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Inspection Fees

\$75.00- Adult/Child Licensed Day Care or Foster Home less than 7 Kids

\$100.00 -License Nursing Home, Assisted Living, or board and care facility, Head Start Facility, Foster home with more than 7 kids

\$150- Apartment, Hotel, Motel, Lodging or rooming house, Assembly occupancy, Business or Mercantile

\$200- Industrial Facility, Storage Facility, City, County Private Prison/Jail, or Hospital

\$300- Any Building of 50000SFT

\$50-Request for Voluntary Inspection Residential Home

If re-inspection is needed the fee will be half of the original fee.

Plan Review Fee

will be based on the square foot of the structure. The fee will be 2.5 cents per square foot.

Example: 1,200 Square Ft x .025 Cents = \$30

9256 Square Ft x .025 Cents = \$231.40

25,000 Square Ft x .025 Cents = \$625

The plans review is based off of the square foot due to the could requirements change based on the size and occupancy of the building. One inspection is included in the plan fee, but if any additional inspections will be \$25 unless noted by Fire Marshal's Office Staff. (ie: sprinkler flow nest, fire wall inspection, sprinkler cover)

Knox Boxes

In NFPA 18.2.2.1 Access Box: The AHJ shall have the authority to require an access box to be installed in an accessible location where access to or within a structure or area is difficult because of security. The access box shall be of an approved type listed in accordance with UL 1037

The Knox box for Commercial property range from \$340 to \$410. The will be paid at the time of permit by the contractor (or by the subject purchasing the permit) and will be order by the Fire Marshal's Office.

The Keys for the boxes will be issued by the Fire Marshal's Office to the corresponding Fire Departments. The keys for each Fire Department will be different and only open boxes in the coverage area of Fire Department. Before issuing keys for the subject that are going to be issued keys they will be checked by the Fire Marshal's Office before being issued.

There will only be 4 keys for every coverage area. 3 keys for the Fire Departments and 1 for the Fire Marshal's Office.

Commercial property that have a Knox box my get a break from there insurance company.

FDC Locking Caps

If the Commercial property has a FDC connection the will also need to purchase Locking Caps from Knox. The locking caps range from \$169 to \$\$375. This will element subject from temporary with the FDC and endangering the occupants of structure in the event of a fire.

If residential property owners want a Knox box, they can they just will receive information on purchasing from Fire Marshal's Office

Fireworks Permit Fees

\$300 Annually

Seasons: 5 total

June 24th and July 4th, December 20th and Jan 1st, Feb 25th and March 2nd, April 16th and April 21, beginning the Wednesday before the last Monday in May and ending at midnight on the last Monday in May.

The fee for Fireworks Stand and Retail stores is due to them having to be inspected every season.

Sec. 233.065. FEES.

(a) The commissioners court may develop a fee schedule based on building type and may set and charge fees for an inspection and the issuance of a building permit and final certificate of compliance under this subchapter.

(b) The fees must be set in amounts necessary to cover the cost of administering and enforcing this subchapter.

(c) The fee for a fire code inspection under this subchapter is a fee to be paid by the property owner and is in the fund for the purpose of the administration and interest of the fire code.

(d) The fee for a fire code inspection under this subchapter must be reasonable and reflect the approximate cost of the inspection personnel, materials, and administrative overhead.

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 296, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991. Renumbered from Sec. 235.005 and amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 12.003(4), eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 331 (S.B. 736), Sec. 5, eff. June 17, 2005.

Sec. 352.016. INSPECTION OR REVIEW OF PLAN FOR FIRE OR LIFE SAFETY HAZARDS.

(a) In this section, "fire or life safety hazard" means any condition that endangers the safety of a structure or its occupants and promotes or causes fire or combustion, including:

- (1) the presence of a flammable substance;
- (2) a dangerous or dilapidated wall, ceiling, or other structural element;
- (3) improper electrical components, heating, or other building services or facilities;
- (4) the presence of a dangerous chimney, flue, pipe, main, or stove, or of dangerous wiring;

(5) dangerous storage, including storage or use of hazardous substances; or

(6) inappropriate means of egress, fire protection, or other fire-related safeguard.

(b) In the interest of safety and fire prevention, the county fire marshal may inspect for fire or life safety hazards any structure, appurtenance, fixture, or real property located within 500 feet of a structure, appurtenance, or fixture. The marshal shall inspect a structure for fire or life safety hazards if called on to do so. In the absence of a county fire code, the county fire marshal may conduct an inspection using any nationally recognized code or standard adopted by the state. If the marshal determines the presence of a fire or life safety hazard, the marshal may order the owner or occupant of the premises to correct the hazardous situation. If ordered to do so, an owner or occupant shall correct the hazardous situation in accordance with the order.

(b-1) In the interest of safety and fire prevention, the county fire marshal shall, if required, and may, if requested, review the plans of a business, single-family residence, multi-family dwelling, or commercial property for fire or life safety hazards.

The commissioners court by order may authorize the county fire marshal to charge a fee to the owner of a single-family residence, or commercial property for a plan review or inspection conducted under this section in a reasonable amount determined by the commissioners court to cover the cost of the plan review or inspection.

(d) The commissioners court by order may authorize the county fire marshal to charge a fee to the owner of a single-family residence for a plan review or inspection conducted under this section in a reasonable amount determined by the commissioners court to cover the cost of the plan review or inspection, if the plan review or inspection is requested by the owner of the property.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.
Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 358, Sec. 1, eff. June 14,
1989; Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 760, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28,
1989; Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 851, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1,
1991; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 371, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1,
2003.

Smoke Detector Program:

It is a proven fact that smoke alarms save lives. With very few exceptions, most fire fatalities occur in homes without a working smoke alarm.

- Polk County Fire Marshal's Office will assist with smoke alarms for persons who are elderly or disabled.
- Smoke alarms will be installed in the homes of persons who are financially unable to purchase smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms may be obtained at Polk County Fire Marshal's Office or participating fire department in Polk county.
- The recipient of the smoke alarm will need to fill out a request form and sign the waiver, to receive a smoke detector,

Where should smoke alarms be installed?

Install a smoke alarm in (or immediately outside) each bedroom.

Install an additional smoke alarm in each major living space.

Avoid installing smoke alarms in the kitchen or in bathrooms.

The fee collected above will serve as a funding source for the Smoke Detector Program

All Fees collected will be used to fund fire prevention and smoke detector program throughout the county.

The fees will also be used to enforce and administer the fire and live safety code through the county