

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-02

**AMENDING RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE,
MODIFY AND ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES**

Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 13916, the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District ("District") is authorized to adopt reasonable fees to cover the cost of any service which the District provides, or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 1990, the District adopted its current rate and fee schedule pursuant to Ordinance No. 13; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended that certain fees and charges be increased or established to reflect costs incurred by the District in providing plan review, inspections and other services; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed increases has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and the Board has provided an opportunity to the public to comment on the proposals at a public hearing held in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Board; and

WHEREAS, after investigation and discussion, and consideration of the comments received at the public meeting, the Board finds the rates hereinafter set forth to be reasonable and required for the proper operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the amount of the fees hereinafter set forth does not exceed the amount of the estimated costs required to provide the services for which the fees are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the increases in fees effected by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code, because they are for the purposes of (1) meeting operating expenses, (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment and materials, (3) meeting financial reserve requirements, and (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Selected fees from the District's rate and fee schedule, as set forth in Ordinance No. 13, are hereby amended to reflect the increased costs of providing each service. In addition, a new fee for the inspection of smoke detectors is established. To this end, the following subsections of SECTION I of Ordinance No. 13 are hereby deleted and restated in their entirety, as indicated below: subsections I.A.1, I.A.2, I.A.3, I.A.4, I.A.5, I.B.2, I.B.3, I.C.1, I.C.2, I.D.2, I.E.1, I.E.2, I.E.3, I.E.4, I.E.5, I.E.10 and I.E.11.

A. **Fire Protection Systems.** Unless otherwise noted, the specified fee is per system installation or system modification, and covers the permit application, one plan review, and one inspection.

1. **Automatic Sprinkler Systems:** \$124.00, plus 50 cents per sprinkler head. This fee covers permit application, one plan review, one overhead inspection, one pressure test and one final inspection.
2. **Automatic Extinguishing Systems:**

Hood and Duct Systems:	\$75.00
Halon Systems:	\$75.00
Spray Booths:	\$75.00
3. **Fire Alarm Systems:** \$100.00
4. **Fire Standpipe Systems:** \$75.00
5. **Fire Service Lines to Private Hydrants:** \$75.00 per hydrant. Fee is per installation or modification, and covers permit application, plan review and one inspection.

B. **Hazardous Materials.**

2. **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Tanks and Appurtenances:**

Less than 500 gallons:	\$50.00
500 gallons or over:	\$85.00

Fee is per tank for each installation or modification, and covers permit application, plan review and one inspection.

3. **Medical Gas Systems:** \$85.00 per system installation or system modification. Fee covers permit application, plan review and one inspection.

C. **Other Inspections.**

1. **Inspections of Existing and New Facilities:**

Single Family Day Care: (less than 12 persons)	\$45.00 per facility
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Large Family Day Care: (12 or more persons)	\$50.00 per facility
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Preschools:	\$50.00 per facility
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Institutional (I-1 and I-2) less than 100 occupants:	\$50.00 per facility
Institutional 100 or more occupants:	\$100.00 per facility
Tents for Special Events (per tent, per event, per inspection):	\$75.00
New Business License Inspections:	\$30.00 per license
Smoke Detector Inspections	\$15.00 per smoke detector

Fee covers inspections for compliance with State and Uniform Fire Code requirements.

2. **Additional Inspections:** All other inspections conducted during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) shall be at the rate of \$58.00 per hour, one hour minimum charge. Inspections on holidays, weekends, or after-hours: \$105.00 minimum charge, to be paid on approval of the request PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION (2 hours minimum). A fee of \$49.50 per hour will be charged for each hour or fraction thereof above said minimum, plus applicable equipment rate charge, if any.

D. Permits. Fee covers permit application, and inspection for compliance with permit requirements.

2. **Fumigation permit:** \$34.00.

E. Special Services.

1. **Building Plan Preliminary Review/Subdivision Preliminary Review:** \$58.00 per hour, minimum one-half hour charge.
2. **Revised (modified) Plan Review:** \$58.00 per hour or each portion thereof.
3. **Major Projects (50,000 square feet and up):** \$60.00 per hour for all plan reviews, site inspections and system testing not included under Section A, above.

5. **Fire Flow Calculations:** \$75.00 minimum charge (3 hours). \$35.00 per hour, after first 3 hours. Fee covers fire flow testing of hydrants.
10. **Duplicate Prints of Photographs:** Actual cost from vendor.
11. **Copies of Fire Code/Amendments/Public Records:** \$1.00 per page.

2. All fees and other provisions set forth in Ordinance No. 13 not addressed above shall remain unchanged, and in full force and effect.

3. The Board of Directors of the District hereby directs the Fire Chief to notify the San Mateo County and City of Half Moon Bay Building Departments of the existence and effective date of this Ordinance in order that its provisions may be implemented and applied to those new buildings, additions to existing buildings, and remodeling of existing buildings proposed to be built or remodeled within the District on or after the effective date of this Ordinance.

4. The Board President shall sign this Ordinance and the Secretary shall cause the same to be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the area of the District.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District on this 23rd day of May, 2000, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Francis Navin, Robert Myers, Timothy Moran, Douglas Mackintosh,
Roger Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



President, Board of Directors
Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District

ATTEST: 



Board Secretary



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