

**VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

**FEE SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**



Effective July 1, 2025

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GENERAL NOTES

The following shall apply to all items contained within this fee schedule unless otherwise noted thereafter.

- **Total Initial Fee**

Total Initial Fee includes initial plan check, one re-check of corrections, and not more than five inspection trips per permit. All initial fees are non-refundable and due at the time of application. Additional fees may be assessed and are due within 30-days.

- **Additional Plan Checks and/or Inspections**

Additional plan checks and inspections will be charged at the hourly rate of \$168. A one hour minimum fee will apply and additional 15 minute increments thereafter, in addition to the total initial fee.

- **Modifications to Approved Plans**

For modifications to approved plans, an additional review fee will be charged at the hourly rate of \$168. A one hour minimum fee will apply and additional 15 minute increments thereafter.

- **Expedite Plan Review Service Fee**

Expedite plan reviews requested after normal working hours, on weekends, or during holidays, will be charged a \$672 service fee in addition to the total initial fee. Expedite plan reviews are based on staff availability and are not guaranteed.

- **After-Hours Inspections Service Fee**

Inspections requested after normal working hours, on weekends, or during holidays, will be charged a \$672 service fee in addition to the total initial fee. After-hours inspections are based on staff availability and are not guaranteed.

- **Methods of Payment**

The following methods of payment are accepted: Money Order, Personal Check, Credit Cards and Debit Cards with the MasterCard or Visa logo.

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Commercial and Multi-Family Residential Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

NFPA 13 and 13R Fire Sprinkler Overhead Systems (New Systems)

Total Building Floor Area (sqft)	Total Initial Fee
Structures up to 52,000	\$756
Structures greater than 52,000	\$1,134

NFPA 13 and 13R Fire Service Underground for Buildings and Commercial Private Water Systems

Number of Fire Sprinklered Buildings Served	Total Initial Fee
0 to 2 building*	\$588
3 to 5 buildings	\$924
Greater than 5 buildings	\$1,386

* Fire service serving one or more fire hydrants without buildings

NFPA 13 and 13R Tenant Improvements in Existing Sprinklered Buildings

Use the tenant improvement with plans table if work involves changes to the riser location, a new riser, additions of mains, increases in hydraulic demand, or new remote areas.

Tenant Improvement 100 Heads of Less and Without Plans

Number of Fire Sprinklers	Total Initial Fee
Up to 50 heads	\$378
51 to 100 heads	\$546

Tenant Improvement With Plans

Number of Fire Sprinklers	Total Initial Fee
Up to 500 heads	\$840
Greater than 500 heads	\$1,176

Residential Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

NFPA 13D Fire Sprinkler Overhead Systems (New Systems)

Dwelling Type (per system)	Total Initial Fee
Custom Home	\$630
Tract Model Home/Townhome	\$630
Tract Non-Model Home/Townhome*	\$336

* No plan review is required

NFPA 13D Tenant Improvements in Existing Sprinklered Buildings

Dwelling Type	Total Initial Fee
10 heads or less*	\$336
Greater than 10 heads	\$504

* No plan review is required

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Residential Private Water Systems for Group R-3 Occupancies

System Type	Total Initial Fee
Residential up to 4 service connections	\$504

Fire Alarm Systems

For **fire alarm system panel replacements**, 50% of the existing initiating devices AND 100% of the new initiating devices shall be counted to calculate the correct fee using the table below. For addition and/or relocation of **notification devices** or **addition of cellular dialer**, fee shall be calculated at rate of 1 initiating device using the table below.

Number of Initiating Devices	Total Initial Fee
1	\$378
2-10	\$504
11-50	\$840
51-200	\$1,092
Greater than 200	\$1,428

Hood and Spray Booth Systems

Number of Nozzles/Heads	Total Initial Fee
1-15	\$504
16-30	\$546
31-50	\$672
Greater than 50	\$1,050

Specialized Fire Protection Systems

System Type	Total Initial Fee
Pre-Action System	\$504
In-rack Sprinkler System for High-Piled Stock (new and alterations)	\$840
Limited Area Fire Sprinkler System	\$840
Clean Agent System	\$756
Others - Specialized System	\$840

Miscellaneous Fire Protection Systems Fees and Reviews

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Fire Protection Systems Maintenance Report	\$30
Public Fire Hydrant Location Review	\$294
Fire Protection Systems Emergency Repair	\$336
Fire Protection Systems Inspection	\$168

PLANNING, NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND BUILDING PLAN REVIEWS

Planning Reviews

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Discretionary Planning Review - EIR, general plan amendment, specific plan review, planning condition review, variances and zone change review. A one-hour minimum fee will apply with additional 15-minute increments thereafter.	\$168
Pre-Plan/Pre-App/Consultation - A one-hour minimum fee will apply with additional 15-minute increments thereafter.	\$168
Grading Plan / Preliminary Access Road / Access Gate Reviews	\$420

New Construction - Requirements for Construction (Fire Prevention Form 610)

One Fire Prevention Form 610 (Requirements for Construction) shall be submitted per building, unless otherwise noted.

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
New single-family dwelling (R-3), Group U greater than 3,000 sqft.	\$420
New Multi-family, Commercial or Industrial	\$546
Additions to existing single-family dwelling (R-3), Group U greater than 3,000 sqft (total sqft of proposed and existing), Multi-family, Commercial or Industrial	\$168
Single-family dwelling (R-3) or multi-family tract development, per building in the same construction phase and the same developer.	\$294
New building 3,000 sqft or less classified as a Group U Occupancy, or an addition to an existing building classified as a Group U occupancy where the total sqft is 3,000 sqft or less (proposed sqft plus existing sqft)	\$168
Energy Storage Systems	\$546

PLANNING, NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND BUILDING PLAN REVIEWS

Building Plan Review of State Fire Marshal Regulated Occupancies and H Occupancies

The total initial fee is based on the total floor area of all State Fire Marshal regulated occupancies and H occupancies to be reviewed. Floor areas shall be rounded up to the next highest increment of 5,000 square feet. Where multiple buildings of the same type exist, one total initial fee shall be paid for each plan type. Only inspection fees shall be paid for each additional building of the same plan type billed on an hourly basis.

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
A-Occupancy / E-Occupancy / H-Occupancy	\$840
R-Occupancy / I-Occupancy / Other - Occupancy	\$672
Tenant Improvement to an Existing A-Occupancy 750 sqft to 1,500 sqft	\$504
Tenant Improvement to an Existing A-Occupancy greater than 1,500 sqft	\$672

FIRE CODE PERMITS

Operational Fire Code Permits

Permit Type	Total Initial Fee
Aersol Products	\$504
Combustible Dust Producing Operation	\$672
Composting/Mulch Organic Material	\$840
Compressed Gases*	\$840
Compress Gases, Beverage Dispensing Greater than 100 lbs. of CO2	\$252
Cryogenic Fluids*	\$756
Explosive or Blasting Agents (Handle/Use)(Annual Permit)	\$504
Explosive or Blasting Agents (Storage/Handle/Use)(Annual Permit)	\$840
Fireworks Pyrotechnic Special Effects (Theatrical/Movies)**	\$294
Fireworks Aerial & Ground Display**	\$588
Flammable or Combustible Liquids*	\$672
Hazardous Materials	\$756
Hazardous Production Materials Facilities	\$840
High-Piled Combustible Storage	\$672
Hot Work Operations, Cutting, Welding & Grinding	\$378
Live Audiences**	\$378
LPG Fixed Tanks and Tank Exchange Site	\$378
Oil Well Drill Operation	\$378
Open Flame and Candles - Single Use	\$126
Open Flame and Candles - On-going Facility Use	\$294
Places of Assembly - Indoor and Outdoor	\$336
Plant Extraction Facilities	\$840
Spraying or Dipping	\$546
Tank Vehicles - Re-fueler	\$168
Temporary Membrane Structures 401 to 1,600 sqft	\$210
Temporary Membrane Structures Greater Than 1,600 sqft	\$378
Other operational permits as specifically defined in current edition of the fire code, including but not limited to; Amusement Building, Aviation Facilities, Carnivals & Fairs, Cellulose Nitrate Film, Combustible Fibers, Covered & Open Mall Buildings, Dry Cleaning Plants, Energy Storage Systems (ESS), Exhibit and Trade Shows, Floor Finishing, Fruit & Crop Ripening, Fumigation & Thermal Insecticides Fogging, Industrial Ovens, Liquid or Gas Fueled Vehicles or Equipment in Assembly Buildings, Magnesium Working, Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities, Organic Coatings, Pyroxlin Plastics, Refrigeration Equipment, Repair Garages, Rooftop Heliports, Storage of Scrap Tires, Tire Rebuilding Plants, Waste Handling, Wood Product Storage.	\$504

* Fee includes construction permit.

** Permits will require an additional standby fee and will be charged at the "Fire Prevention Safety Officer" hourly rate, with a six-hour minimum.

Renewal: renewal cost of an operational fire code permit shall be 50% the cost of the current initial fee.

FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE

Fire Clearance Inspections for Licensed Facilities

Inspection Type	Total Initial Fee
Licensed Care Pre-Inspection for I's, R's, and Day cares	\$294
Licensed Care Initial Fire Clearance	\$504
Licensed Residential Care Annual Inspection for R-2.1 and R-4	\$378

R-1 Occupancy Annual Inspections

Fee is applicable to all hotels, motels, and boarding houses per facility under the same ownership at a single property. Does not apply to 1 and 2-family single-family dwellings (Group R-3).

Number of Units	Total Initial Fee
1-50	\$252
Greater than 50	\$420

Filming and Photography Reviews

Review Type	Total Initial Fee
Film reviews - includes feature films, TV commercials, TV series, TV movies, TV pilot, PSA, documentaries, and music videos*	\$336
Student film review	\$252
Still photography review*	\$168

* Filming permits may be subject to additional conditions, standby fees, fire code permit fees, and inspection fees

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Reviews

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Review - R-3 Single Family Dwelling (Per Lot - up to 500 square feet of landscape area)	\$210
Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Review - R-3 Single Family Dwelling (Per Lot - 501 square feet or greater of landscape area)	\$420
Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Review - Multi-family, tract development, commercial and industrial	\$672

Fire Protection Plan Reviews Associated with VCFC Chapter 49

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Fire Protection Plan associated with developments per VCFC Chapter 49 - Preliminary Review	\$504
Fire Protection Plan associated with developments per VCFC Chapter 49 - Final Review	\$672

Fire Hazard Reduction Administrative Fee per Parcel

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Calendar Year January - December 2025	\$1,830
Calendar Year January - December 2026	\$1,996

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND REVIEWS

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Commercial Photovoltaic Systems	\$378
Energy Storage Systems - UL9450A Test Review (Residential Only)	\$336
Release of Notice of Non-Compliance - plus any outstanding fees related to release	\$588
Alternate Method or Code Interpretation Request - per request	\$462
Occupant Load Review	\$210
Public Requested Inspections - not otherwise listed	\$210
Special Event Review (No charge for first hour) - the fully allocated hourly rate will be charged for all time greater than 1-hour.	\$168/hr
Code Enforcement - the fully allocated hourly rate will be charged for all personnel used to bring an occupancy into compliance for all time after the second inspection. Additional fees and/or fines may be imposed when a citation is issued.	\$168/hr
Other Review Not Listed - a one-hour minimum fee will apply with additional 15-minute increments thereafter.	\$168/hr
Unwanted Alarm Response: an unwanted alarm is the activation of an alarm system resulting in a response by the Fire District where an emergency of the kind for which the alarm system was designed to give notice does not exist. Unwanted alarms greater than 3 per month will be charged the fully allocated hourly rate for all personnel used to bring the alarm system into compliance after the second inspection. Additional fees and/or fines may be imposed when a citation is issued.	
Fire Prevention Safety Officer: the fully allocated hourly rate will be charged for all personnel assigned.	\$105/hr
Fire Protection District Appeals Board Fee:	
Single Family Dwelling, owner occupied	\$760
All others	\$1,520
Non-Sufficient Fund (NSF): per NSF returned item	\$30

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND REVIEWS

Submittal Type	Total Initial Fee
Photo copy - Black & White: Large format plans, up to 24x36 inches	\$4.00/page
Photo copy - Black & White: <= 100 pages	No Charge
Photo copy - Black & White: > 100 pages	\$0.035/page
Photo Copy - Color: <= 50 pages	No Charge
Phtot Copy - Color: > 50 pages	\$0.105/page
Non-standard duplication - out-sourced for duplication	Actual Cost Incurred
Mailing up to 20 pages of 8 1/2" x 11" first class US Mail	No Charge
Mailing - other	Actual Cost Incurred