

**Fire Department existing fees assessed comparison & increase request**

**Daycares:**

Winston Salem: \$50.00, proposed increase \$75.00

Greensboro: \$75-250 (depending on how many licensed for)

Charlotte: \$135-190

Raleigh: \$0.154 per square foot

Durham: \$0

High Point: \$0

Guilford County: \$60.00

Chapel Hill: \$50.00 - \$300.00 based on square footage

Concord: \$75.00 (Daycare and Group Homes)

Fayetteville: \$75.00 - \$350.00 based on square footage and type

**Pyrotechnics display:**

Winston Salem: \$100.00, proposed increase \$200.00

Greensboro: \$250 1<sup>st</sup> event; subsequent events \$125 proposed increase to \$300. /\$150.

Charlotte: \$270

Raleigh: \$171

Durham: \$250

High Point: \$0

Guilford County: \$125.00 permit & 1st event, subsequent event(s) \$125.00

Chapel Hill: \$50.00 per event

Concord: \$300.00 per day and site

Fayetteville: \$250

**Tents:**

Winston Salem: \$50.00, proposed increase \$100.00

Greensboro: \$100 proposed increase \$150.

Charlotte: \$135

Raleigh: \$82 (per tent), \$276 (tents in excess of 15,000 sq ft, per tent)

Durham: \$150 (assembly), \$75 (other tents), additional \$150 (after-hours inspection)

**High Point:** Fee on the construction permit side. Need fee for afterhours and weekend inspections.

Guilford County: \$100.00 per tent/stage inspection (includes re-inspections)

Chapel Hill: \$50.00 per tent, stage, and canopies 90-day permit and inspection

Concord: \$50.00 + .01/SF tents and canopies

Fayetteville: \$75.00

**Blasting permit:**

Winston Salem: \$100.00, proposed increase \$200.00

Greensboro: \$200/90 days max, proposed increase \$300.

Charlotte: \$270/1 year

Raleigh: \$332/30 days

Durham: \$250/60 days, \$75 for 30-day extension

**High Point: \$0**

Guilford County: \$125.00 30-day permit and inspection, \$200.00 90-day

Chapel Hill: \$50.00 30-day permit and inspection, Blasting and/or storage of explosives

Concord: \$100.00 for 1-day or \$300.00 for 90-days

Fayetteville: \$250

**Tank removal:**

Winston Salem: Currently \$100.00 per site, proposed increase \$100.00 per tank

Greensboro: \$100 per tank, proposed increase \$150 per tank

Charlotte: \$235

Raleigh: \$166 per tank

Durham: \$250 per site

**High Point:** \$100 per tank on the construction permit side

Guilford County: \$100.00 per tank inspection or abatement

Chapel Hill: \$150.00

Concord: \$250.00 per site

**Overcrowding:**

Winston Salem: Currently \$500.00 flat fee, proposed \$100 per person over the posted occupancy

Greensboro: \$100 per person over posted occupant limit

Raleigh: \$100 per person

Durham: \$500

Charlotte: \$0

**High Point: \$0**

Guilford County: Life Safety Violation 1<sup>st</sup> \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000.00

Chapel Hill: Life Safety Violation \$500.00 per violation

Concord: \$500.00 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$1,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> offense 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial per calendar year

Fayetteville: \$100.00 per person over posted number allowed

**Blocked Exits:**

Winston Salem: \$300.00 per door proposed

Greensboro: \$500/per door (1<sup>st</sup> offense), \$1,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> offense), \$1,500 (3<sup>rd</sup> offense)

Raleigh: \$100

Durham: \$500

Charlotte: \$0

**High Point: \$0**

Guilford County: Life Safety Violation 1<sup>st</sup> \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000.00

Chapel Hill: Life Safety Violation \$500.00 per violation

Concord: \$500.00 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$1,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> offense blocked or locked

Fayetteville: \$500.00 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense in the period of a year

Existing fees listed above need to be increased to be in line with other cities in North Carolina.  
Fees increased based on averages for each permit/inspection.

**Fire code violations:**

Winston Salem: 1<sup>st</sup> re-inspection: Currently \$75 (proposed) \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> re-inspection: Currently \$150 (proposed) \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> re-inspection: Currently \$150 (proposed) \$400

Greensboro: \$150 (1<sup>st</sup> re-insp), \$300 (2<sup>nd</sup> re-insp), \$400 (3<sup>rd</sup> re-insp)

Charlotte: \$0 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> re-insp), \$135 (3<sup>rd</sup> re-insp)

Raleigh: \$71 (1<sup>st</sup> re-insp), \$71 (2<sup>nd</sup> re-insp), \$71 (3<sup>rd</sup> re-insp)

Durham: \$65 (1<sup>st</sup> re-insp), \$65 (2<sup>nd</sup> re-insp), \$65 (3<sup>rd</sup> re-insp)

**High Point: \$0**

Guilford County: \$60 (1<sup>st</sup> reinspection) \$100 (2<sup>nd</sup> reinspection) \$200 (3<sup>rd</sup> reinspection)

Chapel Hill: Tiered system, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> re-inspections cost same as initial inspection fee

Concord: \$50.00 reinspection

Fayetteville: \$100 first offense, \$250 second offense, \$500 for each subsequent offense annually

**Plan review/new construction new fees**

Commercial Plan Review (proposed)

Nonresidential under 4000 square feet

Nonresidential, 4000 to 15,000 square feet

Nonresidential, 15,001 to 40,000 square feet

Nonresidential, 40,001 square feet and greater

Condo/Apartment projects

Cell towers/Co-locates

Code Item Point Reviews, such as exterior lighting, Mag Locks, ect.

Review with Construction side for fees based on recovering fire inspectors' cost for service.

**Fire Pump acceptance test:**

Winston Salem: proposed 150.00

Greensboro: \$150

Charlotte: \$205

Raleigh: \$624

Durham: \$0

High Point: \$0

Guilford County: \$150.00 (sprinkler/standpipe/pump test)

Chapel Hill: \$100.00

Concord; \$150.00 permit fee, \$150.00 test fee

Fayetteville: \$75.00 per visit

This fee will be assessed during the new construction process. Typically, fire pumps take longer than other fire protection features during the fire pump commissioning.



**After Hours inspection fee (any inspection):**

**Justification:** From time to time, our department gets requests for after-hours inspections for certain events. Currently, we have no way to recoup the personnel costs of overtime, fuel, vehicle maintenance, etc. This fee would help with the additional costs associated with an after-hours inspection.

Winston Salem: proposed 200.00 (for 1 hour inspection, 1 hour travel time)

High Point: \$0

Chapel Hill: \$75.00 per hour

Concord: \$35.00 per hour with 2 hour minimum

Fayetteville: \$75.00 per visit plus \$50 per additional hour, weekends, and afterhours request

**Exhibit or trade show:**

Winston Salem: proposed 100.00

Raleigh: \$166

Charlotte: \$190

Durham: \$75

Greensboro: \$100 proposed \$150.

High Point: \$0

Chapel Hill: \$50.00

Concord: \$150.00 event or \$2500.00 annually

Fayetteville: \$75.00 per visit

This is a mandatory permit in the fire code and the department does not charge for this type of inspection. Currently, our Inspectors complete these inspections as a courtesy inspection.

**Requested inspection outside the inspections schedule:**

Winston Salem: proposed \$100.00

Raleigh: \$82 + fee based on square footage (called special inspection request)

Charlotte: \$135

Durham: \$0

Greensboro: \$100 proposed \$150

High Point: \$0

Concord: \$100.00

Fayetteville: \$75.00 per visit

This fee will apply to businesses or companies that want or require inspections annually for licensing purposes and are not scheduled to be inspected every year. This fee will allow the department to charge for the inspection since it will create an additional workload on the inspectors/investigators. This could apply to requested courtesy inspections as well.

**Failure to maintain or inspect Fire protection system:**

Winston Salem: proposed \$300.00

Durham: \$75 (life safety violation)

Raleigh: \$100 (life safety violation)

Charlotte: \$0

Greensboro: \$150 reinspection 1<sup>st</sup> visit with remaining violation

High Point: \$0

Fayetteville: \$100

**Recommendations**

1. All other fees not mentioned are being evaluated for implementation and will be in line with other cities
2. All fees collected come back to the fire department general fund/revenue line to offset cost for inspectors

**Fire Inspections, Prevention, Hazardous Materials, and Standby Fees 12-9-2021**

Fire Inspection Routine N/C, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinspection \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> reinsp. \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> reinsp. \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> \$200 & Judicial

Daycare inspection \$50

Foster Care Inspection \$50

Group Home Inspection \$50

ABC Permit State required Fire Inspection \$50

Complaint Inspection \$50 if complaint is found to be valid

Requested Inspection outside of routine inspections schedule \$100

After normal business hours inspection \$200

**Violation Fees**

Life Safety Violations One Year Period, 1<sup>st</sup> violation \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> violation \$1000

Locked or blocked exit doors, Life Safety Violation fee assessed per door

Overcrowding \$100 per person each occurrence

Unauthorized Operation or Occupancy 1<sup>st</sup> violation \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> violation \$500

Failure to post or Improper posting of address \$50

Failure to post or improper posting of FDC sign \$50

Failure to maintain or inspect fire protection systems \$100 (building or hood)

Non-functioning fire detection or suppression systems 1<sup>st</sup> \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500 & judicial

Occupant on call list fails to respond for incident \$100

Intentional/Malicious False Report of an incident or alarm \$150 & vehicle/apparatus response cost

Novelty Lanterns or Illegal Fireworks \$100

**Permit & Inspection Fees**

Pyrotechnics Display \$200 per event (includes fire engine, crew and inspector standby for shoot)

Blasting & Explosives \$150 for 1-day, \$300 for 90-days max

Tent, Stage or Canopies \$50 each (assembly/cooking) \$25 each (multiple tents at event or festival)

Underground Tank removal, abatement, or installation \$100 per tank

Fire Pump acceptance test \$150

Sprinkler/Standpipe or Alarm System acceptance test \$150

Exhibit or Trade Shows \$100 per building or outside exhibit



**Fees for Service**

Fire Hydrant/Water availability flow test FD Personnel \$100

Witness Fire test \$50

Environmental/Fire Survey \$50 per address

**Apparatus, Vehicles, Equipment and Personnel Fees for Stand-by, Legal, In-kind.**

Engine Company \$150 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Truck/Ladder Company \$250 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Heavy Rescue \$200 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Light duty Quick Response vehicles \$50 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Chief Officer \$50 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Inspector/Investigator \$50 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Safety Officer \$50 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Specialty Companies (Haz-Mat, Tech Rescue) \$300 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Specialty Company (Dive/Water Rescue/Recovery) \$200 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Gator or specialty units \$50 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Support vehicle, trailer \$25 (Per unit per hour or any part thereof)

Personnel recalled or duty \$ (Time and half of the hourly salary of recalled personnel)

## Response To Hazardous Materials Emergencies: Fees and Charges

1. Engine Company Response = \$175 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
2. Ladder Company Response = \$175 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
3. Rescue Company Response = \$175 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
4. Modified Hazardous Materials Response = \$175 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
5. Full Hazardous Materials Response = \$350 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
6. Battalion Chief Response = \$50 per hour, assessed in half hour increments after the first hour.
7. Any other actual costs of abatement, control, and containment of Hazardous Materials to include, but not limited to: any supplies, materials, equipment, and/or firefighting foam which may be required.