

## **Camas-Washougal Fire Department – Fire Prevention Fire and Life Safety Inspections (Existing Occupancies)**

Regular fire and life safety inspections are a critical part of fire prevention and are designed to identify and mitigate fire hazards before they become a risk to property and life. In addition, an effective inspection program directly effects the economic interests of citizens and businesses in our community

Regular Fire Inspections are required in accordance with the International Fire Code. Inspection frequency is based on the specific risk factors associated with business, but generally will range from once a year to once every two years. *In Camas-Washougal we have close to 650 occupancies, of which approximately 1/3 require annual inspections.*

### **Fire Inspection Fees**

The cost of operating an inspection program may make it necessary to charge a fee to each business inspected. The fees would be intended to offset costs, but would not fully fund the program.

A review of some other jurisdictions in our area shows they are charging a minimum fee which is increased incrementally based on the size of the business (square footage). For example:

### **Example Inspection Fee Schedule Square Footage Only - Clark County and Battle Ground**

<b>Building Square Footage</b>	<b>Fee</b>
1 to 29,999	\$150 flat fee
30,000 to 69,999	\$200 flat fee
70,000 to 99,999	\$250 flat fee
100,000 or more	\$300 flat fee

Some jurisdictions also include the occupancy type in determining the base fee. For example:

### **Example Inspection Fee Schedule Occupancy Type and Square Footage– Yakima**

#### **Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fee Schedule**

<b><u>E, I, F, H, M, S OCCUPANCY</u></b>	
<b>AREA IN SQUARE FEET</b>	<b>FEE</b>
0-5,000	\$75.00
5,001-10,000	\$100.00
10,001 AND OVER	\$125.00

<b><u>A, B, R OCCUPANCY</u></b>	
<b>AREA IN SQUARE FEET</b>	<b>FEE</b>
0-5,000	\$50.00
5,001-10,000	\$75.00
10,001 AND OVER	\$100.00

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The CWFD FMO would suggest a schedule that is based on both occupancy type and square footage, and that is more in line with the City of Vancouver in terms of dollar amounts (shown below).

### Example Inspection Fee Schedule – City of Vancouver

First Code-Compliance Inspection	Occupancy Group Types B, M & R (Not Including R-3 Occupancies) & U	Occupancy Group Types A, E & LC	Occupancy Group Types F, H, I & S
0 - 500 sq. ft.	\$38 (limited to type B & M occupancies only)	NA	NA
501 - 3,000 sq. ft.	\$68	\$92	\$115
3,001 - 5,000 sq. ft.	\$108	\$132	\$155
5,001 - 7,500 sq. ft.	\$143	\$190	\$246
7,501 - 10,000 sq. ft.	\$155	\$236	\$344
10,001 - 12,500 sq. ft.	\$173	\$270	\$367
12,501 - 15,000 sq. ft.	\$196	\$315	\$384
15,001 - 17,500 sq. ft.	\$206	\$338	\$402
17,501 - 20,000 sq. ft.	\$219	\$356	\$419
20,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$236	\$373	\$436
30,001 - 40,000 sq. ft.	\$264	\$419	\$447
40,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$281	\$447	\$465
50,001 - 60,000 sq. ft.	\$298	\$476	\$476
60,001 - 70,000 sq. ft.	\$315	\$504	\$504
70,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$327	\$527	\$527
100,001 - 150,000 sq. ft.	\$351	\$557	\$557
150,001 - 200,000 sq. ft.	\$390	\$591	\$591
Over 200,000 sq. ft.	\$476	\$619	\$619