

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-4 Fire Prevention Permit fee schedule and Section 18-20 to include a supplementary charge for non-emergency Fire Department lift assistance to assisted living facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 4 and Chapter 18, Section 20 is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 18-4. Fire prevention permit fee schedule.

The following fee schedules apply to activities under article I of this chapter.

**Corpus Christi Fire Department
Fire Prevention Permit Fee Schedule**

Permit Fee	Fee
After Hours Overtime Inspections	\$100.00 per hour (3 hours minimum) pre-paid prior to scheduling inspection
Airports, heliports and helistops	200.00 annually
Assembly	150.00 annually
Automatic sprinklers, standpipes, and fire lines (testing)	200.00 per visit
Bars	150.00 annually
Churches (one-time fee - no day care facility on premises)	150.00
Combustible fibers (storage and handling)	150.00 annually
Commercial Vent-A-Hood cleaning	100.00 annually
Compressed gas	100.00 annually
Cryogenic fluids	150.00 annually
Day care facilities (or similar short-term occupancies)	100.00 annually
Dry cleaning plants	150.00 annually
Exhibits/Trade Shows (Special Events)	250.00 per event
Explosives, blasting agents and ammunition	150.00 annually
Explosives, Demolition	250.00 per event
Extinguishing systems	150.00 per inspection
Fire Final Inspection (for C of O)	75.00 per inspection
Fire alarm systems	200.00 per floor - per test visit
Fire alarm systems (required 15,000 square foot zones)	200.00 per zone - per test visit
Fireworks display (aerial)	200.00 per display
Fireworks display (non-aerial)	200.00 per display

Flame Effects	200.00 per display
Flammable and combustible liquids	150.00 annually
Flammable finishes	150.00 annually
Foster homes and group homes	100.00 annually
Fumigation and thermal insecticide fogging	200.00 annually
Hazardous chemicals	150.00 annually
High piled combustible stock	100.00 annually
High rise life safety system (testing before issuance of C. of O.)	250.00 per test
Hospitals and nursing homes (per bed)	1.20 per bed + \$250.00 flat fee
Liquified natural gas	100.00 annually
Liquified petroleum gas	100.00 annually
Lumber storage	150.00 annually
Mobile food vehicle/trailer (Annual permit)	50.00 per inspection
Mechanical refrigeration	100.00 annually
Open burning	750.00 per day
Organic coatings	100.00 annually
(This should have been removed in 2020)	
Plans Review - Sprinkler (up to 20 heads)	350.00 per review
Plans Review - Sprinkler (21+ heads)	600.00 per review
Plans Review - Fire Alarm (up to 20 devices)	350.00 per review
Plans Review - Fire Alarm (21—200 devices)	600.00 per review
Plans Review - Fire Alarm (201+ devices)	600.00 flat fee + 1.00 each additional device over 200 per review
Plans Review - Fire Line	300.00 per review
Plans Review - Standpipe or Fire Pump	300.00 per review
Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Product Lines)	150.00 per visit
Repair Garages	150.00 annually
Re-Review Fee	½ of original review fee
Restaurants	150.00 annually
Special Handling Fee (Less than 24-Hours' Notice)	100.00 per inspection
Special Suppression Systems	300.00 per review
Tank vehicles for flammable and combustible liquids	100.00 annually
Tents and air-supported structures	100.00 per inspection
Tire rebuilding plant	100.00 annually
Underground/Above ground fuel tanks (installation and removal)	200.00 per inspection
Visuals - Fire Alarm/Automatic Sprinkler (Above ground/Underground)	100.00 per visit

Wrecking yard, junkyard or waste handling	100.00 annually
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Sec. 18-20. Ambulance rates.

- (a) *Ambulance rates schedule.* Ambulance rates for emergency medical service shall be charged pursuant to the ambulance rate schedule. The initial ambulance rate schedule will be approved by city council and must be filed with the city secretary. The ambulance rates schedule may be amended per the provisions of this chapter and such amended schedule must be filed with the city secretary.
- (b) *Adjustment of ambulance rates.*(1)In this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the annual revised South Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Medical Care, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.(2)Any year in which the consumer price index increases by more than one (1) per cent from the previous year, ambulances rates may be adjusted by an amount equal to the annual change in the consumer price index. Ambulance rate schedule adjustments shall not exceed five (5) per cent in a single year and shall not be adjusted more often than annually.
- (c) The city manager is authorized to establish charges, not to exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service, for other supplementary services such as providing standby equipment and crews at special events and attending training courses.
- (d) *Rates.*

	Service or Item	Fee Per Service or Item
(1)	EMS 911 base rate - Transport	\$1,426.55
(2)	EMS 911 base rate - No Transport	\$154.50
(3)	Oxygen	\$46.35
(4)	Advance Life Support (ALS) Routine Disposables	\$51.50
(5)	Basic Life Support (BLS) Routine Disposables	\$25.75

- (e) *Supplementary charges:*
 - (1) Providing a mileage charge of fifteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$15.45) per mile from patient pick-up point to the hospital.

- (2) Providing a fee for responding to a medical alarm which is a malfunction, no one at home, no one injured, sixty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$61.80).
- (3) Providing a charge of one hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$128.75) for emergency medical services provided to non-residents.
- (4) Providing a charge of forty-six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$46.35) for additional personnel when needed to provide patient care during transport.
- (5) Providing a charge of five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$500.00) to the facility two hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$257.50) for fire department response to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and adult family homes, for non-emergency lift assistance that does not require medical assistance, transport for medical care, or for the pick-up of a resident that does not require transport to a hospital.

Section 2. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance be given full force and effect for this purpose.

Section 3. Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

Section 4. This ordinance takes effect upon publication.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary