



Gainesville Fire Rescue Department

Alternative Revenues

Legislative #150062A

Alternative Revenue Recommendations

- Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fee Modification
- Special Event, Temporary Assembly, After-Hour Inspections and Permit Fees
- Tent Inspection
- Crowd Control Manager Class Fee
- False Fire Alarm Fees

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

- Recommendations:
 1. Increase the fees for larger facilities based on 25K square foot increments versus 50k
 - More equitable fee for larger facilities and businesses with multiple buildings
 2. **Allow for no charge** if no violations are found on the Initial Fire Inspection
 3. **No charge** for re-Inspection if all violations corrected
 4. A **double inspection fee will be charged** if violations are not correct upon re-inspection

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Inspection	Current	Proposed
1st	Base fee based on square footage	No Violations-No Fee Violations Base fee
Re-inspection	Base fee	No Violations –No Fee Violations Double base Fee
2 nd Re-inspection	Base fee	No Violations-No Fee Violations Double Base Fee
3 rd Re-inspection	No Violations Base fee Violations -Citation	No Violations –No Fee Violations Double Fee and Citation

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Current

Fees	Square Footage
\$66.25	0-3000
\$77.25	>3K-5K
\$88.25	>5k-10K
\$99.25	>10K-50K
\$110.25	>50K-100K
\$121.25	>100K-150K
\$132.25	>150K-200K
\$165.50	>200K

Proposed

Fees	Square Footage
\$69.50	0-3000
\$80.50	>3K-5K
\$91.50	>5K-10K
\$102.50	>10K-25K
\$113.50	>25K- 50K
\$124.50	>50K-75K
\$135.50	>75K-100K
\$146.50	>100K-125K
\$157.50	>125K-150K
\$168.50	>150K-175K
\$179.50	>175K-200K
\$11 per addtl. 25K	>200K

Business Count

Size	Business Count
0— 3,000	4614
>3K— 5K:	1496
> 5K— 10K:	1726
>10k – 25k	1508
>25k-50k	361
>50k-75k	115
> 75K-100K	59
>100K-125K	36
>125K-150K	21
>150K-175K	11
>175k-200k	12
>200K	42

- Larger businesses over 25,000 square foot
 - Big Box Stores
 - Warehouse
 - Apartment complexes
 - Hospitals
 - Industrial Facilities
- Some one building, others multiple buildings spread across acres

Inspection Fee Comparison

Organization	Annual Fire Inspection	Re-Inspection
Alachua County Fire Rescue	\$60/Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Charge for first Re-inspection • \$60 for each after the first
	Apartment Buildings: \$60/building in Apartment Complex	

Inspection Fee Comparison

Organization	Annual Fire Inspection	Re- inspection
Clearwater	<p>\$50 per floor for ALF's, Daycares, Nursing Homes, Healthcare facilities (required Annuals)</p> <p>N/C for other periodic Inspections</p>	<p>1st re-inspection= N/C</p> <p>2nd re-inspection < 80,000 Ft ² \$50 > 80,000 Ft² \$100</p> <p>3rd Re-inspection < 80,000 Ft ² \$100 > 80,000 Ft² \$200</p>
Coral Springs	<p>Residential properties: 3—20 units= \$120.65</p> <p>Commercial properties: up to 3,000 ft²= \$126</p> <p>Residential properties: 21 to 100= \$242.25</p> <p>Commercial properties: 3,000- 8,000 ft²= \$248.50</p> <p>Residential properties: > 100 units= \$363</p> <p>Commercial properties: 8,000-30,000 ft²= \$302</p> <p>Commercial properties: > 30,000 ft²= \$778.25</p>	Flat \$175

Inspection Fee Comparison

Organization	Annual Fire Inspection	Re- inspection
Lakeland	Inspection Fee per Occupancy type \$75 to \$300	1 st re-inspection= N/C 2 nd re-inspection \$50
St Petersburg	under 5,000: \$50.00 5,000 to 10,000: \$60.00 10,001 to 20,000: \$70.00 20,001 to 30,000: \$80.00 30,001 to 40,000: \$90.00 40,001 to 50,000: \$100.00 50,001 to 60,000: \$110.00 60,001 to 70,000: \$120.00 70,001 to 80,000: \$130.00 80,001 to 90,000: \$140.00 90,001 to 100,000: \$150.00 Plus \$10.00 for each additional 10,000 square feet above 100,000 square feet	Twice the initial fee

Special Event Inspections

- \$150 per event
- Approximately 20 per year
- Fairs, Arts Festivals, other open outdoor events with large crowds

Temporary Assembly Occupancy

- Approximately 20 per year
- Outdoor or Indoor Assembly
- For concerts or other special events with a large crowd in an enclosed area

Fee	Occupancy
\$75	50-500
\$150	501-1000
\$250	>1000

After Hour Inspections

- \$180 per event to cover cost of overtime
- Comparable to building department fees
- ACFR Charges \$90 per hour
- For after hour inspection requests for special events
- Approximately 20 per year

Tent Fire and Life Safety Inspection

- \$75 fee
- High hazard sales or enclosed areas
- Fireworks Sale
- Christmas Tree Sales

Crowd Manager Training

- \$30 per person
- Training is required by the FFPC
- Schedule 4 classes per year, providing training for approximately 300 crowd managers
- Training is offered through the internet and through other agencies for between \$25 to \$50 per person

Comparison Fees

Organization	Tent Inspection	Special events	After Hours	Site Plan review	Temporary Assembly
Alachua County Fire Rescue	\$60/First tent , \$5 for each additional		\$90 per hour		
Coral Springs				\$182.50 Plus, per square foot= \$0.06	
Clearwater	\$150	\$150		\$200	
City of Tallahassee	\$133	\$80			\$80
Lakeland	\$75	\$175			50-500 \$75 501-1000 \$150 >1000 \$250
Ocala	\$100	\$100		\$25 per phase	

False Alarm Fees

- Current fee structure does not cover cost of response
- Does not discourage owners to reduce incidents
- Does not encourage owners to correct deficiencies

False Alarm Fees

Occurrence	Current	Fee
1 st with valid permit	\$0	\$0
1 st without permit and 2 nd with permit	\$129.75	\$150
3 rd and 4 th	\$129.75	\$200
5 th , 6 th and 7 th	\$297.75	\$400
8 th and above	\$749.75	\$800
System malfunction with timely repair	Fee reduced to \$11.50	Fee reduced to \$11.50

False Fire Alarms

Alarm	Number	Fees Collected 2014	Proposed	Difference
1 st	301			
2 nd	139	\$18,035.25	\$20,850	
3 rd	79	\$10,250.25	\$15,800	
4 th	46	\$5,968.50	\$9,200	
5 th	30	\$8,932.50	\$12,000	
6 th	18	\$5,359.50	\$7,200	
7 th	12	\$3,573	\$4,800	
8 th	7	\$5,248.25	\$5,600	
9 th	5	\$3,748.75	\$4,000	
10 th	1	\$749.75	\$800	
		\$61,865.75	\$80,250	\$18,384.25

False Alarm Reduction

Alarm	ACFR	Ft. Lauderdale	Hillsborough Co	Miami Beach
1 st	\$0	\$0	Warning	
2 nd	\$25	\$413 each addtl.	Warning	
3 rd	\$50		\$75	
4 th	\$50		\$100	\$50
5 th	\$200		\$150	\$100
6 th	\$200		\$300	\$200
7 th and 8 th	\$400		\$500 each Addtl.	\$200 each addtl.
9 th and above	\$800			

Proposed Modifications Fire Fees FY16

QUESTIONS?