



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
NEW BEDFORD, MA
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CITY CLERK

February 9, 2022

City Council President, Linda Morad
And Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Order to Adopt an Updated Fire Department Fee Schedule

Dear Council President Morad and Members of the City Council:

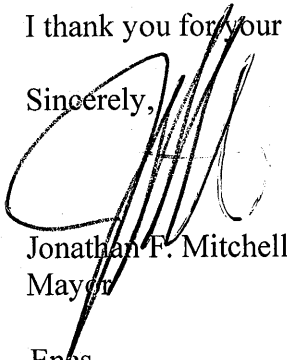
I am enclosing for your approval an ORDER updating the New Bedford Fire Department's Fee Schedule. The Order is enclosed. The City's current Fee Schedule is seven years old and as the Fire Department's enclosed review of comparable municipalities' fees shows, New Bedford's fees are behind the local norm. This Order's updates will bring New Bedford in line with fees charged in the area.

The revenue raised from the fees will also help to defray the cost to taxpayers of personnel and other administration expenses for permit. If this schedule is approved by the City Council, the anticipated revenue increase is approximately \$160,000 annually.

A representative from the Fire Department will be available at the meeting to answer any questions you have regarding this Order.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

Encs.

cc: Scott Kruger, Fire Chief



City of New Bedford



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Kruger
Fire Chief

Wednesday January 25, 2023

To: Mayor Jon Mitchell

Subject: Request for Fire Prevention Permit & Inspection Fee Increase

The Department is respectfully requesting your approval of the attached fee schedule. The current fee schedule became effective in June 2016, meaning the fees have not been increased in seven years. The current approved fees lag current fees charged by the cities of Fall River, Attleboro, Taunton, and Brockton. Our fee schedule has been increased to reflect the fees charged by the four cities listed in the spread sheet. The fee schedule has also been updated to reflect current fees allowed by MGL Chapter 148 and 527 CMR. If this schedule is approved by the City Council, the anticipated revenue increase is approximately \$160,000 annually.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Kruger".

Scott Kruger
Fire Chief

Fire Prevention Fee Schedule Comparison										
	New Bedford	Fall River	Attleboro		Taunton		Brockton		Suggested Updated Fee	
Single Family 26F SD Inspection	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		
Two Family 26F SD Inspection	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$100.00	
Three-Six Family 26F SD Inspection	\$50 + \$25 per unit	\$ 150.00	\$50 per unit	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150	
Seven Family or more	\$50 + \$25 for each add. Unit	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	
Oil Burner Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 55.00			
Welding Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed			
Cannon Display	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed							
Blasting Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00		\$60.00	
Hydrogen Storage	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed		\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	not listed			
LPG Storage (propane)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00				
Model Rockets	\$ 15.00	not listed	not listed		\$ 10.00	not listed				
UST Removal	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$200.00 per tank	\$ 300.00			\$200.00		
AST Removal	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00				\$200.00	
Install UST	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$50	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	not listed				
Install AST	\$75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$200.00 per tank	\$ 45.00					
Black Powder	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	not listed	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00					
Tent Permit	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	not listed		not listed				\$25.00	
Fire Reports	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00				\$15.00	
Fireworks	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00				\$25.00	
Tank Truck Inspection	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00					
Fumigation/Fogging Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed		not listed					
Circus/Carnival Permit	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed		not listed					
Tank Registration Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$50.00 per tank	\$ 40.00 per tank	\$ 100.00				\$100.00	
Sprinkler & Kitchen Suppression Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$200 kitchen \$300 sprinkler	not listed					
Auto Fire Report Forms 33C & D	\$ 5.00	not listed	not listed		not listed					
Site Assessment 21E	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	not listed	\$ 150.00	\$100.00 per hour				\$100.00	
Quarterly Inspection	\$ 100.00	\$100.00/\$200.00 hospitals	not listed	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				\$100.00	
Dumpster Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	not listed						\$150.00	
Maintain & Store Combustibles	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed	\$ 50.00	not listed					
Annual Inspections	\$ 25.00	not listed	not listed	\$ 150.00	not listed					
Fire Alarm Modification	\$ 35.00	not listed	\$ 50.00						\$50.00	
Hazardous Materials	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed	\$ 50.00	not listed				\$50.00	
Slurry Fill AST/UST	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed							
Unvented LNG/LPG Gas Heaters	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	not listed	\$ 50.00	not listed					
Ventles Fireplace	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed							
Fire Alarm Access Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ 375.00	not listed						\$250.00	
Kilns	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed							
Floor Finishing or Refinishing	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed							
Chapter 304 Permits (Liquor Licenses)	\$ 50.00	not listed	not listed							
Master Box Annual Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	not listed	\$ 150.00	\$ 440.00				\$200.00	
Master Box Service Charge	\$35 to fees/min 1 hr	\$ 375.00	not listed		\$30-\$65 per/hr					
Plan Review	\$35 per hr/\$100 minimum	\$0.05 per sqft/\$100 min	\$ 50.00		\$ 100.00					
Central Station False Alarms	\$ 25.00	not listed	not listed							
System Testing	\$35 to fees/min 1 hr	not listed	not listed							
Addressable Fire Alarm System Testing	\$70 to fees/min 1 hr	not listed	not listed							
Permit Inspection	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	not listed	\$ 300.00	not listed				\$50.00	
Reinspection Fee	100% of fee	\$ 500.00	not listed	\$30, sprinklers \$150	\$ 45.00					