

**CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2011-07
WITH STAFF AMENDMENT #1**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III - Fire Codes, Section 46-126 - Fire Prevention Permit, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-126. Fire prevention permit.

(a) *Required.* It shall be unlawful to construct, enlarge, alter or demolish a fire protection system without obtaining a fire prevention permit.

(b) *Fee.* Each applicant for a fire prevention permit, including, but not limited to, sprinkler systems, fire alarms, hood suppression units, and tank installation, shall pay unto the city a permit fee as provided for in Appendix F - Fees and Fines, before such permit shall be issued.

(c) *Reinspections.* There will be no charge for the first reinspection of a permit. The applicant shall pay a fee for subsequent reinspections as provided for in Appendix F--Fees and Fines.

(d) *Fire signaling system inspection fee.* For each inspection of a fire alarm signaling system located within the jurisdiction of the City of Dover and conducted by a licensed company pursuant to Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations, the licensed company shall submit a copy of the certificate of inspection for each fire alarm system to the City of Dover Fire Marshal's Office, along with a non-refundable fee, as provided for in Appendix F - Fees and Fines.

(e) *Fire suppression system inspection fee.* For each inspection of a fire suppression system located within the jurisdiction of the City of Dover and conducted by a licensed company pursuant to Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations, the licensed company shall submit a copy of the certificate of inspection for each sprinkler riser to the City of Dover Fire Marshal's Office, along with a non-refundable fee, as provided for in Appendix F - Fees and Fines.

(f) *Doubling of fees.* Fees established in subsection (b) of this section shall be doubled in the event that a permit is applied for after construction has commenced without the permission of the fire marshal. The fire marshal shall waive the doubling of fees in cases where the permit applicant is not a professional contractor and the work is not being done by a professional contractor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT:

Appendix F - Fees and Fines, Chapter 46 - Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III - Fire Codes, be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 46 - Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III - Fire Codes

Fees established in subsection (b) of this section shall be doubled in the event that a permit is applied for after construction has commenced without the permission of the fire marshal. The fire marshal shall waive the doubling of fees in cases where the permit applicant is not a professional contractor and the work is not being done by a professional contractor.

Sec. 46-126	Fire Prevention Permit		
	Subsec. (b)	Fee; Each applicant for a fire prevention permit	\$12.00 for each \$1,000.00 of costs or multiple thereof of the fire protection system; provided that a minimum fee for each permit shall be \$50.00
	Subsec. (c)	Reinspection	
		First reinspection	No charge
		Second reinspection	\$25.00
		Third reinspection	\$50.00
		Any subsequent reinspection	\$100.00
	Subsec. (d)	Fire signaling system inspection fee	
		Certificate of inspection	\$25.00 each fire alarm system
		Exception: apartment or other multi-family dwelling - five (5) or less buildings per complex	\$25.00 each fire alarm system
		Exception: apartment or other multi-family dwelling - more than five (5) buildings per complex	\$15.00 each fire alarm system up to a maximum of twenty (20) buildings. Maximum fee per complex not to exceed \$300.00 for fire alarm systems

	Subsec. (e)	Fire suppression system inspection fee
		Certificate of inspection
		\$25.00 each fire suppression system
		Exception: apartment or other multi-family dwelling - five (5) or less buildings per complex
		\$25.00 each fire suppression system
		Exception: apartment or other multi-family dwelling - more than five (5) buildings per complex
		\$15.00 each fire suppression system up to a maximum of twenty (20) buildings. Maximum fee per complex not to exceed \$300.00 for fire suppression systems
<p>Fines not paid within 14 days of the day the fine was issued, including the day the fine was issued, shall be automatically doubled in amount.</p>		

ADOPTED: MARCH 28, 2011

SYNOPSIS

Delaware State Fire Prevention regulations require periodic inspections, testing, and maintenance of fire alarm signaling, fire suppression, and any other fire protection systems, devices, and equipment in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Codes and Standards. This amendment would enable the City to collect an administration fee for processing the required Certificates of Inspection.

Actions History

- March 28, 2011 - Final Reading - Council
- March 14, 2011 - First Reading - Council
- February 23, 2011 - Considered by the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee