



# *Durango Fire Protection District*

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## RESOLUTION 2021-3

### A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE PREVENTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT FEE SCHEDULE OF THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Durango Fire Protection District ("DFPD"), pursuant to the Special District Act, may exercise, all those powers and functions as vested in statutory fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 32-1-1 002(1)(D) authorizes fire protection districts to adopt and enforce fire codes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, at the request of all county fire protection districts, including the Durango Fire and Rescue Authority, which was the predecessor to DFPD, has adopted the 2003 International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Code ("Code") authorizes the adoption of a schedule of fees for a variety of services provided by the fire prevention agency under the Code; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 32-1-1 002(1)(e) authorizes fire protection districts "to fix and from time to time increase or decrease fees and charges" for inspections related to the fire code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2, subparagraph f, of the Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Services Between Durango Fire Protection District and the City of Durango, Colorado specifically provides that DFPD shall have "the sole right and responsibility to establish reasonable fee schedules and to bill and collect from responsible third party payors, as applicable for its provision of the Services including, but not limited to, fire prevention code inspections, fire prevention plan review, permits, and/or related services; ambulance charges; EMS charges; Wildland Services; Mutual Aid Services; Special Events; and services to persons and property not within the DFPD Service Area; and

WHEREAS, DFPD desires to support efficient and effective fire prevention services through the adoption of an updated Prevention and Code Enforcement Fee Schedule, pertaining to requested or mandated fire code inspections, plan reviews, permits, and/or related services within the DFPD Service Area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Directors of the Durango Fire Protection District hereby ratifies and adopts the 2021 updated Prevention and Code Enforcement Fee Schedule attached thereto to be implemented April 27, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2021.

DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attest:

Patti Zink, Secretary/Treasurer

BY:

Kathy Morris, President  
Durango Fire Protection District



*Durango Fire Protection District  
Prevention and Code Enforcement Division*

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**Updated Fee Schedule  
2021**

**Fire Code Plan Review**

**New Construction**

Definition of New Construction:

- Any addition to land or improvements.
- Physical alteration of any improvement, or a portion thereof, to a “like new” condition, or to extend its economic life, or to change the way in which the improvement to, or portion thereof, is used.
- Any substantial physical alteration of land which constitutes a major rehabilitation of the land or changes the manner in which it is used.

Activity	Square Footage	Fee
New Building Construction	0-5000 sq. ft.	\$300.00
New Building Construction	Over 5000 sq. ft.	\$500.00 + \$.04 per sq. ft.

The fire code plan review includes plan review, review of corrected drawings and required inspections. If the drawings must be reviewed more than 2 times, an additional fee of 50% of the original fee is incurred.

**Change Orders**

Fee is per hour required to review the change order(s) with a minimum of 1 hour.  
\$30.00

**Phased Projects**

Phased projects are generally seen in new construction where a large building is broken into smaller pieces to assist design and construction needs. Breaking down a building into smaller logical construction/permit phases allows construction while finalizing the design requirements.

Each additional inspection: \$100.00

**Remodels**

Remodeling work is not subject to fire code plan review unless there is a change in square footage, walls, means of egress, use, occupancy type, or life safety systems are installed in the structure.

Remodel fees are based on the Table above reduced by 50% with a minimum of \$150.00.

The fire code plan review for remodels includes plan review, one review of corrected drawings and required inspections. If the drawings must be reviewed more than 2 times, an additional fee of 50% of the original fee is incurred.

**Technical Assistance Fee**

This is for outside technical assistance per the adopted fire codes of the City of Durango and La Plata County.

Actual cost of the technical assistance.

**Water Tanks for Fire Protection**

This is a plan review and acceptance test fee to install water tanks/cisterns that are required to hold water supply storage for fire protection. Excludes tanks for single family suppression systems.

\$200.00

**Fire Suppression System Plan Review**

New or remodeled systems must be permitted through the fire department prior to installation.

**New System or Major Remodel**

Type of System	Size of System	Fee
NFPA 13D/Combination	< 3600 square feet	\$100.00
NFPA 13D/Combination	3601 – 6000 square feet	\$200.00
NFPA 13D/Combination	6001 or > square feet	\$250.00
	Plus \$2.00 per head added, deleted, or relocated	
NFPA 13/13R		\$250.00
	Plus \$2.00 per head added, deleted, or relocated	

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Fee is per hour required to review the change order(s) with a minimum of 1 hour.

\$30.00

**Phased Projects**

Phased projects are generally seen in new construction where a large building is broken into smaller pieces to assist design and construction needs. Breaking down a building into smaller logical construction/permit phases allows construction while finalizing the design requirements.

Each additional inspection: \$100.00

**Small project modification/addition to existing NFPA 13/13R/13D/Combination System**

Small project level I– 6 or less sprinklers heads relocated, deleted, or added to an existing system.

\$50.00

Small project level II – 6 to 20 sprinkler heads relocated, deleted, or added to an existing system.

\$100.00 plus \$2.00 per sprinkler head

Maintenance is work that is required to maintain the system. If the replacement parts are the same type and model, no plan review or fee is required.

**Fire Protection Underground**

Plan review and acceptance for installing, extending, or altering underground fire service mains related to fire suppression systems.

\$200.00

**NFPA 14 Standpipes**

Plan review and inspection for standpipe is separate from the automatic fire sprinkler system.  
\$200.00 for each standpipe riser in the facility.

**NFPA 20 Fire Pumps for NFPA 13/13R Systems**

Plan reviews for fire pumps are separate from the review of the automatic fire sprinkler system. Single family residences are excluded.  
\$400.00.

**Commercial Cooking Fire Suppression System**

New systems or remodeled systems must be reviewed, permitted, and inspected by the fire department.

\$250.00 per system

**Other Fire Suppression Systems (i.e., Clean Agent)**

New or remodeled systems must be reviewed, permitted, and inspected by the fire department prior to installation.

\$250.00 per system

**NFPA 72 Fire Alarms**

Definition of device – includes the fire alarm control panel, remote annunciator, notification appliances, detection appliances, and releasing modules.

**New Systems or Major Remodels**

New or remodeled systems must be permitted through the fire department prior to installation. The fee for the plan review and inspection of each system in a facility is \$200.00 per system in a facility plus \$2.00 per device. If the drawings must be reviewed more than 2 times, an additional fee of 50% of the original fee is incurred.

**Small Fire Alarm Project**

Small projects to an NFPA 72 System are defined as a modification to an existing system with 5 or less devices. This includes the plan review and required inspections.

\$50.00 plus \$2.00 per device added, deleted, or relocated.

**Dedicated/Releasing Function Fire Alarm System**

A protected premises fire alarm system installed specifically to perform emergency control function(s) where a building fire alarm system is not required. Includes review and inspection.

\$50.00 plus \$2.00 per device.

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Fee is per hour required to review the change order(s) with a minimum of 1 hour.

\$30.00

**Phased Projects**

Phased projects are generally seen in new construction where a large building is broken into smaller pieces to assist design and construction needs. Breaking down a building into smaller logical construction/permit phases allows construction while finalizing the design requirements.

Each additional inspection: \$100.00

**Work without approval or permit**

When a project that requires a permit or approval per the adopted fire code has not been issued and the work is being or has been performed.

Double Fee (Plan review fee x 2)

Fire Code Plan Reviews are completed within 14 days. The 14-day time begins when the submittal is complete including all required documents, application, and fee. Suppression, Standpipe, Fire Pump and Fire Alarm Review are completed within 21 days. As with the Fire Code Plan Reviews, the time begins when the submittal is complete including all required documents, application, and fee.

For projects that are on a more stringent timeline, the department, **at the discretion of the Fire Marshal**, offers the option of an additional expeditious fee. The review will be completed within 7 days. The fee is 50% of the cost of the plan review fee.

**State or Local Government Required Inspections**

**School District Maintenance Inspections (K through 12)**

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0 – 150 students	\$150.00
151 – 300 students	\$300.00
301 – 450 students	\$450.00
451+	\$600.00

**All other governmental inspections with facilities that do not financially support the Fire District, do not have an MOU that states otherwise, or facilities that are required to be inspected more often than our internal policies require.**

\$50.00 per hour (minimum 1 hour)

**Operational Permits**

Amusement Buildings Permit	\$100.00 annually
Battery Systems Permit	\$100.00 annually
Carnivals and Fairs Permit	\$100.00 per event
Combustible Dust-Producing Operations	\$100.00 annually
Exhibits and Trade Shows	\$50 per event
Explosives Permit	\$50.00 annually
Fireworks Permit	\$150.00 per event
Hazardous Materials	\$100.00 annually
High Piled Storage Permit	\$100.00 annually
Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles	\$100.00 annually
Open Burning Permit	\$10.00 annually
Plant Extraction Systems	\$100.00 annually
Pyrotechnic Special Effects Permit	\$400.00 per event

**Construction Permits (not including Fire Code Plan Review, Suppression Systems, Fire Alarm Systems – see above)**

Solar	\$30.00
Battery Systems and Capacitor Energy Storage Systems	\$100.00
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage	\$0.00
Gas Detection System	\$100.00
Spraying or Dipping	\$100.00
Temp. Tent/Canopy	\$75.00 per permit

**Inspections**

Additional/Re-Inspection	\$100.00
After Hour Inspection	\$60.00 per hour per inspector (2-hour minimum)
Occupancy Load Calculation/Signage	\$35.00

**Fire Investigation**

\$50.00 per disk/USB

**False and Nuisance Alarms**

False/Nuisance Alarms quantities are based on the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) except Fort Lewis College and 9R School District. These are on done on the **School Calendar**.

False/Nuisance Alarm (first two)	\$0.00
False/Nuisance Alarm (third)	\$200.00
False/Nuisance Alarm (fourth)	\$300.00
False/Nuisance Alarm (fifth)	\$500.00
Each Additional	\$500.00

**Fire Department Assistance for controlled burns**

Apparatus	Based on State/Federal Agreement for a Type 6 Engine
Crew	Based on 2 firefighters per hour/per truck
Per hour	\$75.00

**Open Records Request**

A person granted the right to inspect District records will also be furnished copies requested at the rate shown:

\$0.25 per page

Where the location or existence of specific documents must be researched and the documents must be retrieved, sorted, or reviewed for the applicability to the request and the process requires more than one hour of staff time, the research and retrieval fee shall be:

\$30.00 per hour after the first hour

**Fire Impact Fee**

**City of Durango** – Per Ordinance #0-2019-23 of the City of Durango, a Fire Impact Fee is imposed on development in the city effective January 1, 2014. The fee is:

\$819.00 per residential unit (single family residence)

\$1.64 per square foot of enclosed floor area for commercial and non-single family residential.

For additional information please contact the Prevention and Code Enforcement Division at 970-382-6000.

**Three Springs Development** – Per the Memorandum of Understanding between the city of Durango and Durango Fire Protection District a Fire Impact Fee is imposed per square foot of gross building area covered by the City of Durango Building Permit for both residential and commercial. Contact Prevention and Code Enforcement for current fee per square foot.

**Edgemont** – Per the Impact Development Agreement filed with the La Plata County Clerk a Fire Impact Fee of \$1000.00 per kitchen is imposed per residential structure. Commercial Units have a

separate fee per the agreement. Please contact the Prevention and Code Enforcement Division at 970-382-6000 for additional information.

**Durango Mountain Resort** – Per the Development Agreement established in 2002 a base Fire Impact Fee is imposed per residential unit and increases annually by 3% each August 22. The fee as of August 22, 2020 is \$2037.80. For information on Commercial and non-single family residential unit fees per the development agreement contact the Prevention and Code Enforcement Division at 970-382-6000.

**Hydrant Testing**

Fee for using DFPD testing equipment	\$50.00 per day
Fee for DFPD testing of a hydrant	Compatible with the private industry rate

**Payment by Credit Card**

The applicant shall pay the credit card processing fee