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Fire Marshal Fee Schedule Updated

Yesterday, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court voted to update the Fire Marshal Fee Schedule for inspections, tests and permits--a first since the initial adoption of the fee schedule back in 2006.

Effective immediately, the fee schedule addresses a variety of public safety concerns, such as annual inspections, plan reviews, system tests, and operational permits according to Cameron County Fire Marshal Armando Lucio.

“Public safety is our top priority. The task of doing these inspections, tests, and permits ensures compliance, which results in a reduction of loss of life and property,” added Lucio.

“These fees are reasonable and competitively consistent with that of other jurisdictions,” emphasized Cameron County Emergency Management Coordinator Humberto Barrera. “We need to point out that this is the first time these fees have been updated since the Commissioners' Court first approved them 5 years ago.”

Questions in reference to the fee schedule may be made to the Cameron County Judge's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Fire Marshal Service (956) 547-7000 [M-F 8 AM to 5 PM].

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Cameron County Fire Marshal Fee Schedule (Inspection, Test & Permit)

INSPECTION/TEST	FEES
*Inspection-Day Care/Foster Home	\$50.00
*Inspection-Business Occupancy	\$50.00
*Inspection-Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$40.00
*Fire Safety Inspection-Apartments, Condominiums, Hotels/Motels	\$100.00
*Fire Safety Inspection-Other Businesses	\$50.00
Re-inspection (of any of the above)	\$25.00
Plan Review-Business Construction/Remodeling	\$60.00
Plan Review-New Fire Alarm System	\$60.00
Plan Review- New Sprinkler System	\$60.00
Plan Review-Stand Pipe System	\$60.00
Permit-Outdoor Burning of Natural Vegetation	\$25.00 (2 week period)
Tank-Permit for LPG	\$50.00
Tank-Underground Storage Inspection (Installing, Interior linings, Inserting or Removing)	\$50.00 per tank
Tank-Aboveground Storage Inspection ---10,000 gal or less	\$50.00 per tank
---More than 10,000	\$75.00 per tank
Tank-Permit for Aboveground Flammable Liquid ---Temporary A (90 days)	\$50.00 per tank
---Temporary B (180 days)	\$75.00 per tank
---Temporary C (1 year)	\$125.00 per tank
*Test-Automatic Hood Fire Extinguisher	\$50.00
Stand Pipe System-Underground Test	\$100.00
Stand Pipe System-Riser Test	\$100.00
*New Sprinkler System Activation (1-200 heads)	\$100.00
*New Sprinkler System Activation (201 – 2999)	\$100.00 + .50 per head
*New Sprinkler System Activation(Over 3000)	\$1000.00
*Fire Alarm-System Test	\$50.00
---Modification of 1-9 devices	\$50.00
---Modification of 10 or more devices	\$50.00 +.50 per ea. device
Copy of Fire Reports	\$10.00
Special Events (Cooking, Food Stands, etc.)	\$25.00
Firework Stand Permit	\$100.00

BOLD= Indicates new fees not previously implemented.

***asterisk=** Indicates mandatory annual inspection or test.