



Fire and Rescue Department

Fee Schedule Update – Chapter 62 and Chapter 61, Appendix Q

February 27, 2024

Chapter 62 – Fire Protection Fee Schedule



Part of County Code Related to Fire Protection



Establishes Fire Marshal Fees for Permits and Inspections



Last Fee Update was January 2015 (FY2016)

**CHAPTER 62
FIRE PROTECTION**

Article 1. IN GENERAL

Section 62-2-7. Fairfax County Fire Prevention Code.
The regulations set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the County of Fairfax and shall be herein referred to as such or as this Code.

Section 62-2-8. Amendments, additions, deletions to the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.
The Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended and changed pursuant to Section 27-97 of the Code of Virginia in the following respects:

Table 107.2. Amended as follows:

CHAPTER 62. – Fire Protection

Table 107.2. Delete and Substitute as follows: Table 107.2. Duration of permit is 365 days, unless otherwise noted. Amended as follows:

Line #	Code Reference	Description	Flat Fee	New Flat Fee	Hourly Fee	New Hourly Fee
1	5107.2	Section 1 - Detailed Operational Permit Requirements. Note: All permit fees are per line item that applies				
2	107.2	Aerosol Products, Level 2 or 3. An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity in excess of 500 pounds net weight.	\$460	\$195		
3	107.2	Amusement Buildings, Permanent. An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity in excess of 500 pounds net weight.	\$460	\$195		
4	403.12.2	Amusement Buildings, Temporary or Mobile. An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.	\$460	\$195		
5	2001.3	Aviation Facilities. An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S Occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles.	\$150	\$195		
6	107.2	Assembly, Indoor (to include Exhibits and Trade Shows). An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows. Permit is valid for up to 30 days, but not past event date.	\$460	\$195		

Chapter 61 - Appendix Q – LDS Fee Schedule



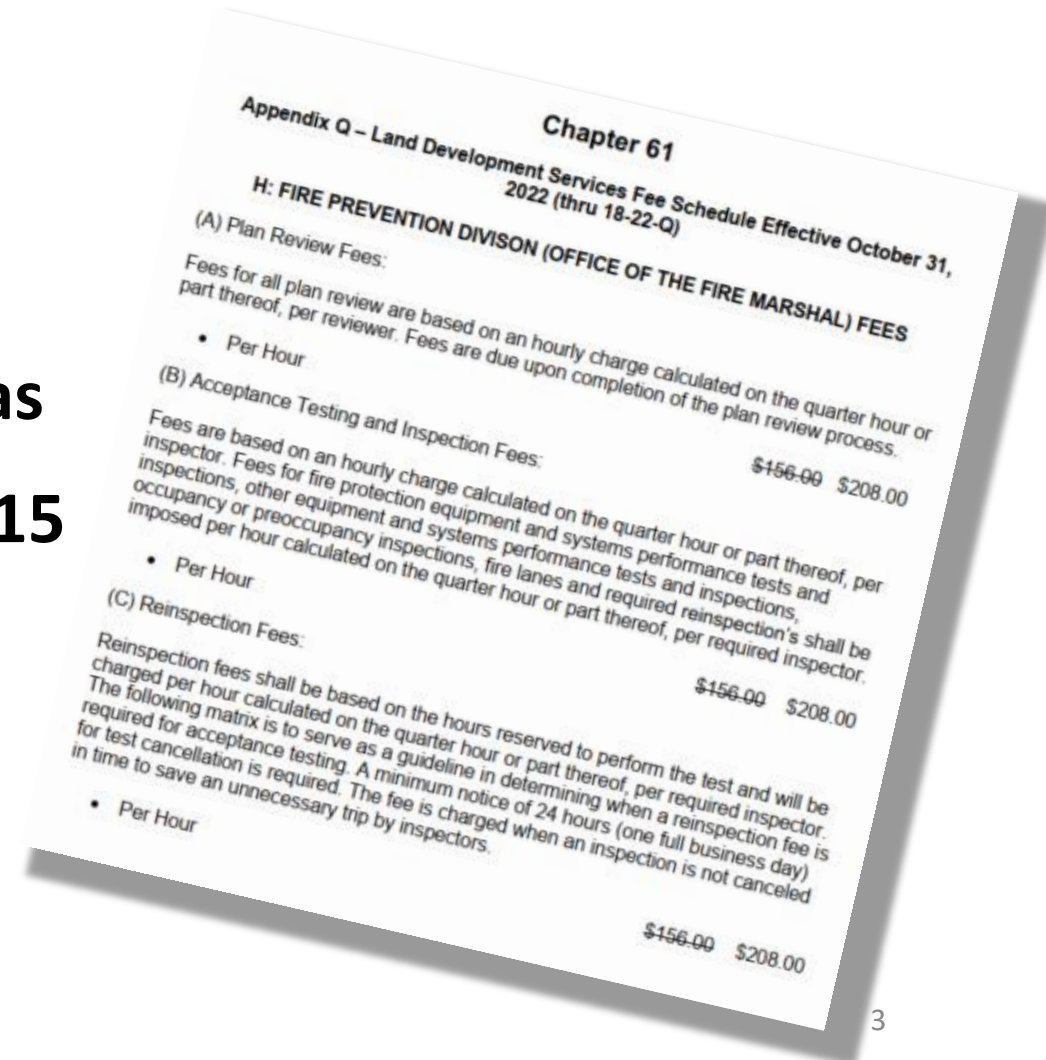
**Appendix to
Municipal
Code for
Building
Provisions**



**Establishes
Fire Marshal
Fees for Plan
Review,
Acceptance
Testing and
Inspections**



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Why are fees increasing?

Support Compensation and Operational Needs

Ensure Quality of Services

Align Fees with Neighboring Jurisdictions


CPI Inflation Calculator

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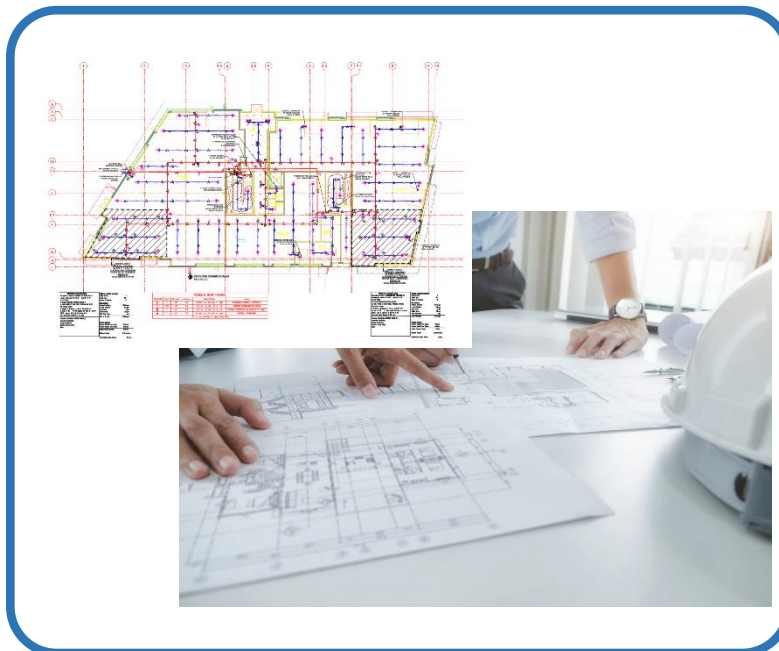
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Why Are Fees Increasing?



No Fee Change Since 2015 (FY2016)



Cost Recovery in FY2016 was Nearly 100%



Cost Recovery has Trended Downward in Recent Years

Cost Recovery was 81% in FY2022 (Actual)
Cost Recovery was 76% in FY2023 (Actual)
Cost Recovery is 71% in FY2024 (Estimated)

Why Are Fees Increasing?

County Executive's FY 2025 Advertised Budget Plan



Reflects an Increase of 35% in Fire Marshal Expenditures Compared to FY2016



FY2025 Estimated Revenues, Based on Existing Rates, Indicate a 9% Decline



Projected FY2025 Cost Recovery Will Be Less Than 70% Without a Fee Increase

Proposed Changes

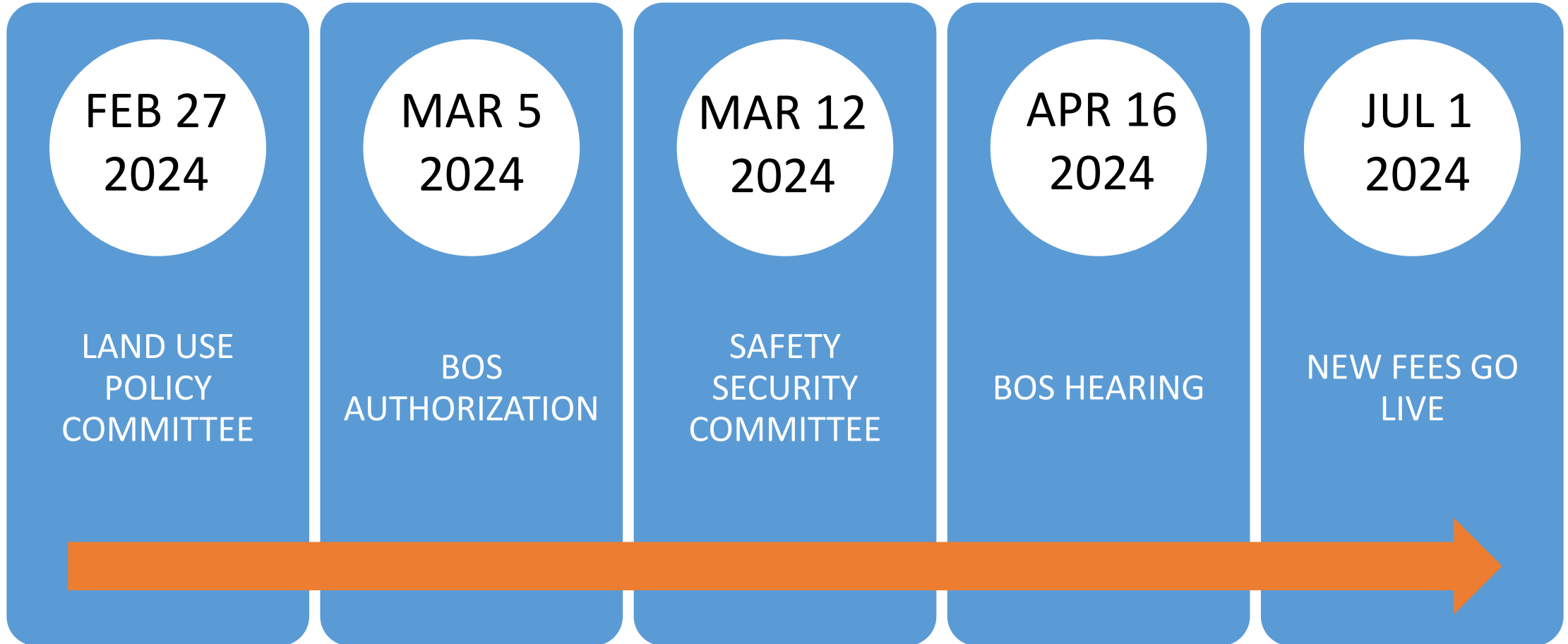
Fee	Current	Proposed	Percent Increase
Permit and Inspection Fees	\$150	\$195	30%
Plan Review and Acceptance Testing	\$156/hr	\$208/hr	33%

Future Fee Increases

Coordinate with partnering agencies and Board of Supervisors on any future fee increases based on average compensation increases, other operating costs and cost recovery rate



Timeline for Updating Fire Marshal Fees



Thank You

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