



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			\$400.00	1	\$400.00	\$200.00	This multiplier was created by using the International Code Council Building Validation 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							
\$20,000,001 - \$35M							
\$35,000,001 and up			\$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	

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								
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								
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								
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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Permit Type	Permit Fee	Number of Inspections	Re-Inspection Fee	Permit Frequency
<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>				
Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material	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

