

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NEW BRAUNFELS CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX D, SECTION A, FEE SCHEDULE, BY ADOPTING NEW FEES FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION RELATED SERVICES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 54-87 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, authorizes fees, charges and rates for fire prevention and protection related services provided by the City of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the fees for fire prevention and protection related services have not been adjusted since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of New Braunfels, Texas was briefed on fees for fire prevention and protection related services at meetings on July 6, 2023, and January 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the current fees for fire prevention and protection related services are not reflective of the current market of benchmark cities and need to be adjusted in order to cover the City's costs and ensure consistency across all fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2: That Appendix D. Section A, of the New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, specifically fees for fire prevention and protection related services provided pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances, shall be amended to hereinafter read as follows with strikethrough font indicating deleted language, and additions reflected as underlined language:

APPENDIX D FEE SCHEDULE

Sec. A. Schedule of ~~development~~ fees.

FIRE	
Short-term rental annual inspection	\$125.00
Fixed pipe suppression systes	\$120.00
Fixed pipe modifcaiton	\$120.00
Fire sprinkler (under 200 heads)	\$240.00
Fire sprinkler (over 200 heads)	\$240.00 plus \$0.75 each additional head (\$2,000.00 max)
Fire alarm system (up to 200 signaling devices)	\$240.00
Fire alarm system (over 200 signaling devices)	\$240.00 plus \$0.75 each additional device (\$1,000.00 max)
Standpipe/water supply (fire line)	\$180.00
Smoke control system	\$120.00
Flammable or combustibile liquid tank permit (above ground)	\$180.00 \$150.00
Fire sprinkler modification (up to 200 heads)	\$120.00
Fire alarm modification (up to 10 devices)	\$180.00
Re-inspection/re-test	\$100.00/hour
Tent permit fee (annual)	\$400.00
Tent permit fee (per event)	\$75.00
Preliminary fire systems plan review	\$60.00/hour
Licensed daycare inspection	\$60.00 \$75.00
Licensed nursing care center inspection	\$180.00 \$2/bed (min \$200 - max \$2,000)
Licensed hospital inspection	\$240.00 \$2/bed
Licensed institutional (restrained) inspection	\$240.00
Licensed in-home facilities inspection	\$60.00 \$75.00
Licensed homes/adoption centers inspection	Exempt
Fire watch	\$60.00/hour \$100.00/hour/person
After Hours Inspection	\$100.00
Re-inspect fee	\$100.00
Private Fire Hydrant Acceptance	\$100 (up to 3) + \$25/additional

SECTION 3: Savings Clause.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. The balance of such ordinance is hereby saved from repeal.

SECTION 4: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become adopted and effective upon its second reading, signature required by City Charter, and filing by the City Secretary, except that the effective date of the new fees will be April 1, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this _____ day of February, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second reading this ____ day of February, 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

By: _____
Neal Linnartz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valeria M. Acevedo, City Attorney