



HARRIS COUNTY FIRE CODE FEE SCHEDULE



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Fire Code - Building Permit

| Construction Cost Multiplier | Application Fee | Permit Fee | Inspection Fee | # of Inspections | Shell Inspection Fee | Re-Inspection Fee | Special Notes |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Up to \$10,000 | Reference HC-OCE Fee Schedule | See Building Permit (All Commercial Structures) | \$400.00 | 1 | \$400.00 | \$200.00 | This multiplier was created by using the International Code Council Building Valuation Table, the estimate cost of construction will be used to determine Fire Code fees. See the "Cost of Construction Estimator" below. |
| \$10,001 - \$50,000 | | | \$600.00 | 1 | \$425.00 | \$200.00 | |
| \$50,001 - \$100,000 | | | \$1,200.00 | 1 | \$900.00 | \$600.00 | |
| \$100,001 - \$200K | | | \$2,200.00 | 1 | \$900.00 | \$600.00 | |
| \$200,001 - \$400k | | | \$3,500.00 | 2 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,200.00 | |
| \$400,001 - \$650k | | | \$5,500.00 | 2 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,200.00 | |
| \$650,001 - \$1M | | | \$8,000.00 | 3 | \$2,200.00 | \$1,600.00 | |
| \$1,000,001 - \$2M | | | \$10,000.00 | 3 | \$2,700.00 | \$1,600.00 | |
| \$2,000,001 - \$5M | | | \$11,000.00 | 4 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10M | | | \$14,000.00 | 4 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | |
| \$10,000,001 - \$20M | | | \$16,000 for first \$35 million, then \$.85 for every additional \$1,000 in valuation or fraction thereof | 5 | \$5,000 for first \$35 million, then \$.85 for every additional \$1,000 in valuation or fraction thereof | \$4,400.00 | |
| \$20,000,001 - \$35M | | | | | | | |
| \$35,000,001 and up | | | | | | | |

Fire Code Protection

| Permit Type | Inspection Fee | Number of Inspections | Re-Inspection Fee |
|--|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Sprinklers - Underground | \$250 | 1 | \$150.00 |
| Fire Sprinklers - Precover | \$250 | 1 | \$150.00 |
| Fire Sprinklers - Final | \$400 (\$1.25 per head over 200) | 1 | \$250.00 |
| Fire Alarm Inspection - Final | \$550 (\$1.25 per head over 200) | 1 | \$250.00 |
| Fixed Fire Suppression System | \$300 (per kitchen) | 1 | \$200.00 |
| All Other Fire Protection Systems or Equipment | \$300 | 1 | \$200.00 |
| Access Control System Inspection | \$400 (first 20 doors + \$20 per door after) | 1 | \$200.00 |

Building/Construction Permits

| Permit Type | Permit Inspection Fee | Number of Inspections | Re-Inspection Fee |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Compressed Gases | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Cryogenic Fluids | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Emergency Responder Communication Coverage System | \$300.00 | 1 | \$150.00 |
| Energy Storage Systems | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Fire Pumps and Related Equipment | \$112.50 | 1 | \$56.25 |
| Flammable and Combustible Liquids | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Fuel Cell Power Systems | \$75.00 | 1 | \$37.50 |
| Gas Detection Systems | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Gates and Barricades across Fire Apparatus Access Roads | \$75.00 | 1 | \$37.50 |
| Industrial Ovens | \$75.00 | 1 | \$37.50 |
| LP-Gas | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Repair Rooms and Booths | \$112.50 | 1 | \$56.25 |
| Plant Extraction Systems | \$112.50 | 1 | \$56.25 |
| Private Fire Hydrants | \$75.00 | 1 | \$37.50 |
| Smoke Control or Smoke Exhaust Systems | \$450.00 | 1 | \$225.00 |
| Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems | \$112.50 | 1 | \$56.25 |
| Spraying or Dipping | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Standpipe Systems | \$112.50 | 1 | \$56.25 |
| Explosion Control Systems | \$150.00 | 1 | \$75.00 |
| Electric Vehicle Charging Stations | \$75.00 | 1 | \$37.50 |



Cost of Construction Guide

| Occupancy Grouping | Construction Cost | | Occupancy Grouping | Construction Cost | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Assembly | \$160.00 | Per Square Foot | Shell | \$50.00 | Per Square Foot |
| Business | \$140.00 | Per Square Foot | Storage | \$75.00 | Per Square Foot |
| Educational | \$140.00 | Per Square Foot | Miscellaneous | \$50.00 | Per Square Foot |
| HazMat | \$100.00 | Per Square Foot | Lease Space Buildout | \$35.00 | Per Square Foot |
| Industrial | \$75.00 | Per Square Foot | Reno & Remodels | \$50.00 | Per Square Foot |
| Institutional | \$160.00 | Per Square Foot | High Piled Storage Racking | \$100.00 | Per Square Foot |
| Mercantile | \$100.00 | Per Square Foot | Based on Building Valuation Table provided by International Code Council | Per Square Feet | |
| Open Parking Garages | \$50.00 | Per Square Foot | | | |
| Residential | \$140.00 | Per Square Foot | | | |

Fireworks Stands

| Permit Type | Permit Class * | Application Fee | Permit Fee | Inspection Fee | Number of Inspections |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Fireworks Stands (per season) | I | | Refer to Fee Schedule | \$200.00 | 1 |
| | II | | | \$200.00 | 1 |

Administrative & General Services

Specialty Inspection/Meeting Fees

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| Construction Meetings | \$325.00 (Per Hour - 1 HR Minimum) | At the request of stakeholder(s) HCFMO will attend or facilitate meetings. |
| Request for Special Approval, Alternative Method, Interpretation or Modification Due to Practical Difficulty | \$600.00 (Initial Submittal) - \$300.00 (Each Additional Resubmittal) | This fee applies to requests submitted for consideration of an alternative method of compliance, formal code interpretation, or modification to a specific provision of the code when compliance results in practical difficulty. The proposed alternative must demonstrate an equivalent level of safety and performance as intended by the code. |
| Preliminary Inspections | \$240.00 (2 hours) [\$120/ea. hour after] | The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate a meet and greet, establish a clear path forward, and conduct a preliminary walkthrough of the facility. During this walkthrough, we will identify any issues or deficiencies that must be addressed prior to submitting a request for final inspection. |
| Occupancy Load Calculations & Certificate | \$120.00 (Per Area) | This allows a Prevention Deputy to conduct an on-site inspection and calculate the occupant load for assembly areas within the facility. Subsequently, a certificate will be issued for these areas. |
| Knox Box Opening/Closing | \$65.00 (Per Location) | This enables a Prevention Deputy to arrive on site and ensure that all necessary items are placed in accordance with Harris County amendments 506.1. |

Administrative Fees

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| Return Check Fee | \$30.00 (Per Check) | |
| Certificate of Inspection (COI) | Initial - Free Additional Copies - \$65.00 (Each) | Cost is for additional copies only. |
| Emergency Responder Radio System - Equipment Rental Fee | \$250 (Per System Test) | Radio equipment rental from Harris County Universal Services (Radio Shop) |

Compliance Fees

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| After Hours Inspection(s) | \$360.00 (Min. 3 hours) [\$120.00/ ea. hour after] | After-hours inspections shall be billed a minimum 3 hrs. at the hourly rate. Additional time needed to complete the inspection will be billed at the hourly rate. After-hours inspections must be approved through HCFMO supervisory staff prior to be billed. These include any inspection that must be completed outside of normal business hours (0800-1600 M-F). These inspections are not to be used as an "expedited inspection fee" and are for facilities requiring inspections due to occupancy or availability. |
| Special Event Late Fees | Double Special Event Permit Fee | All permit applications for special events, trade shows, and exhibitions must be submitted at least 30 business days prior to the event. If an application is submitted between 29 and 10 days before the event, a late fee will be assessed. Applications will not be accepted or reviewed if the event is less than 10 days away. |
| Complaints | \$350.00 | Situations where a fire hazard exists and requires action, which can be considered akin to a complaint. Specifically, if the fire code official determines a building or structure poses a fire hazard dangerous to life, they will initiate proceedings under the applicable city code, which might include placarding the building. |
| Complaints (educational occupancies K-12 and A-3 Places of Religious Worship) | \$350.00 | Identified locations that are unable to abate fire hazards within the first two inspections will be required to pay a complaint fee for the follow-up and each subsequent inspection if compliance is not achieved. |
| Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance | Double Initial Permit Fee | A person who commences any work, activity or operation regulated by this code before obtaining the necessary permits and inspection shall be subject to a fee established by Harris County Commissioners Court. This fee is in addition to required Permit Fees. |

Notes

1. Permit fees are not refundable. Inspection fees are charged for each visit to the jobsite.
2. Fee schedule supersedes all other same fees annotated within other regulations approved prior to this schedule



Fire Code Operational Permits

| Permit Type | | Permit Fee | Number of Inspections | Re-Inspection Fee | Permit Frequency |
|---|--|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Additive Manufacturing | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Aerosols | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Amusement Buildings | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Aviation Facility | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Battery Exchange Operations | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Battery powered devices, trucks, equipment and appliances | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Cellulose Nitrate Film | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Combustible Dust Producing Operation | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Combustible Fibers | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Commercial rental and warehouse complex | | \$ 360.00 | 1 | \$ 180.00 | Annual |
| Compressed Gas | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Covered and Open Mall Buildings | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Cryogenic Fluids | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Cutting and Welding | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Dry Cleaning | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Energy Storage Systems | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Explosives | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Fire Brigade Exemption | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 3-Years |
| Flammable/Combustible Liquids | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Floor Finishing | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 3-Years |
| Fruit And Crop Ripening | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 2-Years |
| Fumigation And Insecticidal Fogging | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Hazardous Materials | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| High-Piled Combustible Storage | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Hot Work Operations | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| HPM Facilities | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Industrial Ovens | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Licensed Facilities | Any facility that holds a state license where the licensing agency requires a fire and life safety inspection to initiate or renew the license. To include but not limited to the following occupancies | | | | |
| | Adult Day Care, Alcohol and Drug Center, Assisted living (I-occupancy), Child Day Facilities, Hospital Facilities, Nursing homes, Outpatient Clinic and Vocational Schools | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Assisted Living (R-occupancy), Personal Care Home Types A and B, Residential Board and Care, Residential Treatment Center | \$ 180.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Foster Home | \$ 120.00 | 1 | \$ 60.00 | Annual |
| Liquid-or- Gas-Fueled Vehicles or Equipment In Buildings | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP-Gas) | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| LP Gas storage and usage associated with a Special Event | The storage and use of LP gas shall not exceed 100lbs in each vendor's area. If more than 100lbs of LP Gas is required for a vendor, approval in advance is required. The aggregate storage capacity of any one installation or event shall not exceed 8,000lbs. | | | | |
| | 20 lbs. - 500 lbs. | \$ 120.00 | 1 | \$ 60.00 | Per Event |
| | 501 lbs. - 1,000 lbs. | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Per Event |
| Lithium Batteries | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Lumber Yards and Woodworking Facilities | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Magnesium | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Massage Establishment | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Miscellaneous Combustible Storage | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Mobile Home Community | | \$ 360.00 | 1 | \$ 180.00 | Annual |
| Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Mobile Re-fueling | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Multiple Tenant/Guestroom Housing | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Open Flames or Candles | | \$ 120.00 | 1 | \$ 60.00 | Annual |
| Open Flames and Torches | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Organic Coatings | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Outdoor Assembly Venue | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Places Of Assembly | Places of Assembly - A1 Occupancies | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Places of Assembly - A2 Occupancies | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Places of Assembly - A3 Occupancies (Places of Religious Worship Only) | \$ - | 1 | See Complaints Above | Annual |
| | Places of Assembly - A3 Occupancies | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Places of Assembly - A4 Occupancies | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| | Places of Assembly - A5 Occupancies | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Plant Extraction Systems | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Private Fire Hydrants | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |



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| Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material | <i>Required for the use of pyrotechnics, flame effects, or firework displays, 1.4G with an audience of 50 or more spectators, and firework displays using 1.3G fireworks. This includes the use of any product which produces heat, spark, flames, or smoke of any kind for entertaining an audience.</i> | | | | |
| | 1.4G with an audience of 50 or more spectators | \$ 200.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Per Event |
| | Fireworks display using 1.3G fireworks: this includes the use of any product which produces heat, spark, flames, or smoke of any kind for entertaining an audience. | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Per Event |
| | Indoor / Proximate: this includes the use of any product which produces heat, spark, flames, or smoke of any kind for entertaining an audience. | \$ 150.00 | 1 | \$ 75.00 | Per Event |
| | Flame Effects | \$ 150.00 | 1 | \$ 75.00 | Per Event |
| | Observer (Indoor or Proximate) or other services. This could be required depending on conditions established by the AHJ. | \$ 120.00 | 1 | \$ 60.00 | Per Event |
| Pyroxylin Plastics | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park | | \$ 240.00 | 1 | \$ 120.00 | Annual |
| Refrigeration Equipment | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Repair Garages and Motor Fuel-dispensing Facilities | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 2-Years |
| Rooftop Heliports | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 5-Years |
| Special Event | Attendees: 50-500 | \$ 200.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Per Event |
| | Attendees: 501-2000 | \$ 400.00 | 1 | \$ 200.00 | Per Event |
| | Attendees: 2001+ | \$ 600.00 | 1 | \$ 300.00 | Per Event |
| Spraying and Dipping | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Storage of Scrap Tires and Tire Byproducts | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Temporary Membrane Structures , Temporary Event Structures, and Tents | Temporary Membrane Structure, Tents, Temporary Event Structure (EACH) | \$ 200.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Per Event |
| | 10 x 10 Personal Popup Tent (EACH) | \$ 200.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Per Event |
| Tire Rebuilding Plant | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Tires Storage | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |
| Transient Living Facilities | | \$ 360.00 | 1 | \$ 180.00 | Annual |
| Vendor Park | | \$ 360.00 | 1 | \$ 180.00 | Annual |
| Wood Products | | \$ 300.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | Annual |

