

**Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to adopt a new fire prevention permit fee schedule**

**WHEREAS**, the City is seeking to increase the percentage of cost recovery per the User Fee Study summary attached in Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, from February 23, 2018 to March 20, 2018 the Ordinance amending the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition with local amendments was published conspicuously on the City of Corpus Christi website in compliance with Local Government Code §214. 217; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has made reasonable effort to encourage public comment from persons affected by the proposed amendment to the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition, with local amendments in compliance with Local Government Code § 214.217.

**Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas:**

**Section 1.** The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 18, Section 1 (b)(9) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (**added**) and deleting the language that is stricken (**deleted**) as delineated below:

(9) *Sections 105.8—105.10* are added to this code to read as follows:

*105.8 Fee Schedule.* Applications for permits shall be accompanied by the payment of fees in accordance with the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance Section 18-4. Fire Prevention Permit Fee Schedule, as follows:

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

<i>Permit Fee</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<del>After Hours Overtime Inspections</del>	<del>—50.00 per hour (3 hours minimum) —pre-paid prior to scheduling inspection</del>
<del>Airports, heliports and helistops</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>
<del>Assembly</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>
<del>Automatic sprinklers, standpipes, and fire lines (testing)</del>	<del>—100.00 per visit</del>
<del>Bars</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>
<del>Churches (one-time fee—no day care facility on premises)</del>	<del>—100.00</del>
<del>Combustible fibers (storage and handling)</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>
<del>Compressed gas</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>
<del>Commercial Vent A Hood cleaning</del>	<del>—50.00 annually</del>

Cryogenic fluids	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Day care facilities (or similar short term occupancies)	<del>75.00 annually</del>
Dry cleaning plants	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Exhibits/Trade Shows (Special Events)	<del>100.00 per event</del>
Explosives, Demolition	<del>250.00 per event</del>
Explosives, blasting agents and ammunition	<del>150.00 annually</del>
Extinguishing systems	<del>100.00 per inspection</del>
Fire alarm systems	<del>75.00 per floor per test visit</del>
Fire alarm systems (required 15,000 square foot zones)	<del>75.00 per zone per test visit</del>
Fireworks display (aerial)	<del>250.00 per display</del>
Fireworks display (non-aerial)	<del>150.00 per display</del>
Flammable and combustible liquids	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Flammable finishes	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Flame Effects	<del>150.00 per display</del>
Foster homes and group homes	<del>75.00 annually</del>
Fumigation and thermal insecticide fogging	<del>350.00 annually</del>
Hazardous chemicals	<del>100.00 annually</del>
High piled combustible stock	<del>100.00 annually</del>
High rise life safety system (testing before issuance of C. of O.)	<del>100.00 per test</del>
Hospitals and nursing homes (per bed)	<del>1.20 per bed + \$250.00 flat fee</del>
Liquified natural gas	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Liquified petroleum gas	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Lumber storage	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Mechanical refrigeration	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Open burning	<del>750.00 per day</del>
Plans Review	<del>150.00 per review</del>
Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Product Lines)	<del>100.00 per visit</del>
Organic coatings	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Product Lines)	<del>100.00 per visit</del>
Repair Garages	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Restaurants	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Special Handling Fee (Less than 24 Hour Notice)	<del>100.00 per inspection</del>
Tank vehicles for flammable and combustible liquids	<del>100.00 annually</del>
Tents and air supported structures	<del>75.00 annually</del>
Tire rebuilding plant	<del>100.00 annually</del>

<del>Underground/Aboveground fuel tanks (installation and removal)</del>	<del>—100.00 per inspection</del>
<del>Visuals—Fire Alarm/Automatic Sprinkler (Aboveground/Underground)</del>	<del>—50.00 per visit</del>
<del>Wrecking yard, junkyard or waste handling</del>	<del>—100.00 annually</del>

*105.9 Applications and fees required for failure to pass inspections. If a site does not meet the standards after the first inspection, or is not cancelled prior to the arrival of the inspector, the applicant must pay a new permit fee before any subsequent inspections will be conducted.*

*105.10 Burn permits. Burn permits will not be issued unless both Fire Prevention and Environmental Control Division approve the material to be burned.*

**Section 2.** The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 18 is amended to add Section 18-4 to read as follows:

#### **Section 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**

<i>Permit Fee</i>	<i>Fee</i>
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
Compressed gas	100.00 annually
Commercial Vent-A-Hood cleaning	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, Demolition	250.00 per event
Explosives, blasting agents and ammunition	150.00 annually
Extinguishing systems	150.00 per inspection
Fire alarm systems	150.00 per floor – per test visit
Fire alarm systems (required 15,000 square foot zones)	150.00 per zone – per test visit
Fireworks display (aerial)	150.00 per display
Fireworks display (non-aerial)	150.00 per display
Flammable and combustible liquids	150.00 annually
Flammable finishes	150.00 annually
Flame Effects	150.00 per display
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
Mechanical refrigeration	100.00 annually
Open burning	750.00 per day
Plans Review	250.00 per review
Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Product Lines	150.00 per visit
Organic coatings	100.00 annually
Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Product Lines)	100.00 per visit
Repair Garages	150.00 annually
Restaurants	150.00 annually
Special Handling Fee (Less than 24 Hour Notice)	100.00 per inspection
Tank vehicles for flammable and combustible liquids	100.00 annually
Tents and air supported structures	100.00 annually
Tire rebuilding plant	100.00 annually
Underground/Aboveground fuel tanks (installation and removal)	200.00 per inspection
Visuals – Fire Alarm/Automatic Sprinkler (Aboveground/Underground)	100.00 per visit
Wrecking yard, junkyard or waste handling	100.00 annually

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**Section 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** This ordinance takes effect upon publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Joe McComb  
Mayor

# User Fee Study Summary Sheet

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Depar Fire Prevention- 1020-12020  
Fiscal 2017

				Current						Recommendations				
				Per Unit			Annual			Per Unit		Annual		
I	Service Name	Fee Description	Annual Volume	Current Fee	Full Cost	Current Recovery %	Annual Cost	Annual Revenue	Annual Subsidy	Recovery Level	Fee @ Policy Level	Annual Revenue2	Increased Revenue	Recommend ed Subsidy
1	After Hours Overtime Inspections	3 hrs min	18	\$ 50	\$ 145	35%	\$ 2,603	\$ 900	\$ 1,703	69%	\$ 100	\$ 1,806	\$ 906	\$ 796
2	Airports, heliports and helistops	annually	1	\$ 100	\$ 336	30%	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ 336	60%	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 336
3	Assembly	annually	243	\$ 100	\$ 272	37%	\$ 66,216	\$ 24,300	\$ 41,916	55%	\$ 150	\$ 36,419	\$ 12,119	\$ 29,797
4	Automatic sprinklers, standpipes, and fire li	annually	134	\$ 100	\$ 406	25%	\$ 54,398	\$ 13,400	\$ 40,998	49%	\$ 200	\$ 26,764	\$ 13,364	\$ 27,634
5	Bars	annually	1	\$ 100	\$ 272	37%	\$ 272	\$ -	\$ 272	55%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272
6	Churches (onetime fee – no day care facility)	Fee	1	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ 209	72%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209
7	Combustible fibers (storage and handling)	annually	1	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ 209	72%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209
8	Compressed gas	annually	9	\$ 100	\$ 145	69%	\$ 1,301	\$ 900	\$ 401	69%	\$ 100	\$ 903	\$ 3	\$ 398
9	Commercial VentA-Hood cleaning	annually	23	\$ 50	\$ 150	33%	\$ 3,454	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,304	67%	\$ 100	\$ 2,304	\$ 1,154	\$ 1,150
10	Cryogenic fluids	annually	1	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ 209	72%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209
11	Day care facilities (or similar short-term occ	annually	96	\$ 75	\$ 145	52%	\$ 13,881	\$ 7,200	\$ 6,681	69%	\$ 100	\$ 9,578	\$ 2,378	\$ 4,303
12	Dry cleaning plants	annually	13	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 2,711	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,411	72%	\$ 150	\$ 1,952	\$ 652	\$ 759
13	Exhibits/Trade Shows (Special Events)	per event	1	\$ 100	\$ 342	29%	\$ 342	\$ -	\$ 342	73%	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342
14	Explosives, Demolition	per event	1	\$ 250	\$ 278	90%	\$ 278	\$ -	\$ 278	90%	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278
15	Explosives, blasting agents and ammunitior	annually	7	\$ 150	\$ 209	72%	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,050	\$ 410	72%	\$ 150	\$ 1,051	\$ 1	\$ 409
16	Extinguishing systems	per inspection	76	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 15,849	\$ 7,600	\$ 8,249	72%	\$ 150	\$ 11,411	\$ 3,811	\$ 4,438
17	Fire alarm systems	per floor	114	\$ 75	\$ 214	35%	\$ 24,408	\$ 8,550	\$ 15,858	70%	\$ 150	\$ 17,086	\$ 8,536	\$ 7,323
18	Fire alarm systems (required 15,000 square	per zone	55	\$ 75	\$ 406	18%	\$ 22,328	\$ 4,125	\$ 18,203	37%	\$ 150	\$ 8,261	\$ 4,136	\$ 14,066
19	Fireworks display (aerial)	per display	23	\$ 250	\$ 150	166%	\$ 3,454	\$ 5,750	\$ (2,296)	100%	\$ 150	\$ 3,454	\$ (2,296)	\$ -
20	Fireworks display (non-aerial)	per display	1	\$ 150	\$ 150	100%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	100%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
21	Flammable and combustible liquids	annually	252	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 52,553	\$ 25,200	\$ 27,353	72%	\$ 150	\$ 37,838	\$ 12,638	\$ 14,715
22	Flammable finishes	annually	1	\$ 100	\$ 209	48%	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ 209	72%	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209
23	Flame Effects	per display	11	\$ 150	\$ 150	100%	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,650	\$ 2	100%	\$ 150	\$ 1,652	\$ 2	\$ -

## User Fee Study Summary Sheet

24 Foster homes and group homes	annually	197	\$	75	\$	209	36%	\$	41,083	\$	14,775	\$	26,308	48%	\$	100	\$	19,720	\$	4,945	\$	21,363
25 Fumigation and thermal insecticide fogging	annually	1	\$	350	\$	209	168%	\$	209	\$	350	\$	(141)	96%	\$	200	\$	200	\$	(150)	\$	8
26 Hazardous chemicals	annually	4	\$	100	\$	209	48%	\$	834	\$	400	\$	434	72%	\$	150	\$	601	\$	201	\$	234
27 High piled combustible stock	annually	2	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	289	\$	200	\$	89	69%	\$	100	\$	200	\$	(0)	\$	90
28 High rise life safety system (testing before i	per test	1	\$	100	\$	406	25%	\$	406	\$	-	\$	406	62%	\$	250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	406
29 Hospitals and nursing homes (per bed)	per bed + 250	28	\$	369	\$	400	92%	\$	11,211	\$	10,345	\$	866	92%	\$	369	\$	10,325	\$	(20)	\$	886
30 Liquified natural gas	annually	1	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	145	\$	-	\$	145	69%	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	145
31 Liquified petroleum gas	annually	1	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	145	\$	100	\$	45	69%	\$	100	\$	100	\$	(0)	\$	45
32 Lumber storage	annually	7	\$	100	\$	272	37%	\$	1,907	\$	700	\$	1,207	55%	\$	150	\$	1,049	\$	349	\$	858
33 Mechanical refrigeration	annually	1	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	145	\$	-	\$	145	69%	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	145
34 Open burning	per day	1	\$	750	\$	150	499%	\$	150	\$	-	\$	150	500%	\$	750	\$	-	\$	-	\$	150
35 Plans Review	per review	1	\$	150	\$	272	55%	\$	272	\$	-	\$	272	92%	\$	250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	272
36 Pressure Test (Fuel Storage Tanks and/or Pi	per visit	7	\$	100	\$	214	47%	\$	1,499	\$	700	\$	799	70%	\$	150	\$	1,049	\$	349	\$	450
37 Organic coatings	annually	1	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	145	\$	-	\$	145	69%	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	145
38 Repair Garages	annually	228	\$	100	\$	209	48%	\$	47,548	\$	22,800	\$	24,748	72%	\$	150	\$	34,234	\$	11,434	\$	13,313
39 Restaurants	annually	484	\$	100	\$	209	48%	\$	100,935	\$	48,400	\$	52,535	72%	\$	150	\$	72,673	\$	24,273	\$	28,262
40 Special Handling Fee (Less than 24 Hour No	per inspection	1	\$	100	\$	86	116%	\$	86	\$	-	\$	86	116%	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	86
41 Tank vehicles for flammable and combustib	annually	1	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	145	\$	-	\$	145	69%	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	145
42 Tents and air supported structures	annually	16	\$	75	\$	145	52%	\$	2,314	\$	1,200	\$	1,114	69%	\$	100	\$	1,596	\$	396	\$	717
43 Tire rebuilding plant	annually	1	\$	100	\$	336	30%	\$	336	\$	-	\$	336	60%	\$	200	\$	-	\$	-	\$	336
44 Underground/Aboveground fuel tanks (inst	per inspection	24	\$	100	\$	214	47%	\$	5,139	\$	2,400	\$	2,739	70%	\$	150	\$	3,597	\$	1,197	\$	1,542
45 Visuals – Fire Alarm/Automatic Sprinkler (A	per visit	83	\$	50	\$	272	18%	\$	22,617	\$	4,150	\$	18,467	37%	\$	100	\$	8,323	\$	4,173	\$	14,294
46 Wrecking Yard/Junk Yard/Waste Handling	annually	7	\$	100	\$	145	69%	\$	1,012	\$	700	\$	312	69%	\$	100	\$	698	\$	(2)	\$	314
47 Non Fee Related Activities	Non-Fee	1	\$	-	\$	1,577,115	0%	\$	1,577,115	\$	-	\$	1,577,115	0%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,577,115



# User Fee Study Summary Sheet

Total Cost of Unidentified Time	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0
Total User Fees	\$507,051	\$210,295	\$296,756	\$314,844	\$104,549	\$192,206
% of Full Cost		41%	59%	62%	50%	38%
Total Other Services	\$1,577,115	\$0	\$1,577,115	\$0	\$0	\$1,577,115
% of Full Cost		0%				
Department Totals	\$2,084,165	\$210,295	\$1,873,870	\$314,844	\$104,549	\$1,769,321
% of Full Cost		10%	90%	15%	50%	85%

**Footnotes**