RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTIONS 2023-01 AND 2023-07 AND ANY PRIOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES RELATED TO SPECIAL EVENTS, LIFE SAFETY/FIRE INSPECTIONS, PLANS REVIEW, AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES; ELIMINATING SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION AND INITIAL INSPECTION FEES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District (herein referred to as "District") is charged with the duty to protect public safety within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that certain public gatherings and special events can impact public safety within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority to regulate special events and public gatherings and provide such services as are necessary to protect public safety as such special events and public gatherings as might take place from time to time within the District; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of, and provision of necessary services to, such special events and public gatherings requires the District to expend funds that should be borne by the person or entity hosting such special events or public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to charge fees to the host of such special events or public gatherings as are necessary to offset the expenses incurred by the District to regulate and provide such services as are necessary to protect the public safety at the special events or public gatherings in an amount proportionate to the incurred expenses of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District is authorized to establish and collect fees from the appropriate parties for the review of applications for special events and public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority to, and is tasked with, conducting certain Life Safety/Fire Inspections to protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that conducting Life Safety/Fire Inspections requires the District to expend funds that should be borne by the person or entity that owns or operates the structure requiring such inspections as are necessary to protect the public safety within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District previously adopted Resolution 2023-01 and Resolution 2023-07 establishing a Schedule of Fees, and the District now desires to supersede those resolutions in their entirety with a single consolidated Schedule of Fees; and

WHEREAS, the District finds it appropriate to eliminate the registration fee and the initial life safety inspection fee charged to short-term rental properties, while continuing to charge for follow-up re-inspections necessitated by deficiencies that have not been corrected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RECITATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF FEES:

1. Public Assembly

Preamble as to Public Assembly: The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District finds that certain public assemblies create a unique set of potential hazards that must be specially addressed by the District's operations. Such events can require planning to dedicate assets and manpower to ensure the public safety. Such events also result in expenditures related to planning and monitoring the events which should not be borne by the general public. Therefore, the District enacts the following requirements and adopts the following fee schedule in connection with public assemblies taking place within the District.

A. Notifications

a. Notification shall be required for any special event where potential hazards exist or when a public gathering wherein it is anticipated that more than 250 persons at one time or more than 1,000 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 public health, safety and welfare.

B. Application

a. An application for each separate event shall be submitted prior to the 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.

C. 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.

c. The application shall be made at least 45 days before the date of the event.

D. Protection Requirements and Fees

a. The Chief of the Fire District will determine manpower requirements for fire protection and emergency medical services 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 the Fire Chief of the Fire District approves alternative hours.

c. Fees are due and payable to the Fire District no later than 15 working days before the event. The authorization will be issued within five 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. All land-based vehicles require a minimum of one operator. All marine units require two operators.

Fee Category	**Fee**	**Note**
Pyrotechnic and/or Live Fire Displays Site Plan and Review	$400.00	
Pyrotechnic Field Inspection	$300.00	Required prior to the event
Pyrotechnic Standby - Firewatch	$271.96/hr	Required during the event – apparatus, driver, and firefighter
Special Personnel Duty (Fire Watch, Fire Alarm, Sprinkler Standby)	$65.00/hr	
Staff Cars	$19.97/hr	FEMA Cost Code 8077
Fire Engine	$141.96/hr	FEMA Cost Code 8681
Ladder Truck	$180.49/hr	FEMA Cost Code 8684
Marine Unit	$12.73/hr	FEMA Cost Code 8131
Consumable Supplies	Actual Cost	
Fireboat	$66.43/hr	FEMA Cost Code 6643
Mobile Fueling Standby	Unit & 3 Personnel	Minimum 1 hour paid in advance.
Any vehicles not listed	Closest FEMA Cost Code	

2. Life Safety/Fire Inspections

A. Pursuant to its Charter, the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District is

tasked with conducting certain Life Safety/Fire Inspections to protect the general public. Accordingly, all structures that must be inspected shall pay a fee based upon the use of the structure. Properties with multiple structures or uses will incur a fee for each structure or use inspected. Buildings with roof access will count as an additional story.

B. Apartment or Condominium Inspections (*Defined as a building having three (3) or more living units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities):*

Apartment/Condo 1 to 2 Stories	$75.00
Apartment/Condo 3 to 5 Stories	$150.00
Apartment/Condo 6 to 9 Stories	$225.00
Apartment/Condo 10 or More Stories	$300.00

C. Hotel/Motel/Lodging

Hotel Motel Under Same Mgt. 50 or Fewer Units	$150
Every Unit Above 50	$150 + $3 per Unit
High Rise Hotel Over 75'	$375

D. Assembly

Assembly 50 – 99 Occupant load	$150.00
Assembly 100 – 300 Occupant load	$200.00
Assembly Over 300 Occupant load	$300.00

E. Automotive and or Marine Service or Storage

Automotive and or Marine Storage Up to 3000 sq/ft	$75.00
Automotive and or Marine Storage 3001 to 5000 sq/ft	$150.00
Automotive and or Marine Storage 5001 to 10000 sq/ft	$225.00
Automotive and or Marine Storage Over 10000 sq/ft	$300.00
Automotive and or Marine Service or Storage with Fueling Add	$50.00

F. Industrial

Industrial Up to 1000 sq/ft	$75.00
Industrial 1001 - 5000 sq/ft	$150.00
Industrial 5001 - 10000 sq/ft	$225.00
Industrial Over 10000 sq/ft	$300.00

G. Mercantile

Mercantile Up to 5000 sq/ft	$50.00
Mercantile 5001 - 10000 sq/ft	$100.00
Mercantile 10001 - 25000 sq/ft	$150.00
Mercantile Over 25000 sq/ft	$200.00

H. Mobile Home Parks, Townhouse Complex, Planned Use Developments

Mobile Home Parks (Common Areas) - All Buildings	$100.00
Townhouse Complex/PUDS – 1-3 Buildings	$100.00
Each Additional Building over 3	$25/Building

I. Business Occupancies

Business Up to 3000 sq/ft	$50.00
Business 3001 - 5000 sq/ft	$100.00
Business 5001 - 10000 sq/ft	$150.00
Business over 10,000 sq/ft	$200.00
Business with Fueling Additional Fee	$50.00

J. All State Licensed Primary Educational Facilities, ALF/ACLF, Adult Day Care, Child Day Care, Foster Homes, Family Group – No Charge for 1st and Second Inspection. Additional inspections are charged at the business occupancy rate for reinspections.

K. Reinspection Fees

1st Reinspection	$0
2nd Reinspection	Cost of Inspection (COI)
3rd Reinspection	1.25x COI or $500.00, whichever is less
4th and All Subsequent Reinspection	1.5x COI or $500.00, whichever is less

L. Short-Term Rental Inspections. No fee shall be charged for the registration of a short-term rental property or for the initial life safety inspection of such property. For the purpose of this subsection, the initial life safety inspection means the annual life safety inspection conducted in each calendar year, and the re-inspection sequence resets at the beginning of each annual inspection cycle.

Notwithstanding Section 2.K above, re-inspections of short-term rental properties shall be charged in accordance with the following schedule:

Initial Life Safety Inspection	$0
1st Reinspection	$0
2nd Reinspection	$100.00
3rd and All Subsequent Reinspections	$250.00
Failure to submit annual update to District (one per calendar year) – 1st Offense	Written warning
Failure to submit annual update to District (one per calendar year) - 2nd Offense	$250.00
Failure to submit annual update to District (one per calendar year) - 3rd and Subsequent Offense Cumulative through life of ownership	$500.00

M. Mobile Food Trucks

Prescheduled Inspection	$50.00
Day of Event Inspection	$250.00

3. Plans Review and Related Inspections

A. Fire Sprinklers

First 1500 sq/ft	$150.00
Each Additional 1000 sq/ft	$75.00

B. Fire Alarm System Devices

50 or Less Devices	$150.00
Each Device Over 50	$0.25

C. Other Required Reviews and Inspections

Hood Systems	$150.00
Pre-Engineered Suppression Systems	$75.00
Fire Pumps	$225.00
Standpipe Systems	$75 Plus $5 Riser
Dock Standpipe Systems	$150.00
Generators	$225.00
Fuel Storage Systems	$150.00 Plus $50 Per Tank
Structural Demo	$75.00 Per Structure

Certificate of Occupancy	$50.00
Residential/Commercial Solar	$150.00
Other Reviews Not List	$75.00/hr - Min 2 hours (15 Minute Increments)

D. Plan Reviews

New Construction - 1st 1500 sq/ft	$225.00
Each additional 1000 sq/ft	$75.00
LP Gas Tanks or Bottle Displays	$75.00
Remodel Addition – 1st 1500 sq/ft	$75.00
Each additional 1000 sq/ft	$37.50
Commercial Common Area	$75.00
Site Plans	$200.00

E. Fire Final Inspections

All Finals	$75.00 Per system

Miscellaneous Fees

F. Nuisance Alarms

1st Alarm Location in a calendar year	$0
2nd Alarm at Same Location within 48 hours for Same Alarm	$75.00
2nd Alarms at Same Location in a calendar year	Written Warning to property owner/manager
3rd Response at Same Location	$75.00
4th Response at Same Location	$150.00
5th Response at Same Location	$300.00
6th and Subsequent Response at Same Location	$500.00 with a mandatory Fire Watch, protection system full acceptance test with a member of the prevention district present. Fire Final fee will also apply.

G. Failure to Electronically Report Records/Primary Agent/Lock or Key Changes

First Occurrence	$75.00
Second Occurrence	$150.00

Third and All Subsequent Occurrences	$300.00

H. Failure to Notify of an Out of Service Life Safety System

Each Occurrence	$150.00

I. Third-party electronic fire protection system reporting fees (not charged by the District) are available for review on the District's website.

4. **Appeals**

A. If any person, firm, or corporation is aggrieved by the rulings of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal 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.

5. **Fines**

A. 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 Sections 1 through 3 and each day that the fees are not paid shall be considered a separate violation.

6. **Effective Date**

A. This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2026, and the Schedule of Fees adopted under Resolutions 2023-01 and 2023-07 shall remain in full force and effect through September 30, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th Day of August, 2026.

PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Elizabeth "Betsey" McKenna
Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary/Treasurer