

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 87 - 2024

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 270 Fees, Article XII Fire Fees by creating inspection fees and updating the language of the City Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Section 80 Fees be amended as follows:

**ARTICLE XII**

**Fire Fees**

**§ 270-80 Fees**

- A. The following fee list shall include the places or functions which shall require a Fire Department permit and/or certification. In most cases, the inspection shall be performed annually except where otherwise noted.
- B. A consolidated permit may be issued in cases where occupancy has multiple fees and/or permits required.
  - (1) Open flames and torches (105.6.32): \$30.
  - (2) Open flames and candles (105.6.33): \$40.
  - (3) Bonfires/open burning (105.6.31).
    - (a) Bonfires for one hour: \$175.
    - (b) Bonfires for two hours: \$250.
    - (c) Other open burning (plus cost of Fire Department standby): \$100.
  - (4) Recreational fires and outdoor fires (105.6.55).
    - (a) Campfires: \$50.
    - (b) Other recreational fires and outdoor fires: \$50.
    - (c) Annual permit for approved appliance: \$120.
  - (5) Child/adult day care (105.6.48).

(a) Class A, 100 and more: \$150.

(b) Class B, 13 to 99: \$150.

(c) Class C, 7 to 12: \$65.

(d) Class D, 1 to 6: \$60.

(6) Places of assembly (105.6.35).

(a) Class A, 1,000 plus: \$400.

(b) Class B, 300 to 999: \$300.

(c) Class C, 50 to 299: \$200.

(d) Class D, less than 50: \$100.

(7) Educational facilities, post-secondary, colleges, universities, business schools, specialty and trade schools (105.6.49).

(a) Class A, 1,500 students and up: \$1,500.

(b) Class B, 1,000 to 1,499: \$750.

(c) Class C, 1 to 999: \$350.

(8) Hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and other I use groups not set elsewhere (105.6.50).

(a) Class A, 601 and up: \$800.

(b) Class B, 401 to 600: \$700.

(c) Class C, 201 to 400: \$600.

(d) Class D, 1 to 200: \$500.

(9) Dormitories (off campus), boarding houses, fraternity and sorority houses, etc. (105.6.51).

(a) Class A, over 50: \$200.

(b) Class B, six to 50: \$100.

(10) Hotels and motels (105.6.52).

(a) Class B, three floors or less: \$100.

(b) Class A, more than three floors: \$200.

(11) Aviation facility (105.6.3): \$250.

(12) Rooftop heliports (105.6.41): \$100.

(13) Spraying or dipping (105.6.42): \$175.

(14) Storage of tires and tire by-products (105.6.43): \$150.

(15) Tire-rebuilding plants (105.6.45): \$175.

(16) Repair garages and service stations (105.6.40): \$75.

- (17) High-piled storage (105.6.23): \$185.
- (18) Hot work operations (105.6.24).
  - (a) Per use: \$45.
  - (b) Annual permit: \$200.
- (19) Industrial ovens (105.6.25): \$75.
- (20) Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings (105.6.27): \$50.
- (21) Floor finishing (105.6.18): \$75.
- (22) Covered malls (105.6.10): \$75.
- (23) Exhibits and trade shows (105.6.14): \$100.
- (24) Explosives use (105.6.15) per two-week period: \$100.
- (25) Explosives (105.6.15): \$500.
- (26) Flammable and combustible liquids (105.6.19).
  - (a) All operations: \$150.
  - (b) Up to 1,000 gallons in storage: \$50.
  - (c) One thousand to 10,000 gallons: \$150.
  - (d) Greater than 10,000 gallons: \$500.
- (27) Fruit- and crop-ripening operations (105.6.19): \$150.
- (28) Fumigation and fogging (105.6.20): \$65.
- (29) Dry-cleaning plant (105.6.13): \$100.
- (30) Hazardous production material facilities (105.6.22): \$500.
- (31) Lumber yards and woodworking plants (105.6.26): \$150.
- (32) Organic coatings (105.6.34): \$175.
- (33) Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies (105.6.44).
  - (a) Small, less than 50 persons and 1,001 square feet: \$50.
  - (b) Medium, more than 49 persons and 1,000 square feet but less than 15,000 square feet: \$100.
  - (c) Large, 15,000 square feet and above: \$150.
- (34) Carnivals and fairs (105.6.4) (tents not included).
  - (a) Small, under 100,000 square feet: \$50.
  - (b) Medium, under 1,000,000 square feet: \$100.
  - (c) Large, above 1,000,000 square feet: \$150.
- (35) Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies at carnivals and fairs (105.6.44).

- (a) Small: \$20.
  - (b) Medium: \$50.
  - (c) Large: \$100.
- (36) Amusement building (105.6.2): \$150.
- (37) Waste handling (105.6.46): \$175.
- (38) Miscellaneous combustible storage (105.6.30): \$150.
- (39) Welding and cutting (105.6.12) where required.
  - (a) Per use: \$45.
  - (b) Annual permit: \$200.
- (40) Refrigeration equipment (105.6.38): \$150.
- (41) Hazardous materials (105.6.20): \$500.
- (42) Aerosol products (105.6.1): \$200.
- (43) Cellulose nitrate film (105.6.5): \$200.
- (44) Combustible dust-producing operations (105.6.6): \$250.
- (45) Combustible fibers (105.6.7): \$250.
- (46) Compressed gases (105.6.8): \$250.
- (47) Cryogenic fluids (105.6.10): \$250.
- (48) Magnesium (105.6.28): \$250.
- (49) Pyrotechnic special effect material (105.6.36) (plus cost of Fire Department standby): \$100.
- (50) Pyroxylin plastics (105.6.37): \$200.
- (51) Wood products (105.6.47): \$150.
- (52) Pesticide storage and display (105.6.53): \$175.
- (53) Radioactive materials (105.6.54): \$175.
- (54) Sale of fireworks: \$250.
- (55) Fire safety classes.
  - (a) Class A, 100 and more: \$150.
  - (b) Class B, 13 to 99: \$125.
  - (c) Class C, 7 to 12: \$75.
  - (d) Class D, 1 to 6: \$50.
  - (e) Nonresident individual: \$50.
- (56) Fire extinguisher program.

- (a) Over 75: \$500.
- (b) Fifty-one to 75: \$350.
- (c) Twenty-six to 50: \$250.
- (d) One to 25: \$100.

C. Inspection fees:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Initial inspection and one reinspection</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Third inspection</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>Fourth and subsequent inspections</u>	<u>\$100</u>

- (1) A fee of \$75 shall be charged for a missed fire inspection appointment.

D. ~~G.~~ Fire records fee.

- (1) Copy of fire operation report: \$25.
- (2) Copy of fire investigation report: \$75.
- (3) Record search (per address): \$75.
- (4) Compact disc of fire photos (per operation): \$150.
- (5) Excessive alarms (three in a thirty-day period): \$300.

## Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The Fire Department through the Fire Prevention office is trying to amend the ordinance 270-80 Fees.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The purpose is to cut down on excessive follow-up inspections for recurring fire permits. This will add a follow-up fee and will be consistent with the Health Dept and Building Standards re-inspection fees, which are already included in the current ordinance.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to Accomplish?

It allows the Fire Department to charge a fee for the follow-up inspections after the second inspection. It will keep business owners compliant in a timely manner.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

It will lower the amount of follow-up inspections and cut down the workload of the City's Fire Marshal, which is already backlogged by inspection schedules.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This will create a safer city because more individuals will be compliant with the fire code ordinance.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

No cost to the city. This would be accomplished by on-duty personnel.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

There will create finalized inspection so the business owners can receive the fire permit once the inspection has passed, and all payments have been received.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

Before the start of the new year.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

It doesn't cost the city any money and it will help ensure compliance

with the ordinance that is in place.