

# Fire Department

## Q&A From WebEx Meeting 5/11/2020

1. What were results of long-awaited fee study particular to Fire, beyond special events, specifically annual inspection of high-rises/office buildings, a service which is presently rendered for free?

### **Fire Department Response:**

A resolution increasing the allowable fees was passed by Metro Council on February 19, 2020. Resolution RS2020-197 modified the existing fee schedule for operational permits issued under the Fire Prevention Code and established fees charged to property owners who conduct operations or business in Davidson County. The permits give the authority to the Fire Marshal to enforce the code by setting the conditions for which property owners can provide a safe environment to occupants and the firefighters who respond to emergencies in those buildings. The inspection of high-rise and office buildings has always been conducted as part of the service provided by the Fire Marshal's office under the authority of the Charter and the State Fire Marshal's office. There is not a specific fire permit fee for the inspection of these buildings, but the service is included as part of the building permit fee when the property owner initially applies for construction, and annual inspections are included as part of the services paid for by property taxes.