Not attending an open fire	\$100.00
304.1.1	Illegal accumulation of waste	\$100.00
304.2	Improper handling of readily combustible materials	\$100.00
401.3	Failure to report a fire	\$100.00
401.3.1	Reporting a false alarm	\$500.00
303	Asphalt kettles, improper extinguishers, improper transportation	\$100.00
303	Asphalt kettles, improper placement, cover or not attending	\$100.00
312	Failure to protect gas meters and piping	\$100.00
311.3	Vacating premises (not removing combustibles)	\$500.00
311.2.1	Vacant buildings (not secured)	\$500.00
IFC. SECTION 10 MAINTENANCE OF EXIT WAYS		FINE AMOUNT
1027.3	Obstruction of exit	\$500.00
1024.9.2	Failure to maintain aisles	\$500.00
1025	Encumbrance of fire escape	\$500.00
1027.2	Exit doors inoperable from the inside	\$500.00
1006.1	Failure to provide exit illumination	\$500.00
1011.1	Failure to provide exit signs	\$500.00
1004.2	Exceeding occupant load	\$500.00

IFC. SECTION 310		FINE AMOUNT
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310.2	Smoking in prohibited areas	\$100.00
310.55	Failure to comply with “NO SMOKING” sign	\$100.00
310.4	Illegal removing of “NO SMOKING” sign	\$100.00

IFC. SECTION 15 APPLICATION OF FLAMMABLE FINISH		FINE AMOUNT
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1501	All violations of Section 15	\$250.00
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IFC. SECTION 26 WELDING/CUTTING CALCIUM CARBIDE/ACETYLENE		FINE AMOUNT
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2604.2.6	Failure to provide a fire extinguisher	\$100.00
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IFC. SECTION 30 COMPRESSED GASSES		FINE AMOUNT
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3003.2	Storage cylinders improperly marked	\$100.00
3003.3.3	Compressed gasses not secured	\$100.00

IFC. SECTION 33 EXPLOSIVE/BLASTING AGENTS		FINE AMOUNT
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3301	All violations pertaining to the manufacturer, possession, storage, sales, transportation and use of explosives and blasting agents	\$500.00
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IFC. SECTION 27 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS		FINE AMOUNT
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2701	All violations of section 27	\$500.00
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INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODES Currently Adopted Edition by the Honorable County Commissioners:

Any other violation not specifically mentioned in the above fine schedule shall have a fine of \$100.00.

NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (477.250): Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this chapter or any of the regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal’s office is guilty of a MISDEMEANOR.

Each day on which a violation occurs is a separate offense \$500.00

APPENDIX 3

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

	FEE AMOUNT
Mileage	\$26.40
Advance Life Support (ALS) Non-Emergency	\$1,100.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) Emergency	\$1,100.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) 2	\$1,265.00
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$1,100.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Non-Emergency	\$1,100.00
Standby	\$108.00
Advance Life Support Treated No Transport (ALS TNT)	\$203.50
Basic Life Support Treated No Transport (BLS) TNT	\$203.50
Advanced Airway	\$110.00
C-Spine Immobilization	\$80.00
Defibrillation	\$100.00
Electro Cardio Gram (ECG)	\$95.00
Intra Venus (IV) Administration	\$85.00
Medications	\$150.00
Oxygen	\$75.00
Zoll Lifeband	\$155.00