

Excerpt of False Alarm Inspection Fee Schedule

CATEGORY II ALARMS. An alarm requiring a fire district response where a fire department inspection reveals the alarm was caused by a system malfunction, by a user error, or by an undetermined cause.

SYSTEM MALFUNCTION. An alarm which a fire district inspection reveals was caused by: (1) poor or improper maintenance; (2) improper installation of alarm equipment, hardware, or wiring; or, (3) improper action of the alarm monitoring center or fire alarm installation/testing company.

UNDETERMINED CAUSE. Any alarm for which a fire district inspection does not reveal the apparent cause.

USER ERROR. The intentional or negligent act or omission of an agent, employee, contractor, or representative of the owner, occupant, or lessee.

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CATEGORY I Alarms. A fee shall not be assessed.

CATEGORY II Alarms. The owner, or a representative of the owner, of a fire alarm system transmitting a Category II alarm shall be assessed a fee in accordance with Fee Schedule Table 2. There is no limit on the amount of Category II alarm fees that may be assessed in a calendar year or calendar quarter.

Where multiple buildings are protected by a single system, the number of Category II alarms caused by system malfunction shall be counted separately for each building, if the location of the malfunction can be ascertained.

EXCEPTION: Category II alarms transmitted in the first 30 calendar days after the fire district accepts a new system for service shall not be included in the number of alarms.

Table 2

Category II Emergency Alarm Inspection Fee

The fees set forth in Table 2 shall progressively increase by an additional \$100.00 for each Category II alarm after the first chargeable alarm, with no fee limit in any one calendar year or calendar quarter.

Number of Alarms	Fee For Each Alarm	
	Alarms within a calendar year for a system serving: 1. Any apartment building; or 2. Commercial buildings ¹ : (a) less than 180,000 sq. ft.; and, (b) with 5 or fewer tenants	Alarms within a calendar quarter for a system serving commercial buildings ¹ : 1. 180,000 sq. ft. or larger or 2. With more than 5 tenants
1	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	\$0.00	\$200.00
4	\$200.00	\$300.00
5	\$300.00	\$400.00
6	\$400.00	\$500.00
7 or more	Progressively increasing at \$100 increments	Progressively increasing at \$100 increments

¹ For the purpose of this table, commercial buildings include all buildings other than apartment houses and one- or two-family dwellings.

Unauthorized Work Inspection Fee. Any person or entity who commences any work before obtaining a construction permit required by IFC Section 105.7 shall be subject to an inspection fee in an amount equal to the amount of the Construction Permit Fee or \$250.00, whichever is greater. The fee shall be separate from and in addition to a Construction Permit Fee. Payment of the inspection fee shall not relieve any person from compliance with all other provisions of this code or from any penalty prescribed by law. The inspection fee shall be assessed whether or not a construction permit is then or subsequently issued.

EXCEPTION: When approved in writing by the fire code official, work may commence prior to obtaining a construction permit.