

Attachment 6

New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services 2024 Rates Memo

Memorandum

To: Alice Leung

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From: Erin Williams

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Subject: NWFRS 2024 Rates

New Westminister Fire & Rescue Services (NWFRS) has reviewed our Schedule "A" to our Fire Protection Bylaw and is proposing to revise the fees for excessive false alarms and re-inspections as outlined below.

Current Schedule "A":

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>
...
30	Excessive False Alarm Fee	\$200 after 2 false alarms, \$300 for each occurrence thereafter.
...
43	Fee for second inspection required, and subsequent inspections	\$100.00

Proposed Revision to Schedule "A":

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>
...
30	Excessive False Alarm Fee	3rd occurrence - \$200 4th occurrence - \$400 5th occurrences - \$600 All subsequent occurrences - \$600 per occurrence
...
43	Fee for third inspection required and subsequent inspections	3rd inspection - \$155.00 4th inspection - \$305.00 5th inspection - \$455.00 6th inspection - \$605.00 Subsequent inspections after the 6th inspection - \$605 each

The proposed changes to the above two fee items are intended to achieve the following:

- Encourage the prompt correction of conditions that are in violation of the BC Fire Code or City of New Westminster Fire Protection Bylaw;
- Align our re-inspection fee structure with that of the Building Department's for consistency (<https://www.newwestcity.ca/building-permit-fees>); and
- Reflect the increased cost of business operation.

The future plan is to increase our fees annually based on an estimated rate of inflation from the Bank of Canada.

The body of the Fire Protection Bylaw is not impacted by the revision to our fees. The revised Schedule "A" for the Fire Protection Bylaw is attached for your reference.

Thank you.



Erin Williams, Fire Chief

SCHEDULE “A” TO **Fire Protection Bylaw No.6940, 2004**

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>
26	Permit for Use of High Hazard Fireworks	\$200.00
27	Permit for the Installation or Removal of Storage Tanks	\$100.00
<u>SECTION</u>	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>	
6., 15	Fee for demolishing premises	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
6.8, 15	Fee for securing premises	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
20.2	Fee for removing or clearing flammable debris from property	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
23	Fee to provide clearance around hydrant	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
25	Fee to extinguish “outdoor burning” fire	\$200.00
29	Fee for cost recovery for standby as a result of lack of notification of alarm being out of service	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)
30	Excessive False Alarm Fee	3 rd occurrence - \$200 4 th occurrence - \$400 5 th occurrences - \$600 All subsequent occurrences - \$600 per occurrence
32	Fee for standby time for waiting for reference to arrive over the specified time.	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **

SECTION	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>	
38	Fee for Fire Safety Plan Review: Construction and Occupancy Plans	\$150.00 each review.
41	Fee for Fire Protection File Search	\$50.00
42	Fee to investigate fires over \$5,000 loss	\$500 (first three hours); Cost recovery to include Fire Services fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement. Miscellaneous cost recovery for evidence testing, additional contractor fees if/when required, plus 10%. *, **
43	Fee for third inspection required, and subsequent inspections	3 rd inspection - \$155.00 4 th inspection - \$305.00 5 th inspection - \$455.00 6 th inspection - \$605.00 Subsequent inspections after 6 th inspection - \$605 each
43	Fee for subsequent inspections	See item 43 above.
44	Fee to inspect premises involved in the illegal use of a controlled substance	Costs plus \$300.00
44	Fee for Suppression Crews to suppress fires or any other task as a result of attending an incident involved in the illegal use of a controlled substance.	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum) *, **
45	Fee for the recovery of damaged or contaminated equipment	Cost of replacement plus 10% restocking fee ***
46	Fee for inspection of Business and Community Care licenses	No Fee
47	Fee for inspection of propane facilities	No Fee
48	A fee for inspecting for any Special Event	\$100.00

SECTION	COST RECOVERY	
48	Fee for service for the use of personnel and equipment at a special event	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **
49	Fee for Fire Education Lectures and Demonstrations – Live Extinguisher Demonstrations.	\$25 per person
50	Cost Recovery for Extraordinary Charges at an Incident	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **
51	Cost Recovery of Assessment and Contracting of Services	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **

51	Freedom of Information Request: - Motor Vehicle Incident Report	\$100
51	Freedom of Information Request: - Fire Incident Report	\$200
51	Freedom of Information Request: - Fire Investigation Report	\$200
43	Inspection by Request: Property/Occupancy	Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10%
51	Photocopies	Cost recovery plus 10%

52	Failure to Provide Access for Scheduled Inspections	Municipal Ticketing Bylaw

Notes:

- *Fire Services Fees for apparatus: \$345.00 per hour (3 hour minimum)
- **Staff rates as per current collective agreement
- ***Replacement costs for contaminated and/or damaged equipment plus 10%
- Applicable taxes to be added to all invoicing