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AGENDA ITEM NO. **5(F)**

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Robert Ojeda, Fire Chief

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Modifying Eleven (11) Fee Rate Schedules within the Fire Department General Fund

**DATE:** September 18, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) to change its rate structure for its burning permits, explosive handler permits, fireworks display/bonfire permits, above ground storage tanks, under ground storage tanks, fire protection retesting fees, fire protection rescheduling fees, fire code re-inspection fees and annual inspections of businesses such as clinics, laboratories, rehabilitation facilities and bonded warehouses.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

A comprehensive analysis was performed to determine the costs of providing permit and inspection services. Analysis indicates that the Fire Department is not recovering its costs for providing specific permitting services. Based on this analysis, the department proposed to increase the permit fees of inspections where analysis indicates that current fees do not cover the cost of providing services.

In order to assist in offsetting the costs of providing Fire Inspection Services, the SAFD proposes to change its rate structure as follows:

Fire Permit/Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Burning Permit	\$ 103.00	\$ 125.00
Explosive Handler Permit	\$ 51.50	\$ 100.00
Above Ground Storage Tank Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 330.00
Underground Storage Tank Fee	\$ 206.00	\$ 225.00
Annual Inspections Clinics, Labs, Rehabilitation Facilities	\$ 51.50	\$ 150.00
Bonded Warehouses	\$ 51.50	\$ 125.00
Fire Permit/Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate

Fireworks Display	\$ 360.50	\$ 450.00
Bonfire Permit	\$ 360.50	\$ 400.00
Fire Protection System Retesting Fee	\$ 103.00	\$ 125.00
Fire Protection System Rescheduling Fee	\$ 103.00	\$ 125.00
Fire Code Re-Inspection Fee	\$ 41.20	\$ 100.00

In order to issue permits, SAFD staff must perform background research, review business development plans, administer explosive handler exams and other related duties. Additionally, site inspections are performed, which may result in additional workloads.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

The proposed ordinance continues existing City policy of requiring users of City services to offset some of the costs associated with operating and maintaining those services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

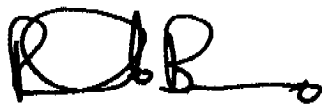
The proposed rate structure increase would provide an additional \$51,945.00 in revenue to the General Revenue Fund for FY 2004.

### **COORDINATION**

This ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the City Attorney's Office.



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APPROVED:



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