

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Sandy Paulos, Director of Finance

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of 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 and effective date.

DEPARTMENT: Fire Services

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A presentation regarding these proposed fee adjustments was given at the July Council Retreat and then again at the January 16, 2024, Council meeting. At these meetings, staff was given direction to move forward with implementation of the proposed fee adjustments including changes to the Fire Prevention and Protection related fees, more specifically for Fire Marshall's Office (Fire Inspection) related fees. The Fire Marshall's Office related fees have not been amended since 2018. These adjustments would bring the fees more in line with benchmark cities and help cover increased costs related to fuel, salaries, and operating costs. An average of \$75 per hour was used to develop these proposed rates.

Council approved the first reading of this ordinance unanimously at the February 12, 2024 meeting.

If approved, the change for the Fire Marshall's Office related fees will have an implementation date of April 1, 2024, and will be posted on the Fire Department website.

The proposed fee adjustments are as follows:

FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE

NEW FEES

	Unit	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
After Hours Inspection	Hour	N/A	\$100
Re-Inspect Fee	Flat	N/A	\$100
Private Fire Hydrant Acceptance	Up to 3 + \$25 for additional	N/A	\$100 (up to 3) + \$25/additional

EXISTING FEES

	Unit	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Flammable or Combustible Tank Permit (above gross volume)	System	\$180	\$150
Licensed Day Care Inspection	Flat	\$60	\$75
Licensed In-Home Facilities Inspection	Flat	\$60	\$75
Licensed Nursing Care Center Inspection	Bed	\$180	\$2 (min \$200-max \$2,000)
Licensed Hospital Inspection	Bed	\$240	\$2
Fire Watch	Hour/Person	\$60	\$100

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Any additional revenue generated by these fee adjustments will be incorporated into the FY 2025 Budget to help offset increased costs and cover unfunded resource needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.