

PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
ORDINANCE 04 -- FIRE PREVENTION CODE
AND
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE OF FEES

An Ordinance to provide for safety and service within the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District during festivals and special events with rules and regulations to set forth standards for compliance and achievement of these objectives.

SECTION 1. PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

(a) Fire District notification shall be required for any special event where potential hazards exist or when a public gathering wherein it is anticipated that more than 1,000 persons at one time or more than 2,500 persons a day shall gather. A certificate of compliance from the Fire District shall be issued only after the applicant has demonstrated compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, best known fire protection standards and emergency medical service standards relative to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

(b) An application for each separate event shall be submitted prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance under this section. Notwithstanding this section, no application shall be required for a regularly scheduled religious service located in a church, temple, synagogue or house of worship.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(a) Application will be made on Fire District forms.

(b) The application by any person for a special event shall include proof of insurance to the Fire Marshal at least 15 days prior to the event.

(c) The application shall be made at least 45 days prior to the date of the event.

SECTION 3. PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

(a) Manpower requirements for fire protection and emergency medical services will be determined by the Chief of the Fire District after reviewing the application. Notice of these requirements will be sent to the applicant within 10 working days of the application.

(b) If standby manpower is required, it shall begin one hour before the start of the event and continue until one hour following the end of the event unless alternative hours are approved by the Fire Chief of the Fire District.

(c) **Fees are due and payable to the Fire District no later than 15 working days prior to the event.** Authorization will be issued within 5 working days of receipt of the fees and proof of all compliance requests. Any specialized equipment or supplies used will be billed to the event sponsor.

(d) **Application Fees:**

1.	Open Seating	\$10
2.	Covered Seating (Up to 49 Persons)	\$20
3.	Covered Seating (50 Persons and Up)	\$30
4.	Special Events with On-Site Cooking	\$30
5.	Pyrotechnic and/or Live Fire Displays	\$50

(e) **Other Fees are as follows:**

1.	Fire District Personnel	\$50 per hour
	Staff Cars/Shift Officer's Car/Light Duty Trucks	\$25 per hour
	Fire Engine/Ladder Truck/Squad	\$50 per hour
	Rescue Boat	\$25 per hour
	Portable Generator	\$10 per hour
2.	Consumable Supplies	Actual Cost for Replacement

SECTION 4. APPEAL

If any person, firm or corporation is aggrieved by the rulings of the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, or EMS Coordinator under the enforcement of this article, an appeal in writing shall be filed by the complaining party with the Board of Fire Commissioners within 10 working days of the ruling. Such appeal shall be placed upon the agenda of the Commission and the Commission by majority vote shall enter its finding upon such appeal and finding shall be a final ruling as to the appeal.

SECTION 5. FINES

Any violation of this article, or the codes adopted herein, shall be punishable as a violation of Class II under the Pinellas County Court Uniform Fine Schedule. Any fines do not alleviate the requirements to pay the fees as outlined in Section 3 and each day that the fees are not paid shall be considered a separate violation.