



**MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**  
**Chapter 15 – Fire Fees**  
**Fire Code Inspection Fees**  
 City of Chula Vista Fire Department  
 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910

**FEE BULLETIN**  
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The fees as set forth are based on an inspection/review of the activity to be conducted. Issuance of a permit is contingent upon compliance. Multiple permits will be required if applicable.

**RENEWABLE OPERATIONAL PERMITS**

**1. Annual Renewable Fire Code Operational Permit Fees<sup>1</sup>**

All renewable permit line items are additive to the base fee (1<sup>st</sup> permit is included in the base fee).

Base Permit Fee

0 - 3,000 SF .....	\$185
3,001 - 6,000 SF .....	\$230
6,001 - 12,000 SF .....	\$275
12,001 - 25,000 SF .....	\$300
25,001 - 50,000 SF .....	\$325
50,001 - 100,000 SF .....	\$370
Each additional 50,000 SF (or fraction thereof) in excess of 100,000 SF .....	\$45
High rise buildings, each floor <sup>2</sup> .....	\$45

Fee for Each Additional Renewable Permit

Per renewable permit .....	\$20
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**2. Annual Renewable Residential Site Permit Fees<sup>3</sup>**

Annual renewable residential site permit shall be required to operate a high density residential site with 10 or more residential units/ spaces and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein.

10 - 50 residential units/ spaces .....	\$135
51 - 100 residential units/ spaces .....	\$160
101 - 200 residential units/ spaces .....	\$185
Each additional 100 residential units/ spaces (or fraction thereof) in excess of 200 .....	\$20

**3. Annual Renewable Commercial Site Permit Fees<sup>4</sup>**

Annual renewable commercial site permit shall be required to operate a commercial site with 3 or more buildings and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein.

3 - 10 buildings .....	\$135
11 - 15 buildings .....	\$160
16 - 20 buildings .....	\$185
Each additional 10 buildings (or fraction thereof) in excess of 20 .....	\$45

**4. General Use Permit<sup>5</sup>**

General use permit shall be required for any activity or operation not specifically described above which, in the judgment of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal is likely to produce conditions hazardous to life or property, and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein.

0 - 3,000 SF .....	\$185
3,001 - 6,000 SF .....	\$230
6,001 - 12,000 SF .....	\$275
12,001 - 25,000 SF .....	\$300
25,001 - 50,000 SF .....	\$325
50,001 - 100,000 SF .....	\$370
Each additional 50,000 SF (or fraction thereof) in excess of 50,000 SF .....	\$45

**5. E & I Occupancy Inspections**

Hospitals

100 beds or less .....	\$370
Each additional 50 beds (or fraction thereof) in excess of 100 beds .....	\$45

Convalescent hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, sanitariums, boarding homes, children homes, and like institutional occupancies

7 - 100 beds .....	\$275
Each additional 50 beds (or fraction thereof) in excess of 100 beds .....	\$90

<sup>1</sup> Annual permit types are found in the adopted Fire/ Municipal Code.

<sup>2</sup> High rise buildings are only charged the per floor fee.

<sup>3</sup> Residential site(s) are defined as high density residential uses. Examples include, but are not limited to: condominiums, townhomes, apartments and similar complexes, resorts, hotels, and motels.

<sup>4</sup> Commercial site(s) are defined as high density business complexes/ parks and similar uses, including college campuses, which contain 3 or more buildings of any size.

<sup>5</sup> Mercantile occupancies 10,000 SF or greater, with no other permits, shall be subject to the General Use Permit schedule.

Educational Occupancies<sup>6</sup>

Less than 50 persons.....	\$185
Each additional 50 persons (or fraction thereof) in excess of 50 persons.....	\$45

**FIRE COMPANY INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Fire Company Inspection Program fees apply to all business and mercantile occupancies that do not have other annual Fire Department permits.

0 - 1,000 SF.....	\$45
1,001 - 5,000 SF.....	\$65
5,001 - 10,000 SF.....	\$90
> 10,000 SF.....	\$135

**TEMPORARY OPERATIONAL PERMITS**

1. Special Events<sup>7</sup>

Temporary operational permit shall be required to conduct a movie production, carnival, circus, parade float, street fair, or similar activity and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein (initial review of weekly farmers' markets subject to reimbursement at full cost recovery).

Base permit fee.....	\$160
Other Fire Code permits, per category (part of the special event).....	\$20
Special event inspection, 1 <sup>st</sup> hour (minimum) ..	\$90
Special event inspection, each additional quarter hour increment.....	\$20

2. Exhibits and Trade Shows<sup>8</sup>

Temporary operational permit shall be required to operate an exhibit and/or trade show and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein.

Base permit fee.....	\$160
1 - 15,000 SF.....	\$135
15,001 - 30,000 SF.....	\$185
30,001 - 60,000 SF.....	\$230
60,001 - 150,000 SF.....	\$275
150,001 - 300,000 SF.....	\$370
> 301,000 SF.....	\$465
Other Fire Code permits, per category (part of the exhibit or trade show) .....	\$20

<sup>6</sup> Fees for Educational occupancies does not apply to public schools. Fees do apply to private schools including, but not limited to, pre-schools and day cares.

<sup>7</sup> All line items are additive to the base fee. Base fee does not include inspection effort.

<sup>8</sup> All line items are additive to the base fee. Base fee does not include inspection effort.

3. Explosives or Blasting Agents

Temporary operational permit shall be required for the manufacturing, possession, use, storage, and/or transportation of explosives and blasting agents and shall be accompanied by fees as set forth herein.

Each occurrence/ annually.....	\$275
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4. Fireworks

Temporary operational permit shall be required for the manufacture, display, storage, or use of pyrotechnic special effects material and shall be accompanied by the fees as set forth herein.

All line items are additive to the base fee. Base fee does not include inspection effort.

Base fee .....	\$90
Inspection, up to 2 hours .....	\$185
Additional fee per hour, inspections in excess of 2 hours.....	\$90

5. Live Audience

Temporary operational permit shall be required to install seating or have permanent seating arrangements for live audiences (such as concerts and the like). Inspection services to be provided during business hours (non-overtime).

Live audience inspection, per hour, 1 hour minimum.....	\$90
Live audience inspection, each additional quarter hour increment.....	\$20
Other Fire Code permits, per category (part of the live audience).....	\$20

6. General Use Certificate

General use certificate shall be required for each new business within the City of Chula Vista that is applying for a business license (with a physical address).

Certificate .....	\$135
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7. Occupancy Verification/ Determination

Occupancy verification/ determination shall be required for all businesses requesting an occupancy verification/ determination inspection and written confirmation from CVFD

Verification/ Determination.....	\$185
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8. Residential Licensed Care/ Large Family Daycare Inspections

Pre-inspections shall be required for residential care facilities (H&S Code Reg. 13235). This includes community care facility, residential care facility for the elderly or a child day care facility.

Residential Licensed Care Pre-Inspections<sup>9</sup>

7 - 25 residents .....	\$135
≥ 26 residents.....	\$185

Large Family Day Care Inspections

≤ 25 attendees.....	\$90
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9. Fire Clearance Inspections<sup>10</sup>

Fire Clearance Inspection required for approval of applicant licenses, such as those required by private, county, state, or federal agencies (H&S Code Reg.).

0 - 2,000 SF .....	\$90
> 2,000 SF .....	\$185

10. Re-Inspection Fee

Re-inspection base fee will be assessed when a third inspection (second re-inspection) is required and for each subsequent FCI inspection (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc.). Applies to re-inspection as a result of a requested inspection not cancelled two hours or more prior to established appointment time.

Base fee .....	\$90
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11. Other FCI Fees

Overtime services<sup>11</sup> .....1.5 x regular fee amount

Other services<sup>12</sup>

Per hour, 1 hour minimum .....	\$90
Each additional quarter hour Increment .....	\$20

Overcrowded business penalty

1 <sup>st</sup> offense .....	\$0
Each additional offense.....	\$1,000

<sup>9</sup> Pre-inspections not required for facilities with six or fewer residents.

<sup>10</sup> One-time fee.

<sup>11</sup> Fee for any inspections or activities performed outside normal business hours requested by or caused by the applicant.

<sup>12</sup> For FCI services not specifically identified in this fee schedule.