

# SOUTH TRAIL FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT



## RESOLUTION #2023-02

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION #2020-06 PERTAINING TO CHARGING OF CERTAIN FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ADOPTED FIRE CODES: PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A SCHEDULE OF USER CHARGES AS AUTHORIZED BY §191.009(3) F.S.; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District ("District"), is an independent special control district authorized under chapter 2000-484 Laws of Florida, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Chapter 553, Building Construction Standards, §553.79(2) provides that "an enforcing agency may not issue any permit for construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of any building until the appropriate firesafety inspector certified pursuant to §633.216 has reviewed the plans and specifications required by the Florida Building Code, or local amendment thereto, for such proposal and found that the plans comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code and the Life Safety Code"; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Chapter 633, Fire Prevention and Control, §633.216(1) provides that "Each county, municipality, and special district that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities shall employ or contract with a firesafety inspector. Except as provided in s. 633.312(2), (3), and (4) the firesafety inspector must conduct all firesafety inspections that are required by law. The governing body of a county, municipality, or special district that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities may provide a schedule of fees to pay only the costs of inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection and related administrative expenses."; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Chapter 191, the Independent Special Fire Control Districts Act, §191.009(3)(d) authorizes governing boards of duly elected fire commissioners to "... provide a reasonable schedule of charges for inspecting structures, plans and equipment to determine compliance with firesafety codes and standards"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the District to establish fees for plan review, inspection, permit issuance and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and purpose of this District Board of Fire Commissioners to maintain a reasonable standard of user charges for new construction permitting and inspection services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, the current schedule of user charges relative to construction plan review, permitting, inspection and enforcement services for fire and life safety was modified substantially in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adjust the current schedule of user charges for such services to compensate the District at least in part for the rendering of said services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTH TRAIL FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT THAT:**

**SECTION ONE: EFFECTIVE DATE**

Resolution #2020-06 shall be hereby repealed in its entirety effective September 30, 2023 and Resolution #2023-02 shall be effective on October 1, 2023.

**SECTION TWO: SCHEDULE OF FEES**

The Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the Schedule of Fees set forth, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A are fair and reasonable fees to be imposed upon to those who receive the benefits of the services, reviews and inspections required pursuant to the aforementioned Florida Statutes and described in this Resolution and Exhibit A and hereby imposes said fees. Where a process is not covered by a description set forth in this Resolution or in the Schedule of Fees, the Fire Chief or designee may impose a fee that is the same as the most similar process or if there is no similar process, a fee based upon the actual cost of the service rendered by the Fire District.

**SECTION THREE: CONFLICTS OF LAW**

Whenever the provisions of this resolution are in conflict with the requirements or provision of any other lawfully adopted statute, ordinance or resolution, the most restrictive requirements will apply.

**SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY**

It is the Board of Commissioner's intent that if any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion will be deemed a separate provision and will not affect the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Board of Commissioners further declare its intent that this resolution would have been adopted if such unconstitutional provision was not included.

**SECTION FIVE: SCRIVENER'S ERRORS**

The Board of Commissioners intends that all sections of this resolution containing typographical errors that do not affect the intent can be administratively corrected with the authorization of the District's Chief, or designee, without the need to have the resolution brought back before the Board.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION SHALL BE DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
SOUTH TRAIL FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE  
SERVICE DISTRICT**

By:   
Title: Lawrence Hirshman, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Title: Robert McDonnell, Secretary / Treasurer



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## SCHEDULE OF FEES Exhibit A to Resolution #2023-02

### I. Fire Code Compliance Plan Review

A. Architectural Plan Review fees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Architectural Plan Review: Occupancy Group									
	A	B/M	E	F	H-1	H-2	H-3	H-4	H-5
Square Footage	Fee								
10,000 or Less	\$241.00	\$120.50	\$241.00	\$180.75	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$241.00	\$180.75	\$180.75
10,001-25,000	\$361.50	\$180.75	\$361.50	\$241.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$301.25	\$241.00	\$241.00
25,001-50,000	\$482.00	\$241.00	\$482.00	\$301.25	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$361.50	\$301.25	\$301.25
50,001-75,000	\$602.50	\$301.25	\$602.50	\$361.50	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$421.75	\$361.50	\$361.50
75,001-100,000	\$723.00	\$361.50	\$723.00	\$421.75	\$843.50	\$843.50	\$482.00	\$421.75	\$421.75
100,001-250,000	\$843.50	\$421.75	\$843.50	\$482.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$542.25	\$482.00	\$482.00
250,001-500,000	\$964.00	\$482.00	\$964.00	\$542.25	\$1,084.50	\$1,084.50	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$602.50
500,001-750,000	\$1,084.50	\$542.25	\$1,084.50	\$602.50	\$1,205.00	\$1,205.00	\$662.75	\$662.75	\$662.75
750,001-1,000,000	\$1,205.00	\$602.50	\$1,205.00	\$662.75	\$1,325.50	\$1,325.50	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$723.00
Over 1,000,000	\$1,325.50	\$662.75	\$1,325.50	\$723.00	\$1,446.00	\$1,446.00	\$783.25	\$783.25	\$783.25

Architectural Plan Review: Occupancy Group									
	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	S
Square Footage	Fee								
10,000 or Less	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$180.75	\$180.75	\$180.75	\$180.75	\$120.50	\$180.75
10,001-25,000	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$180.75	\$241.00
25,001-50,000	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$301.25	\$301.25	\$301.25	\$301.25	\$241.00	\$301.25
50,001-75,000	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$301.25	\$361.50
75,001-100,000	\$843.50	\$843.50	\$843.50	\$421.75	\$421.75	\$421.75	\$421.75	\$361.50	\$421.75
100,001-250,000	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$421.75	\$482.00
250,001-500,000	\$1,084.50	\$1,084.50	\$1,084.50	\$542.25	\$542.25	\$542.25	\$542.25	\$482.00	\$542.25
500,001-750,000	\$1,205.00	\$1,205.00	\$1,205.00	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$542.25	\$602.50
750,001-1,000,000	\$1,325.50	\$1,325.50	\$1,325.50	\$662.75	\$662.75	\$662.75	\$662.75	\$602.50	\$662.75
Over 1,000,000	\$1,446.00	\$1,446.00	\$1,446.00	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$662.75	\$723.00



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B. Fire Sprinkler System Plan Review fees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Fire Sprinklers				
	All Except as Listed	H-1	H-2	H-3
Square Footage	Fee			
10,000 or Less	\$120.50	\$180.75	\$180.75	\$180.75
10,001-25,000	\$180.75	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00
25,001-50,000	\$241.00	\$301.25	\$301.25	\$301.25
50,001-75,000	\$301.25	\$361.50	\$361.50	\$361.50
75,001-100,000	\$361.50	\$421.75	\$421.75	\$421.75
100,001-250,000	\$421.75	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00
250,001-500,000	\$482.00	\$542.25	\$542.25	\$542.25
500,001-750,000	\$542.25	\$602.50	\$602.50	\$602.50
750,001-1,000,000	\$602.50	\$662.75	\$662.75	\$662.75
Over 1,000,000	\$662.75	\$723.00	\$723.00	\$723.00

C. Fire Alarm System Plan Review fees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Fire Alarm Systems	
Number of Devices	Fee
25 or Less	\$120.50
26-50	\$180.75
51-100	\$241.00
101-250	\$301.25
251-500	\$361.50
501-750	\$421.75
751-1000	\$482.00
Over 1000	\$542.25



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### D. Kitchen Hood Ventilation System:

Plan Review: \$121.00

### E. New Pre-Engineered Suppression System:

\$60.00 + \$25.00 per Bottle of Suppression Agent

### F. Existing Pre-Engineered Suppression System Reviews:

\$60.00 + \$2.50 per Head Altered, Deleted, or Added

### G. Other Fire and Life Safety System Reviews:

Fire Alarm Monitoring	\$60.00
Bi-directional Amplifier (In-Building Repeater System)	\$376.00
Fire Pumps	\$241.00 each
Standpipes	\$60.00 + \$6.00 per Riser
Underground Fire Lines	\$121.00 + \$2.00 per Linear Foot
Fire Backflow DDCV Assemblies	\$60.00 per Assembly
Generators	\$241.00 each
Fuel Storage System	\$121.00 + \$60.00 per Tank
Gas Lines (exterior only; excludes lines run from TECO meter)	\$60.00 per Permit
Structural Demolition	\$60.00 per Structure
Air Conditioner System Change Out: 2,000 CFM or Greater	\$60.00 per Unit
Occupancy Inspection Review	\$60.00
Separation/Penetration	\$121.00
Commercial Fence	\$60.00
Reviews Not Listed	\$241.00



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### H. Commercial Storm Shutters, Impact Windows, and Doors:

Two (2) Egress or Access Points	\$60.00
Each Additional Egress or Access Point	\$2.00 each

### I. Land Development Orders and Site Development Orders:

Initial Review	\$241.00
Amended Review	\$121.00
Site Improvement, Conditional Use, and all others	\$121.00

### J. All fees listed above include initial review and one (1) resubmittal. Additional resubmittals will be provided in accordance with the following:

Second Resubmittal	Original Price + 10%
Third Resubmittal	Original Price + 25%
Fourth Resubmittal	Original Price + 75%
Fifth Resubmittal	Double Original Price
Sixth Resubmittal	Double Original Price + 25%, Mandatory Reporting to Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation and Contracted Party

### K. Revisions and Additions to Issued Approved Plans:

25% of Original Review Fee (*Minimum of \$60.00*)

### L. Administrative Fee for Minimally Correcting Plans (removing, adding, or copying information not completed correctly by submitter):

\$60.00

### M. Expedited or "Fast Tracked" Plan Review Fee:

\$480.00 *\*Based Upon Operational Availability*



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### II. Fire Code Compliance Inspection Fees

*Square footage is defined as the total area of the proposed project and not the structure(s) under roof. Applications not marked will be charged based on total area of the structure.*

#### A. Site Plan Inspections:

\$188.00

#### B. Building Fire Final Inspections:

New Construction	\$376.00 + \$0.13 per sq. ft.
Construction Type VI ( <i>Hardened Facility</i> )	\$376.00 + \$0.20 per sq. ft.

#### C. Commercial Remodel, Renovation, Rehabilitation, and Alteration Inspections:

Single Story Individual Units	\$125.00 + \$0.20 per sq. ft.
Single Story Multiple Units	\$188.00 + \$0.13 per sq. ft.
Multi-Story Individual Units	\$376.00 + \$0.13 per sq. ft.
Multi-Story Multiple Units	\$376.00 + \$0.20 per sq. ft.
Plumbing Stacks and Fire Stop Inspections	\$188.00 per Stack
Fire Wall Penetration Inspections	\$125.00

#### D. Fire Alarm System Inspections:

New Fire Alarms	\$376.00 + \$0.75 per Device
Remodels	\$188.00 + \$1.05 per Device
Fire Alarm System Project	\$150.00 + \$1.05 per Device
Monitoring – Including Wireless (Cellular/Antenna)	\$125.00
Radio Signal Testing	\$125.00
Bi-directional Amplifier: In-Building Repeater Acceptance Testing	\$188.00





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### E. Fire Sprinkler Inspections:

New Systems	\$376.00 + \$0.75 per Head
Remodels	\$188.00 + \$1.05 per Head
Fifteen (15) Heads or Less Relocated or Added	\$125.00 + \$1.05 per Head

*\* Commercial occupancies which voluntarily (not required by code or the Authority Having Jurisdiction) retrofit with fire sprinklers shall have inspection fees under Section "E" (Fire Sprinkler Inspections) reduced by 50%.*

### F. Kitchen Hood Inspections:

\$188.00 + \$1.05 per Foot of Duct

### G. Pre-Engineered Suppression System Inspections:

\$125.00 per Bottle + \$1.50 per Head *(Includes total flood and pre-engineered)*

### H. Door Fan Tests:

\$125.00 per Door

### I. Flammable Spray Booth Inspections:

\$188.00 + \$0.83 per Square Foot

### J. Underground Fire Line Inspections:

\$125.00 + \$1.03 per Linear Foot

### K. Standpipe (New or Replacement) Inspections:

\$188.00 per Riser

### L. Fuel Tank and Liquid Petroleum Gas Tank Installation Inspections:

#### *Above Ground*

Up to 1,000 Gallons	\$150.00 per Tank
1,001 to 3,000 Gallons	\$188.00 per Tank
3,001 to 4,000 Gallons	\$240.00 per Tank
Larger than 4,000 Gallons	\$240.00 + \$30.00 per Additional 1,000 Gallons



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### *Under Ground*

Up to 1,000 Gallons	\$188.00 per Tank
1,001 to 3,000 Gallons	\$240.00 per Tank
3,001 to 4,000 Gallons	\$280.00 per Tank
Larger than 4,000 Gallons	\$300.00 + \$30.00 per Additional 1,000 Gallons

### M. Hydrant/Backflow Acceptance Tests:

\$125.00 per Device

### N. Commercial Windows, Storm Shutters, and Door Inspections:

Up to two (2) Access or Egress Points	\$125.00
Additional Egress or Access Points	\$10.00 each

### O. Miscellaneous Inspection Services:

Fire Retardant Application	\$188.00
Emergency Gate Access	\$125.00
Fencing and Awning Inspections	\$115.00 min \$.17 per linear ft. over 500 lf \$10.00 additional per gate
Fire Pump Acceptance Test	\$188.00
Gas Lines	\$125.00
Building Demolitions	\$125.00
Generator Test	\$188.00
Smoke Control System Acceptance Test	\$188.00
Flow Test Requests	\$125.00 per request \$50.00 per reprint of valid test
Inspections Not Listed - Minimum Fee	\$188.00
Time Specific Inspections	Additional \$125.00 per Inspection
Special Duty (Fire Watch, Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Standby)	\$150.00 per Hour/per Person



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**P. Occupancy Permit Inspections (includes sharing space/virtual):**

\$100.00 + \$0.05 per Square Foot

**Q. Re-Inspections of Permitted Work:**

Re-Inspection #1	\$75.00
Re-Inspection #2	\$150.00
Re-Inspection #3	\$225.00
Re-Inspection #4	\$300.00
Re-Inspection #5	\$500.00 (recurring for subsequent inspections)

\*fees issued must be paid prior to subsequent re-inspections

\*\*Fees are per permit/building and will be issued to person/company in charge of said permit

**R. Stop Work Orders:**

*(May be issued for working without approved plans, working without posted permits, storage of combustibles or flammables without a water source or fire extinguisher as required, job sites with no Fire Department access, and/or egregious fire and life safety code violations such as, but not limited to, inaccessible egress, altering a fire alarm or fire sprinkler system, obstructing Fire Department access in a manner not easily corrected. Re-inspections may occur at any time.)*

Two (2) times the Assessed Inspection and/or Plan Review Fees or \$500.00, whichever is greater

\*\$100.00 shall be added for each 24 hr. period where violation is not corrected

\*\*Upon issuance of a Stop Work Order, any/all operations within area affected much cease immediately until Violation(s) are corrected and any issued fees have been paid

**S. Working Without an issued Lee County Permit:**

Inspections and Plan Reviews are Four (4) Times the Assessed Fees.



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### III. Special Event Fees

<b>Special Event Reviews</b>	
Special Event: No review, inspections, or services required (authorization signature only)	No Charge
Special Event <u>Review- Type I</u> (Outdoor or indoor, up to 49 attendees and/or participants)	\$150.00
Special Event <u>Review- Type II</u> (Outdoor or indoor, 50 or more attendees and/or participants)	\$200.00
Special Event <u>Review- Type III</u> (Multi-Day and/or Multi-Location, outdoor or indoor, regardless of attendee/participant count)	\$450.00
<b>Special Event Inspections</b>	
Special Event <u>Inspection- Class A</u> (Outdoor or indoor, up to 15 vendors)	\$50.00
Special Event <u>Inspection- Class B</u> (Outdoor or indoor, up to 25 vendors)	\$175.00
Special Event <u>Inspection- Class C</u> (Outdoor or indoor, up to 50 vendors)	\$450.00
Special Event <u>Inspection- Class D</u> (Multi-Day and/or Multi-Location, outdoor or indoor, up to 75 vendors (\$10.00 each additional vendor)	\$900.00
<b>Miscellaneous Special Event Items</b>	
Commercial Fireworks Plans Review	\$425.00 per Permit
Commercial Fireworks Inspection	\$325.00
Special Event Inspections after hours/holidays: Any special event occurring after normal business hours, or during observed holidays, in addition to above inspection fees	\$369.00
Special Event Inspector Assignment: Required Inspector on-site events (Fire/Life Safety Compliance, Crowd Management, etc.)	\$150.00 per hour/per inspector.
Special Event Inspection: Per Carnival or Mechanical Ride, Fun House, Game Tent, Bounce House, or Trailer	\$35.00 each
Special Event Inspection: Assembly Tent (900 Square Feet or Larger), Covered Stage, Trailer Stage	\$125.00 each
Special Event Inspection: Food Trucks and Motorized Vehicles Used as Concessions	\$50.00 each
Special Event Fee Submitted Less Than Fourteen (14) Days Prior to the Event Date	\$350.00 plus original special event review fee



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### IV. Existing Structure Periodic Inspections

All occupancies are assessed a fee based upon use. Properties with multiple structures or uses will incur a fee for each structure or use inspected.

Fees include initial inspection and one re-inspection.

#### A. Apartment or Condominium Inspections:

*Defined as a building having three (3) or more living units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities.*

One (1) or Two (2) Stories	\$95.00
Three (3) to Five (5) Stories	\$188.00
Six (6) to Nine (9) Stories	\$240.00
Ten (10) or More Stories	\$376.00

#### B. Hotel and Motel Inspections:

Hotel or Motel Under Same Management: 50 or Less Units	\$240.00
Every Unit Over 50	\$3.80 per Unit
High-Rise Hotels ( <i>Over 75 Feet</i> )	\$376.00

#### C. Inspections Required for Licensure

Hospital, Assisted Living Facility, School, Daycare, etc.	\$376.00 + \$.04 per sq. ft. over 10,000 sq. ft.
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#### D. Assembly Occupancy Inspections:

50 to 99 Occupant Load	\$188.00
100 to 300 Occupant Load	\$237.00
301 to 1,000 Occupant Load	\$285.00
Over 1,000 Occupant Load	\$376.00



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### E. Business Occupancy Inspections:

Up to 3,000 Square Feet	\$50.00
3,001 to 5,000 Square Feet	\$100.00
5,001 to 10,000 Square Feet	\$150.00
Over 10,000 Square Feet	\$200.00
Fueling Facilities - Additional Fee	\$50.00

### F. Industrial and Manufacturing Facility Inspections:

Up to 1,000 Square Feet	\$95.00
1,001 to 5,000 Square Feet	\$188.00
5,001 to 10,000 Square Feet	\$240.00
Over 10,000 Square Feet	\$376.00

### G. Storage Facility and Boat Storage Inspections:

Up to 3,000 Square Feet	\$95.00
3,001 to 5,000 Square Feet	\$188.00
5,001 to 10,000 Square Feet	\$240.00
Over 10,000 Square Feet	\$376.00
Fueling Facilities - Additional Fee	\$50.00

### H. Mercantile Occupancy Inspections:

Up to 5,000 Square Feet	\$50.00
5,001 to 10,000 Square Feet	\$100.00
10,001 to 25,000 Square Feet	\$150.00
Over 25,000 Square Feet	\$200.00



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### I. Re-Inspections:

First Re-Inspection	No Cost
Second Re-Inspection	\$188.00
Third Re-Inspection	\$240.00
Fourth Re-Inspection and All Subsequent	\$376.00

### V. Community Education Programs

Child Car Seat Inspections	No Cost
Fire Safety Puppet Show	No Cost
Fire Station Tour	No Cost
Fire Truck Tour	No Cost
Bunker Gear Demonstration	No Cost
9-1-1 Call Simulator	No Cost
Fire Safety House Trailer	No Cost
Exit Drills in the Home Practice (EDITH)	No Cost
Hazard House Simulator	No Cost
Home Safety Skills	No Cost
Fire Science and Fire History	No Cost
Youth Firesetting Educational Intervention	No Cost
Disaster and Emergency Preparedness	No Cost
Brush Fire Safety	No Cost
Fire Extinguisher Training	No Cost
Fire Drills	No Cost
Car Fit Training	No Cost
Falls Prevention/Older Adult Home/Fire Safety	No Cost
Public Speaking/Presentations	No Cost
Family and Friends CPR/AED	\$5.00 per students
Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED Certification Course	\$40.00 per student
Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED and First Aid Certification Course	\$40.00 per student
First Aid Certification Course	\$40.00 per student
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$40.00 per student



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### VI. Convenience Fee

- A. An amount equal to that charged to the District by the credit card company.

### VII. Cost Recovery and Collection

- A. All fees for service are due at the time of service; plan review comments, inspection results, or permit sign offs will not occur until all fees are fully paid.
- B. Late Payment Fees: Fees not paid within the terms identified are subject to a one percent (1%) monthly finance charge after thirty (30) days.
- C. Returned Check Fee: Fees associated with returned checks shall be in compliance with Florida Statute 68.065 which are as follows:

Check Value	Fee
\$50.00 or Less	\$25.00 plus bank fees incurred
\$50.01 to \$300.00	\$30.00 plus bank fees incurred
\$300.01 or More	\$40.00 or five percent (5%) of the face value, whichever is greater

- D. Direct costs of collection fees and legal fees associated with collecting Fire District fees shall be added to the original invoice amount.
- E. Submitting parties with outstanding fees shall be required to pay all outstanding fees, in addition to any new project submittal, prior to receiving service.

### VIII. Fees for Response to Malfunctioning or Nuisance Alarms, Detection, and Suppression Systems

- A. Fire responses to malfunctioning systems not only create a burden on Fire District resources, but also create a safety risk for the general public. Occupants in structures where malfunctioning systems are considered "routine" may become acclimated to the malfunctioning system and not pay attention to these critical systems during an actual emergency. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, agent, and/or occupants of a structure having fire and life safety systems to maintain the systems for the life of the building, by employing a qualified contractor. All structures and premises shall adhere to the inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements, as defined in the most recently adopted versions of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems, and NFPA Standard 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.
- B. It is the responsibility of the owner, agent, and/or occupant(s) to have a qualified contractor on site within four (4) hours of the Fire District's request.





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C. If there is no responsible party on-site at the time of a malfunctioning life safety system, in the interest of saving lives and property, the Fire Department may post a “Fire Watch” and fees shall be assessed in compliance with this document. (See Section II (O))

1. First Response: No charge will be incurred if corrective action is taken within twenty-four (24) hours by the property owner or agent.
2. Should no corrective action be taken, and the Fire District is called back for the same alarm within a forty-eight (48) hour period, there shall be a base charge of \$75.00 per occurrence. In addition, the following response fees will apply:

Second Response – 12 Month Period	\$75.00
Third Response – 12 Month Period	\$225.00
Fourth Response – 12 Month Period	\$300.00
Fifth Response – 12 Month Period	\$375.00
Sixth and Subsequent Responses – 12 Month Period	\$450.00 with a mandatory Fire Watch, system requirement for acceptance testing, and inspection fees shall be assessed in compliance with Section II(D) - New Fire Alarm

### IX. Submittal of Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Reports by Contractors

- A. The Fire District shall utilize a third-party vendor to collect contractor Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) reports. All contractors performing ITM shall submit their reports electronically to the third-party. It is the responsibility of the owner, agent, and/or occupant to ensure that contractors submit their inspection findings electronically. Costs associated with reports submitted to the third-party company shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
- B. All contractors shall be responsible for immediately notifying the Fire Department when a Life Safety system is taken off line or out of service. Contractors that fail to notify the Fire Department of an out of service life safety system shall be fined a \$150.00 fee for each occurrence.
- C. Owners, agents, and/or occupants shall be assessed a fee for contractors who fail to submit inspection, testing, and maintenance reports electronically per the following:

First Occurrence	\$95.00
Second Occurrence	\$188.00
Third and all Subsequent Occurrences	\$285.00



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### X. Apparatus Standby Rates

Equipment	Hourly Rate
Rescue/Brush Truck	\$19.87/per vehicle
Staff Vehicle	\$19.00/per vehicle
Fire Engine	\$85.22/per engine
Fire Aerial Apparatus	\$180.49/per aerial
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)	\$15.00/per ATV

\*Sec. X is in addition to Sec. XI.

### XI. Operational Personnel Rates

Calculated per Person, per Hour: \$60.00

\*Sec. XI is in addition to Sec. X.

### XII. Public Records

A. Fees assessed shall be in compliance with Florida Statutes (FS) Chapter 119.07 (4).

Non-Certified One-Sided Copies ( <i>Not more than 8.5" X 14"</i> )	\$0.15 per Page
Two-Sided Copies and Other Copies	\$0.05 per Page
Certified Inspection, Operational, or Investigation Reports	\$1.00 per Page
Requests that require extensive supervision, information, or technology resources	In compliance with FS 119.07 (4) (d)

### XIII. Recovery Fees

Recovery Fees include costs associated with hazardous material, suspicious or incendiary fires, investigations, violations of law, and weapons of mass destruction incidents.

A. Cost recovery includes necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the District or its agents in connection with fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, mitigation, health, life and safety issues, and investigations of suspicious or incendiary fires, and mitigating, minimizing, or abating hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction. Cost recovery can include, but is not limited to, the following: actual personnel costs to the District or its authorized agents, costs of equipment, necessary rental or subcontracting, and/or the purchase and costs of expendable and consumable items.



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- B. The South Trail Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) fully authorizes the Fire Chief to take all steps necessary to respond and abate emergencies and recover all associated costs as outlined in section XV(A). This includes the adoption of administrative policies regarding the collection of fees, assessments, and liens for services defined in section XV(A). Costs shall be based on the applicable schedule of rates provided by the appropriate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) table, the Florida Fire Chiefs Association cost recovery schedules, and actual costs for consumables, equipment, response of additional personnel, subcontractors, and other governmental unit employees requested by the Fire District.
- C. Any person(s), property owner, renter or agent who is at fault for the services, including those driving under the influences of drugs or alcohol, or otherwise responsible for the Fire District response and abatement of the incidents in section XV(A) shall reimburse the District in accordance with section XV(B).
  - 1. Reimbursement for expenses is due upon receipt of invoice from the District. Failure to pay the cost recovery invoice within thirty (30) days may result in late fees, and a property lien being placed by the District.
- D. Actions and response as defined in section XV(A) that are caused by a juvenile shall be the responsibility of the legal guardian. The Fire Chief may waive such fees upon enrollment in an approved juvenile fire setters or counseling program.

### XVI. All Other Fees

- A. For all other fees not presented in this document, please contact the District's Administrative Office. Other fees include, but are not limited to:

Other fees that may be assessed for the sole purpose of recovering costs not specifically included in this fee schedule.