



CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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TO: General Contractors; Life Safety Systems.
Business Owners; Venue Management

FROM: The Denver Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

SUBJECT: **FEE INCREASES**

Effective January 1, 2023, fee increases will be implemented affecting *re-test fees, contractor-paid overtime, and fire watch* in the City and County of Denver. The Department of Finance and Management officials have reviewed city costs incurred for the services associated with these fees. (*The last fee increases were performed on January 1st, 2011*).

Fire Safety Systems Re-Test Fee

When a life safety system (smoke alarms, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, etc.) is installed, modified, or repaired, both the International Fire Code and Denver Amendments require a system to be tested for functionality and compliance. This required testing is performed by a Denver Fire Department Certified Inspector. If a failure occurs while performing the initial life safety systems test, the Installation Contractor/General Contractor must schedule a *re-test* of their Life Safety System.

Contractor-Paid Overtime Fees

Due to the high demand for Life Safety Systems acceptance testing a resultant backlog of systems across the City and County of Denver exists. Therefore, when a request is made for life safety systems testing of a Fire Prevention Inspector outside/beyond normal business hours, this is reimbursed through *contractor-paid overtime*.

Fire Watch

When a life safety system violation exists in accordance with Denver Fire Code Section 106.2.9, a Fire Watch may be required. When Denver Firefighters are assigned to perform Fire Watch duties, this is reimbursed through *contractor-paid overtime*.

The chart below specifies fees and requirements of *Contractor Paid Overtime*.

Number of Inspectors	1 Hour	2 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	5 Hours	6 Hours	7 Hours	8 Hours
One	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800
Two	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1000	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600
Three	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400
Four	\$400	\$800	\$1200	\$1600	\$2000	\$2400	\$2800	\$3200

Note:

1. Three (3-) hour minimum per employee Monday-Friday
2. Four (4-) hour minimum per employee for holidays and weekends
3. Minimum number of employees per inspection or test is two (2)
4. Tent, fireworks, CO monitoring – required number of employees made at the time of permit

Conclusion

Effective January 1, 2023, the fees will be as follows; \$500 for the first re-test and \$800 for each subsequent re-test. The new *Contractor-Paid Overtime* rate beginning January 1st, 2023, will be \$100 an hour. In the future, these fees will be reviewed and evaluated every two years to reflect cost recovery.

Re-test fees, Contractor-Paid Overtime and *Fire Watch* is an avoidable cost incursion through proper diligence, maintenance, and preparation on behalf of building ownership. Thank you for your understanding and please feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Division with any questions.

Thank you.