



CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Marshal's Office

Information Bulletin

Fire Fee Schedule

The Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office will assess fees for various permits, plan reviews, associated inspections, and other activities as necessary. The information contained within this document is only intended to provide an overview of fees assessed by this office. Applicants must consult with the Permit Center for final fee totals, including fees assessed for Business Revenue Collections or for other reviews or approvals.

Applications:

The most recent version of the published application will be retained on the official City of Charleston website and are available for review and download at www.charleston-sc.gov/fm.

Plan Review Process

Plans will be reviewed during the intake process and assigned to various categories and levels based on the type and size of the project. Each level includes associated fees and a projected review time for initial and subsequent submittals. Please review the [Fire Plan Review and Permitting Information Bulletin](#) for additional information regarding the various types of reviews and the anticipated review time.

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Fees will be established by the City of Charleston and applied to applicable permits and processes. The total fee is either a fixed fee or a projected value. Permit fees are comprised of an application fee, plan review fee, inspection fee, with a multiplier applied based on the total number of floors of the work area, unless each floor is permitted separately. See the following page for examples of project levels and fees.

When required, the plan review fee covers the cost of the initial and one additional review of resubmitted documents (2 reviews). Plans requiring additional reviews will be assessed the same review fee again, granting up to 2 additional reviews. The inspection fee covers the initial inspection to verify compliance. Additional inspection fees may be added for each re-inspection or failure to correct previously cited items will result in the assessment of re-inspection fees for each additional visit. Re-inspection fees will be assessed for each additional inspection or failure to correct previously cited items.

Work Without a Permit

Permit fees will be doubled for work commencing without a permit. Payment of the fee shall neither relieve any person from complying with code requirements or other penalties for commencing work without approval.

The following outlines the projected fire fee schedule effective 1/1/2025.

Mobile Food Vendor			
Assessment	Category A	Category B	Category C
Base Fee			
Permit Total	\$40.00	\$54.63	\$74.24
Re-Inspection Fee (Failure to correct previously cited items or each visit after the first two)			
Re-Inspection Fee Total	\$40.00	\$54.63	\$74.24

Fire Plan Review and Permitting					
Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Base Fee					
Application & Admin	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Plan Review	\$55.05	\$82.57	\$165.15	\$220.20	\$330.30
Inspection	\$58.51	\$117.03	\$175.54	\$263.31	\$351.08
Inspection Fee Multiplier	N/A	# of Floors	# of Floors	# of Floors	# of Floors
Permit Total	\$153.56	\$239.60 *	\$380.69 *	\$523.51 *	\$721.38 *

*Example calculated at one floor.

Re-Inspection Fee (Failure to correct previously cited items or each visit after the first two)					
Re-Inspection Base Fee	\$58.51	\$117.03	\$175.54	\$263.31	\$351.08
Inspection Fee Multiplier	N/A	# of Floors	# of Floors	# of Floors	# of Floors
Re-Inspection Base Total	\$58.51	\$117.03 *	\$175.54 *	\$263.31 *	\$351.08 *
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Plan Re-Review Fee (Failure to correct previously cited items or each review after the first two)					
Plan Re-Review Fee	\$55.05	\$82.57	\$165.15	\$220.20	\$330.30

Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) Reports	
Assessment	
Base Fee	
Initial report submission, review, and processing	\$30.00
Late Fees (Charged in addition to the base fee)	
Reports submitted >31 and <60 days after the inspection date	\$30.00
Reports submitted >61 and <90 days after the inspection date	\$60.00
Reports submitted >91 and <120 days after the inspection date	\$90.00
Reports submitted >121 days after the inspection date	\$120.00