

PERMITS AND FEES REQUIRED BY THE CEDAR RAPIDS FIRE CODE

Permits shall be in accordance with Section 105 of the Cedar Rapids Fire Code. There shall be two types of permits: Construction and Operational.

FIRE INSPECTION FEES

Owner(s) of a property with one or more structures. The owner(s) of a property being inspected shall be charged at a rate of \$75 per hour for inspection time and computer entry time. The owner(s) of a property being inspected shall be charged \$25 for each 20 minutes of inspection time and related computer entry time. Time segments shall be rounded up to the next 20 minute period for fee calculation.

Tenants located within a structure. With agreement with the Fire Code Official and the owner of a structure, tenants within that structure shall be charged fire fees at \$25 for each 20 minutes of inspection and computer entry time related to that tenant space. Time segments shall be rounded up to the next 20 minute period for fee calculation. Owners shall remain responsible for fire inspection fees for all other areas within the structure.

Recheck Inspections. There shall be no fire inspection fee charged for the first re-inspection of owner or tenant spaces within a structure. Each subsequent re-inspection of an owner or tenant space may be charged fire inspection fees at \$25 for each 20 minutes of inspection time and related computer entry time. Time segments shall be rounded up to the next 20 minute period for fee calculation.

Trip charge. A fee of \$50 may be charged for inability to access a structure or tenant space for inspection for a scheduled appointment.

Complaint Inspection. A complaint inspection where fire code infractions are found may be charged \$75 for the first 20 minutes of inspection time (this fee includes drive time and computer entry time). The owner / tenant of a property being inspected shall be charged \$25 for each additional 20 minutes of inspection time and computer entry time.

OPERATION PERMITS

105.6 Required operational permits. The code official is authorized to issue operational permits renewable annually for the operations set forth in the Cedar Rapids Fire Code 2003 Sections 105.6.1 through 105.6.46 plus issue operation permits for State required operations, which include Health Care, Day Care, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, and businesses which sell or distribute alcohol.

Operational Permits. \$50 shall be added to each inspection with operational permit(s) for drive time and computer entry time.

In addition to required Fire Inspection Fees an additional \$25 fee shall be charged for **each** operational permit required, except as specified below for operational permits.

Repair Garage. Compressed gases fees shall not be an additional permit charge when issuing a Repair Garage Operation Permit.

Carbon Dioxide. CO₂ used for beverages in conjunction with a business or Place of Assembly shall not be charged additional fees.

State License. Oxygen cylinders shall not be an additional permit charge when issuing a State License Operation Permit for Health Care operations.

\$ 60 CAFO 105.6.4 Carnivals and Fairs.

\$ 100 ETO 105.6.13 Exhibits and Trade Shows.

\$ 100 EXO 105.6.14 Explosives.

\$ 30 OBO 105.6.30 Open Burning.

\$ 70 OFT 105.6.31 Open Flames and Torches.

\$ 70 OFCO 105.6.32 Open Flames and Candles.

\$ 55 PAO 105.6.34 Places of Assembly. An annual operational permit is required to operate an outdoor Assembly event (typically a 'special event' committee review is also required).

\$ 115 PYO 105.6.36 Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material. Charged per site and per event.

\$ 0 TETO 105.6.43 Temporary Membrane Structures, Tents and Canopies.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

AFSC 105.7.1 Automatic Fire-Extinguishing Systems.

< 50 heads	Fee of \$ 150
51-100 heads	Fee of \$ 175
101-200 heads	Fee of \$ 205
201-300 heads	Fee of \$ 230
301-400 heads	Fee of \$ 265
401-500 heads	Fee of \$ 290
501-600 heads	Fee of \$ 320
601+ heads	Fee of \$ 345

BSC 105.7.2 Battery Systems. Fee of \$110 per system.

CGC 105.7.3 Compressed Gases. Fee of \$90.

FASC 105.7.4 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems and Related Equipment.

Review for < 30 heads	Fee of \$ 75
Review for 31- 60 heads	Fee of \$ 110
Review for 61- 90 heads	Fee of \$ 145

Review for 91 + heads	Fee of \$ 175
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FPC 105.7.5 Fire Pumps and Related Equipment. Fee of \$60.

FCC 105.7.6 Flammable & Combustible Liquids. A construction permit is required:

1. To repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids. No construction fee to be assessed.
2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used. Fee of \$130 (for tanks, the fee will be PER tank).
3. To install, alter, place temporarily out of service or otherwise dispose of a tank which contained flammable or combustible liquids. Fee of \$130 per tank.
4. To remove or abandon a tank, or tanks at the same site in the same week, which contained flammable or combustible liquids. Fee of \$130 per project.
5. To construct a Use, Dispensing, and Mixing Room, Liquid Storage Room, or Liquid Storage Warehouse. Fee of \$175 per Room or Warehouse.

HMC 105.7.7 Hazardous Materials. Fee of \$130.

IOC 105.7.8 Industrial Ovens. Fee of \$110 per oven.

LPC 105.7.9 LP-Gas.

Permanent tank installation. Fee of \$80 per tank.

Temporary tank installation. Fee of \$50 per tank.

SDC 105.7.11 Spraying or Dipping. Fee of \$120.

SSC 105.7.12 Standpipe Systems. Fee of \$115.

TETC 105.7.13 Temporary Membrane Structures, Tents and Canopies.

Fee of \$55 per Temporary Tent shall be charged.
Each additional Temporary Tent at the same site is an added fee of \$25.

Turning a Canopy into a Temporary Tent without prior approval or having not obtained a permit prior to installation of a tent. The fee is raised from \$55 to \$75 for the now Temporary Tent.

FEES REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FEE. Fire Alarm Systems, which are monitored, shall be charged an annual fee of \$25 per fire alarm system. An annual Permit for each Fire Alarm System shall be issued after a payment for such system is processed by the City.

- a. **False Alarm Fee.** Fire Alarm Systems which are monitored may be assessed a fee for false alarms which occur during any consecutive 12-month period of time as follows:

Number of False Alarms	Fee for each False Alarm
1 st alarm	No charge
2-4 alarms	\$50
5 th and above alarms	\$ 100

- b. **Invalid or no Permit.** There shall be a \$100 response fee for any alarm in which the alarm user does not have a valid permit and the alarm is determined to be a false alarm.
- c. **Late Payment fees.** If payments for a Permit or False Alarm are not received within 60 days of the invoice date, the user will be responsible for the amount of the invoice, and may be responsible for a certified mail fee and a \$45 administrative fee.

If payments are not received within 90 days of the invoice date, the user will be responsible for the amount of the invoice, and may be responsible for a certified mail fee and an \$80 administrative fee.

FALSE ALARM. Any person or persons causing a false and or malicious fire alarm may be charged or a minor's legal custodian for fire response, personnel, and investigative wages, plus fire apparatus costs during such response.

FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE PROCESS FEE. This fee is charged for Fire Code compliance with construction work. The service includes Fire Code compliance for construction site inspections and part time assistance to the Building Department plan review person for Fire Code compliance. The Building Official shall assess an additional Fire Code compliance fee for Building Permit Issuance based on the valuation of work for the Building Permit. This fee does NOT apply to one and two family dwellings, or permits for only roofing or siding, or Group U occupancies, or Group R-2 Occupancies.

The fee shall be rounded to the nearest dollar and based on the following table. The total of this fee shall NOT exceed \$2,000:

Building Permit Valuation	Fee calculation
\$ 1 – 500,000	Fee 1. multiply the permit valuation up to the first \$500,000 by a factor of 0.003 to obtain the fee
\$ 501,000 – 834,000	Fee 2. subtract 500,000 from the total permit valuation and multiply this remainder by 0.0015. Add Fee 1 to Fee 2.

CONSTRUCTION Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) TRIP FEE. Shall be assessed to the General Contractor as follows:

CONSTRUCTION C of O TRIP FEE SCHEDULE - CODE DIVISION

Initial Trip	No Charge	If incomplete
Second Trip	No Charge	If incomplete, an inspection fee IS required at the start of third trip.
Third, Fourth, etc.	A fee of \$75.00	see footnote 1

Footnote 1: A \$75 fee trip fee is required, whether compliance is met or not at the time of re-inspection.

FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TEST. A fee of \$75 shall be charged for a fire hydrant flow test when tests aren't specifically for the purpose of installing a new fire sprinkler system.

FIRE LANE FEE. A fee of \$75 shall be charged for fire lane identification at a property (through owner request).

FIRE REPORT FEE. The fee for a fire report shall be \$5.

GAS LINE RESPONSE FEE. The fee for fire response to gas line breaks which occur may be assessed to the contractor for a fee of \$1000 for each response.

VEHICLE EXTRICATION or VEHICLE FIRE FEE. Applicable ONLY to non-residents of the City of Cedar Rapids. The fee for an emergency involving extrication from a vehicle OR a fire involving a vehicle shall be \$300.

INSPECTOR FEE. Complaints of overcrowding which cause Code Enforcement personnel to respond after normal Fire Prevention Bureau Hours OR overcrowding found in the course of 'night patrol duty' shall incur an Inspector Fee. If the violation of overcrowding found is greater than 10 percent over the legal occupant load (usually posted), then a fee of per Fire Department rate shall be assessed to the owner of the business (typical of 1.5 times the salary with a minimum 3 hr charge – labor contract). This shall be in addition to any court ordered fines or charges.

SITE ASSESSMENT FEE. This is a fee assessed to review a properties for our record of tanks, ground contamination, or hazardous material spills at a particular site or property. A fee of \$30 per site or property reviewed.

PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE FEE. Shall be assessed to employers that have Permit-Required Confined Spaces with OSHA required identification of Cedar Rapids Fire Department as the rescue service in their emergency plan. Fees shall be assessed to employers as follows:

Number of Permit-Required Confined Spaces	Fee
1 to 4	\$ 600.00
5 to 10	\$ 850.00
> 10	\$ 1,200.00

TIER II FEES. Based on the potential risks that the following chemicals possess, a fee will be assessed. The same table used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was used in the determination of which storage amount code was used in the calculation of the fee. Along with the storage amount code a method of estimating cost of response to incidents was devised. This cost is based on the State model of a HazMat “Work Unit” being five trained personnel. The amount of the chemical present was then used to determine the amount of time and number of “Work Units” needed to mitigate the incident. Also taken into account were those incidents involving Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) [as identified by the EPA] in determining the risk associated with these potential incidents. Below are the EPA storage amount categories and their associated fees.

Category	Pounds	Standard Tier II	EHS
01	0 – 99	\$100	\$200
02	100 – 999	\$200	\$400
03	1,000 – 9,999	\$400	\$800
04	10,000 – 99,999	\$800	\$1,600
05	100,000 – 999,999	\$1,600	\$3,200
06	1,000,000 – 9,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
07	10,000,000 – 49,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
08	50,000,000 – 99,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
09	100,000,000 – 499,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
10	500,000,000 – 999,999,999	\$3,200	\$6,400
11	1 billion > 1 billion	\$3,200	\$6,400

The calculations made to determine the rate by category are as follows:

Category	Work Units Needed	Number of Hours
01	1	1
02	2	1
03	1	4
04	2	4
05	2	8
06	4	8
07	4	8
08	4	8
09	4	8
10	4	8
11	4	8

(One “Work Unit” will consist of 5 trained personnel at an average rate of \$20/hr. EHS rates are double due to the hazards those chemicals present.)