

Fees Charged by the Cedar Rapids Fire Department

Effective January 1, 2025

FIRE INSPECTION FEES

Owner(s) of a property with one or more structures. The owner(s) of a property being inspected shall be charged at a rate of \$150 per hour for inspection time and computer entry time. The owner(s) of a property being inspected shall be charged \$50 for each 20 minutes of inspection time and related computer entry time. Time segments shall be rounded up to the next 20-minute period for fee calculation.

Tenants located within a structure. With agreement with the Fire Code Official and the owner of a structure, tenants within that structure shall be charged fire fees at \$50 for each 20 minutes of inspection and computer entry time related to that tenant space. Time segments shall be rounded up to the next 20-minute period for fee calculation.

Owners shall remain responsible for fire inspection fees for all other areas within the structure.

Non-Compliant Recheck Inspections. There shall be no fire inspection fee charged for the first re-inspection of owner or tenant spaces within a structure. Each subsequent re-inspection of an owner or tenant space may be charged fire inspection fees at \$150.

Trip charge. A fee of \$50 may be charged for inability to access a structure or tenant space for inspection for a scheduled appointment.

Complaint Inspection. A complaint inspection where fire code infractions are found may be charged \$150 for the first 20 minutes of inspection time (this fee includes drive time and computer entry time). The owner / tenant of a property being inspected shall be charged \$50 for each additional 20 minutes of inspection time and computer entry time.

OPERATIONAL PERMITS

Required operational permits. The code official is authorized to issue operational permits renewable annually for the operations set forth in the adopted Cedar Rapids Fire Code plus issue operational permits for State required operations, which include Health Care, Day Care, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, and businesses which sell or distribute alcohol.

Operational Permits-Fees.

In addition to required Fire Inspection Fees an additional \$50 fee shall be charged for each operational permit required, except as specified below for operational permits.

Repair Garage. Compressed gas fees shall not be an additional permit charge when issuing a Repair Garage Operational Permit if gas quantities do not exceed permit quantity amounts as noted in the adopted fire code.

Carbon Dioxide. CO₂ used for beverages in conjunction with a business or Place of Assembly shall not be charged additional fees if gas quantities do not exceed permit quantity amounts as noted in the adopted fire code.

State License. Oxygen cylinders shall not be an additional permit charge when issuing a State License Operation Permit for Health Care operations.

\$400 Fireworks (NFPA 1124)/Explosives.

\$250 Fireworks Display (NFPA 1123) or Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material before a proximate audience (NFPA 1126). Charged per site and per event.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Automatic Fire-Extinguishing Systems, or Other Fire Suppression Systems Not Otherwise Specified.

< 50 heads	\$200
51-250 heads	\$400
251-500 heads	\$800
501-1000 heads	\$1200
>1000 heads	\$2000

Fire Alarm, Detection Systems, and Related Equipment.

Review for < 30 devices	Fee of \$150
Review for 31-60 devices	Fee Of \$250
Review for 61- 90 devices	Fee of \$450
Review for 91+ devices	Fee of \$700

Flammable & Combustible Liquids.

A construction permit is required:

1. To install, repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids. Fee of \$250.
2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used. Fee of \$250 (for tanks, the fee will be PER tank).
3. To install, alter, place temporarily out of service or otherwise dispose of a tank which contained flammable or combustible liquids. Fee of \$250 per tank.
4. To remove or abandon a tank, or tanks, at the same site in the same week, which contained flammable or combustible liquids. Fee of \$250 per project.

LP-Gas.

Permanent tank installation. Fee of \$250 per tank. Temporary tank installation. Fee of \$250 per tank.

Temporary Membrane Structures, Tents and Canopies.

Fee of \$100 per Temporary Tent shall be charged.
Each additional Temporary Tent at the same site is an added fee of \$50.

Failure to obtain permit.

Failure to obtain the proper permit may result in a double fee.

BUILDING PERMIT FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE PROCESS FEE

This fee is charged for Fire Code compliance with construction work. The service includes Fire Code compliance for construction site inspections and assistance to the Building Department plan review process for Fire Code compliance. The Building Official shall assess an additional Fire Code compliance fee for Building Permit issuance based on the valuation of work for the Building Permit. This fee does NOT apply to one and two family dwellings, or permits for only roofing or siding, or Group U occupancies.

The fee shall be rounded to the nearest dollar and based on the following table. The total of this fee shall NOT exceed \$8,000:

Building Permit Valuation	Fee calculation
\$1-500,000	Fee 1. Multiply the permit valuation up to the first \$500,000 by a factor of 0.006 to obtain the fee
\$500,001-1,000,000	Fee 2. Subtract 500,000 from the total permit valuation and multiply this remainder up to and including \$500,000 by 0.003. Add Fee 1 to Fee 2.
1,000,001 AND UP	\$4,500 FOR THE FIRST \$1,000,000 PLUS \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (C of O) TRIP FEE

Shall be assessed to the General Contractor as follows:

CONSTRUCTION C of O TRIP FEE SCHEDULE - CODE DIVISION

Initial Trip	No Charge	If incomplete
Second Trip	No Charge	If incomplete, an inspection fee IS required at the start of third trip.
Third, Fourth, etc.	A fee of \$150	see footnote 1

Footnote 1: A \$150 trip fee is required, whether compliance is met or not at the time of reinspection.

FALSE ALARM FEES

Fire Alarm Systems which are monitored may be assessed a fee for false alarms/unwanted alarms, as defined by adopted fire code, which occur during any consecutive 12-month period of time as follows:

Number of False Alarms	Fee for each False Alarm
1 st alarm	No charge
2-4 alarms	\$150
5 th and above alarms	\$300

Any person or persons causing a false and or malicious fire alarm may be charged or a minor's legal custodian for fire response, personnel, and investigative wages, plus fire apparatus costs during such response.

FIRE REPORT FEE

The fee for a fire report shall be \$10.

GAS LINE RESPONSE FEE

The fee for fire response to gas line breaks which occur may be assessed to the contractor for a fee of \$2,000 for each response.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE FEE

Responses to mitigate hazardous materials incidents may be billed at rates consistent with those listed in the most current Iowa HazMat Fee Policy as established by the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association.

BILLING OF APPARATUS AND PERSONELL-COSTS FOR 3RD PARTIES

A 3rd party requesting or requiring services, such as standby services or other activities that engage city resources, will be charged for apparatus and personnel at the following rates.

Each Employee: Billed at 1 ½ times the current IAFF local 11 union contract day rate for 18yr Captain/Paramedic.

Each Apparatus: Billed at the current schedule of equipment rates published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FEMA equipment description that best describes the city equipment and apparatus will be utilized.

Costs for expenses incurred during 3rd party services in addition to apparatus and personnel, including but not limited to, expended materials, damaged equipment or property, contracted services or equipment, equipment repair, and cleaning, will be billed at the actual costs incurred by the city.

SITE ASSESSMENT FEE

This is a fee assessed to review properties for our record of tanks, ground contamination, or hazardous material spills at a particular site or property. A fee of \$50 per site or property reviewed may be charged for any assessment requiring over 30 minutes of administrative office time.

PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE FEE

Shall be assessed to employers that have Permit-Required Confined Spaces with OSHA required identification of Cedar Rapids Fire Department as the rescue service in their emergency plan. Fees shall be assessed to employers as follows:

Number of Permit-Required Confined Spaces	Fee
1 to 4 Spaces	\$1,000
5 to 15 Spaces	\$2,000
> 15 Spaces	\$3,000

If your business is not a participant in the confined space rescue program, in the event of a confined space rescue at your facility you will be charged \$7,000 per hour. This is a one-hour minimum charge.

BOAT TOW FEE

A fee of \$100 shall be assessed to the owner or operator of any boat that is towed by the Cedar Rapids Fire Department. In addition to the tow fee, the owner or operator of the vessel towed may be billed to recover the costs of any damages to fire department equipment related to the incident.

ELEVATOR RESPONSE FEE

Fees shall be assessed to the building owner for any incident that involves a response for malfunctioning or stalled elevators or associated systems which occur during any consecutive 12-month period. Fees shall be assessed as follows:

Number of Incidents (per previous consecutive 12 months)	Fee for each incident
1 st incident	No charge
2 nd incident	\$250
3 rd and above incident	\$500

Tier II Fee Structure Tier II

The fee structure used by the City of Cedar Rapids is based on the potential risk these chemicals possess. The same table used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was used in the determination of which storage amount code was used in the calculation of the fee. Along with the storage amount code a method of estimating cost of response to incidents was devised. This cost is based on the State model of a HazMat "Work Unit" being five trained personnel. The amount of the chemical present was then used to determine the amount of time and number of "Work Units" needed to mitigate the incident. Also taken into account were those incidents involving Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) [as identified by the EPA] in determining the risk associated with these potential incidents. Below are the EPA storage amount categories and their associated fees.

Category	Lbs		Standard Tier II	EHS
01	0	99	\$100	\$200
02	100	499	\$200	\$400
03	500	999	\$200	\$400
04	1,000	4,999	\$400	\$800
05	5,000	9,999	\$400	\$800
06	10,000	24,999	\$800	\$1,600
07	25,000	49,999	\$800	\$1,600
08	50,000	74,999	\$800	\$1,600
09	75,000	99,999	\$800	\$1,600
10	100,000	499,999	\$1,600	\$3,200
11	500,000	999,999	\$1,600	\$3,200
12	1,000,000	9,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
13	10,000,000	> 10 million	\$3,200	\$6,400

The calculations made to determine the rate by category are as follows:

Category	Work Units Needed	Number of Hours
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01	1	1
02	1	2
03	2	1
04	1	4
05	2	2
06	1	8
07	2	4
08	4	2
09	4	2
10	2	8
11	4	4
12	4	8
13	4	8

(One "Work Unit" will consist of 5 trained personnel at an average rate of \$20.00/hr. EHS rates are double due to the hazards those chemicals present.)

Tier II fees shall not exceed a maximum of \$7,000 per location per reporting period.