



## Vernon Fire Department Fire Prevention

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### **NOTICE**

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**Subject: Annual Business Fire Inspection/Re-Inspection Fees, Fire Department Operational Permits Fees, Fire Protection Systems Fees and Procedures, Fire Alarm System Fees and Procedures, False Security Alarm Fees, and Public Education Fees**

Dear Business or Property Owner:

On July 1, 2014 the City of Vernon City Council approved and adopted a city-wide General Fee Schedule via Resolution No. 2014-42. The Vernon Fire Department has updated the Fire Prevention Program, including related procedures for businesses and properties within Vernon. These changes may have a direct impact on your business or property. The following highlights some of the important changes. For a complete copy of the city-wide General Fee Schedule, including all Fire Department fees, please visit the City of Vernon's website ([www.cityofvernon.org](http://www.cityofvernon.org)).

#### **Annual Business Fire Inspection/Re-Inspection Fees**

The Vernon Fire Department annually conducts fire prevention inspections for all businesses in the City of Vernon. Occupants of buildings and property should regularly conduct safety reviews to confirm their facilities are operated in a safe and hazard free environment. Inspections are conducted to confirm the business is operating safely and is conforming to the California Fire Code (CFC) and City ordinances. If violations are found, typically, an appropriate timeframe is provided for the occupant to correct deficiencies, and set a date for re-inspection. Fees for inspections and re-inspections now apply as follows:

<b>Annual Business Fire Inspection (based on building size)</b>	
0 to 5,000 sq. ft.	\$217
5001 to 9,999 sq. ft.	\$248
10,000 to 24,999 sq. ft.	\$279
25,000 to 50,000 sq. ft.	\$310
50,001 to 99,999 sq. ft.	\$341
100,000 to 249,999 sq. ft.	\$372
250,000 sq. ft. and greater	\$403
<b>Annual Business Fire Re-Inspection* (after 2<sup>nd</sup> re-inspection)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> re-inspection	\$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> re-inspection and additional inspections beyond	\$322 ea.

#### **Fire Department Operation Permit Fees**

Operational permits allow the entity to conduct an operation or a business for which a permit is required by Appendix Chapter 1, Section 105.6 of the California Fire Code.

<b>Fire Department Permit (Required Operational Permits)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerosol Products</li> <li>• Combustible dust operations</li> <li>• Combustible fiber storage</li> <li>• Explosives (fireworks only)</li> <li>• Flammable &amp; combustible liquids</li> <li>• Hazardous materials</li> <li>• High-piled storage</li> <li>• Miscellaneous combustible storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ovens – industrial baking &amp; drying</li> <li>• Repair garages</li> <li>• Special events (assemblies &gt;50 people)</li> <li>• Spraying and dipping</li> <li>• Tents &amp; temporary membrane structures (&gt;400 sq. ft.)</li> <li>• Waste handling</li> <li>• Woodworking plants</li> </ul>	\$107.00/hr.

**Fire Protection Systems**

All buildings in the City that have automatic extinguishing systems (AES) must be inspected by State licensed C-16 contractors every five years. At the Five Year inspection, a comprehensive State required "Title 19 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance service" shall be performed. A portion of this service is witnessed by a Fire Department representative. To schedule the Five Year Sprinkler System Test (Back flush) service, contractors must complete an application, found on the City website, and submit any applicable fees.

<b>Fire Protection Systems</b>	
Back flush - Five year sprinkler system testing (per system)	\$150

**Fire Alarm Systems**

Registration is required for all fire alarm systems installed within Vernon. An initial set-up fee and renewal fee applies.

<b>Fire Alarm Systems</b>	
Fire alarm registration (initial)	\$54
Fire alarm registration (annual)	\$27

**False Alarm**

False alarms cause serious problems. They can pull fire resources from where they are needed to areas where they are not. This can be extremely expensive. If a false alarm occurs at your facility, you may be subject to a fee. Section 114.1(r) of the California Building Code, as amended by Vernon Municipal Code 7.12, defines False Alarm as “the willful and knowing initiation or transmission of a signal, message or other notification of an event of fire when no such danger exist, or the activation of any fire alarm system due to malfunction, mechanical or electrical defect, improper operation or procedure by any person, or a false oral, or written report to any department of the City of Vernon that an emergency exists requiring immediate or emergency response by the Vernon Fire Department”.

<b>False Alarm (no charge for the first two within a fiscal year)</b>	
3rd false alarm with emergency response	\$749
4th false alarm with emergency response	\$874
5th false alarm with emergency response	\$999
6th false alarm with emergency response, and each additional alarm thereafter	\$1,124

**Public Education**

Fees now apply to some of the public education courses offered by the Fire Department. The fees are listed below. Course applications can be found on the City website.

<b>Public Education</b>	
Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) (supplies)	\$0
CPR training (supplies)	\$100 per person
Evacuation planning & drill	\$0
Fire extinguisher training – Max. 30 students	\$50/ea. session

**Special Event**

Pursuant to the Fire Code Official, it is essential for public safety in a place of assembly or any other place where people congregate, because of the number of persons (50 or more), or the nature of the performance exhibition. Display contest or activity, fees will now apply. Fees listed below. Applications can be found on the City website.

<b>Other Fees</b>	
Inspection Charge (Special Events)	\$107