

Valley Regional Fire Authority 2025 Fee Schedule

Effective January 1, 2025 and will remain in effect unless amended by the VRFA Board of Governance

	Activity	Fee
1	Building Department Review (Includes Initial Inspection)	
1.1	Commercial Occupancy Review	35% of Jurisdictional Permit Fee ¹
1.2	Multi-Family Occupancy Review (R2)	20% of Jurisdictional Permit Fee ¹
1.3	Other Permit Fees (mechanical, plumbing etc...)	\$272.00 ³
1.4	Revisions to previously reviewed plans	\$272.00 ³
1.5	Single Family Occupancy Review (R3)	15% of Jurisdictional Fee ²
2	Land Use Reviews	
2.1	Boundary Line Adjustment	\$137.00 ³
2.2	Civil Reviews (FAC, hydrant placement, fire flow, fire department access, grading)	\$272.00 ³
2.3	Preliminary Plat and Plat Reviews (subdivisions)	\$272.00 ³
2.4	Other Permit Fees (miscellaneous, administrative, etc...)	\$137.00 ³
2.5	SEPA review	\$272.00 ³
2.6	Short Plat Review	\$272.00 ³
2.7	Variances	\$137.00 ³
2.8	Water Availability Reviews	\$137.00 ³
3	Fire Protection Systems (Includes Plan Review and Initial 2 Inspections)⁴	
	Fire Sprinkler Systems	
3.1	Commercial Fire Sprinkler System	\$447.00 + \$0.75 per sprinkler head over 10 heads ³
3.2	Commercial Fire Sprinkler System with a Fire Pump.	\$812.00 + \$0.75 per sprinkler head over 10 heads ⁴
3.3	Residential Fire Sprinkler System	\$137.00
3.4	Underground Fire Sprinkler Line (Commercial and Residential) (WAC 51-54A-0105.6.25)	\$447.00 per system / building ³
3.5	Fire Sprinkler Over the Counter Permit (9 heads or less)	\$137.00
	Fire Alarm Systems	
3.6	Commercial Fire Alarm Systems	\$447.00 + \$5.00 per device over 5 devices ³
3.7	Fire Alarm Over the Counter Permit (4 devices or less)	\$137.00
	Spray Booth Installation	
3.8	Spray Booth Installation (MEC or TEN)	\$137.00 ³
3.9	Spray Booth Fire Protection System	\$447.00 + \$0.75 per device over 10 devices ³
	Other Fire Protection Systems	
3.1	Commercial Kitchen Fire Protection System	\$447.00 + \$0.75 per sprinkler head over 10 heads ³
3.1	Commercial: Other Fire Protection Systems (clean agent, FM200, wet or dry chemical, CO2, foam, mist, inert gas, and other systems)	\$447.00 + \$0.75 per sprinkler head over 10 heads ³

3.1	Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System (DAS)	\$447.00	+ \$0.75 per device ³
4	Other Fire Permits (Includes Plan Review and Initial 2 inspections) ⁴		
4.1	Battery Systems	\$812.00	³
4.2	New Business License Review		Included with Fire Benefit Charge
4.3	Compressed Gases	\$812.00	³
4.4	Cryogenic Fluids	\$812.00	³
4.6	Flammable and Combustible Liquids (including above ground tanks, below ground tanks, dip tanks, etc...) installation and repair	\$812.00	³
4.7	Commercial Flammable and Combustible Liquids tank removal	\$447.00	³
4.8	Hazardous Materials Facility	\$812.00	³
4.9	Industrial Ovens	\$812.00	³
4.1	LP Gas Commercial	\$812.00	³
4.1	LP Gas Residential	\$447.00	³
4.1	Marijuana Extraction Systems (WAC 105.7.19)	\$812.00	³
4.1	Commercial Heating Tank Removal	\$447.00	³
4.1	Residential Home Heating Tank Removal	\$137.00	³
4.2	Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems, Residential	\$137.00	³
4.2	Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems, Commercial	\$812.00	³
4.2	Other Miscellaneous Plan Review not listed	\$447.00	³
4.2	Working without a permit or ahead of the permit		Double the permit and inspection fee
	Temporary Use Fire Permits (Includes Plan Review and Initial 2 inspections) 4		
4.2	Temporary Use Fire Permit for Special Events (Outdoor Events, Carnivals, Fairs....)	\$272.00	³
4.2	Fireworks Display Permit	\$447.00	¹¹
4.2	Fireworks Sales Permit without a tent	\$104.00	^{3, 10, 11}
4.2	Fireworks Sales Permit with a tent	\$272.00	+ \$100 ^{3,10,11}
5	Inspection Fees		
5.1	Initial Inspection		Included in the permit fee
5.2	1st Re-inspection		Included in the permit fee
5.3	2nd Re-inspection	\$272.00	for first 2 hours ³
5.4	Any subsequent (after 2nd) re-inspection	\$272.00	for first 2 hours ³
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5.5	After Hours Inspection (Outside of normal business hours)	\$206.00	per hour (2 hour minimum) ^{3,8,9}
5.6	Progressive Inspections (beyond the first 2 inspections)	\$137.00	per hour (2 hour minimum) ³

5.7	Re-inspection (due to a failure to cancel appointment or work not ready for inspection at time of appointment)	\$137.00 per hour (2 hour minimum) ³
6	Pre-Application Fees	
6.1	Pre-Application Fees	Included with Fire Benefit Charge
7	Consultant Fees	
7.1	Use of Outside Consultants for Plan Review and Inspection, and Rapid Access Equipment	Actual Costs
8	Other Fire Authority Fees	
8.1	Fire Ambulance Transport Fee	\$1,400.00
8.2	Fire Ambulance Transport Mileage Fee	\$23.00 per mile
8.3	The Compliance Engine Administrative Fee per submittal	\$20.00
	False Alarm Responses (within a calendar year)	
	Preventable Nuisance or Malfunction Alarm - 1st and 2nd violation	No Penalty
	Preventable Nuisance or Malfunction Alarm - 3rd violation	\$84.00
	Preventable Nuisance or Malfunction Alarm - 4 or more violations	\$167.00
	Public Records Requests RCW70.020.010 & WAC 246-08-400	
	Description	Rate
	General Records - paper copies	\$0.15 per page
	General Records - scanned copies	\$0.10 per page + cost of media
	General Records - Electronic copies	\$0.05 per 4 electronic files and \$0.10 per gigabyte
	Outsourced copying & scanning	Actual cost + cost of media
	Records mailed or shipped	Actual cost of postage and container
	Video and audio tapes	Actual cost to reproduce
	Medical Incident Reports - HITECH	\$6.50 per report
	Medical Incident Reports - Clerical Fee	
	Medical Incident Reports - paper copies - Pages 1-30	\$1.24 per page
	Medical Incident Reports - paper copies - Pages 31+	\$.90 per page
10	OPERATIONAL PERMITS	
All Operational Permits listed in the International Fire Code Section 105.6 are included with the Fire Benefit Charge.		

Explanatory notes:

1. The VRFA establishes its review and inspection fees on a percentage of the permit fee assessed by the authority having jurisdiction. Using a percentage of the jurisdictional fee as the basis of VRFA fees eliminates the need to adjust the VRFA fee schedule every time a jurisdictional fee changes.
2. The fee only applies to single family occupancies that require fire protection systems.
3. Hourly rate is based on the direct costs of VRFA staff time, salary, benefits, overhead, administrative costs, and resources.
4. Includes plan review and first two inspections.
5. Preventable nuisance and malfunction false alarms exist to reduce unwarranted calls that remove emergency apparatus from service. Though there is no penalty for 1st and 2nd violations, it provides the opportunity for the VRFA to educate owners about any mechanical problems within a system that may not be the fault of occupancy tenants. It further grants the opportunity for repair technicians to correct any deficiencies that may exist. Subsequent false alarms incur a penalty in an attempt to encourage needed repairs of the associated systems.
6. The VRFA Fire Marshal is authorized to reduce any fees for permits. In compelling cases where the applicant- the party responsible for payment of such fees - is an organization exempt from taxation under 26 USC 501(c)(3), and where the permit relates directly to the provision of charitable services to residences of the VRFA service area, the VRFA Fire Marshal is vested with discretion to reduce any fees for permits, publications, and actions by up to 50%.
7. Permits that are not completed and no project improvements are made can, in writing, ask for the inspection fees to be refunded.
8. The VRFA will attempt to accommodate a client's requests for inspections outside of normal working hours. If there is not an inspector available, the request may be denied. If a client requests such inspection and the inspection cannot be completed for any of the reasons outlined above, the Department shall retain the minimum inspection fee and is authorized to deny any future requests. A 24 hour notice for cancellations is required for refund of fees.
9. After hour inspection fees are charged when an inspection is performed outside of normal work hours at the client's request.
10. Fees in accordance to RCW 70.77.555
11. If an inspection for a fireworks display/firework sales permit is scheduled outside of normal VRFA hours for the Fire Marshal's Office, it will be billed at a two hour minimum in accordance with line 5.5 in this fee schedule.