

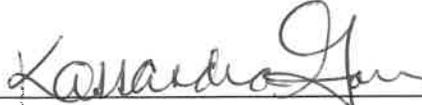
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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

**An Ordinance** to change various Fire Safety Inspection and Permit Fees and to adopt a Schedule of Fees.

**Summary:** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts updated and adopted the MA Comprehensive Fire Code in December of 2022 (527 CMR 1.00). The Amesbury Fire Department reviewed the new code, updated laws, current local practices and the November 2021 Comprehensive Review of Municipal Fees by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management. The recommended fees have been updated on attached Fire Safety Inspection / Permit Fees. The current fee schedule was last updated in 2022 per Council order 2022-041.

**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:**

That various Fire Safety Inspection and Permit Fees be amended as follows:

1. That various fees be changed as proposed on the attached Schedule of Fees and the same is hereby adopted.
2. That this order be effective upon passage.
3. That this Schedule of Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees will replace any existing Schedule of Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees.
4. That the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 285 Fire Prevention is hereby amended to reflect the attached Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees.





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# **FIRE RESCUE**

## **Fire Safety Inspection / Permit Fees**

**Note: Fee will double for any work started without proper permit.**

These fees are effective as of \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Permit, Inspection, or Review of:</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Copies of Fire Dept. Reports	<b>\$10.00</b>	Per Copy
Annual Agricultural / Religious Open Burning	<b>\$25.00</b>	Per Address (Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval – Subject to Inspection)
Annual Residential Open Burning	<b>\$25.00</b>	Per Address (Only for Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup> . Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval – Subject to Inspection)
Single Family Heat, Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors:	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)
Multi-unit Residential Heat, Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector:	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Unit, per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 per unit for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)
Fire Alarm Installation	<b>\$130.00</b>	Per Permit (Requires Plan Review and Inspection – May Require Detail)
Fire Alarm Alteration	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Permit (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)
Fire Suppression Alteration	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per day of shut down. (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)
Fire Suppression Installation	<b>\$130.00</b>	Per system (Requires Plan Review and Inspection)
Oil Burner Installation or Alternation	<b>\$50.00</b>	For each Permit (Requires Inspection)
Oil Tank Installation or Removal	<b>\$50.00</b>	For each Permit (Requires Inspection)
Food Truck	<b>\$50.00</b>	Only if Permit from another MA municipality not obtained – Additional Permit Required for Propane if not secured on vehicle

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# **FIRE RESCUE**

Annual Commercial Above Ground Flammable Gas Storage	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location
Annual Commercial Underground Flammable Gas Storage	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location
Installation of Above Ground Flammable Storage Tanks	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Tank (Requires Inspection)
Installation or Removal of Underground Flammable Gas Storage Tanks (excludes gasoline or diesel)	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Tank (Requires Inspection)
Installation or Removal of Underground Gasoline or Diesel Storage Tanks	<b>\$200.00</b>	Per Tank (Requires Inspection)
Annual Gunpowder Storage >50lbs	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location
Tar Kettle Operation	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Permit
Salamanders & Propane Heaters	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Permit
Install Vent-less Gas Fireplace	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location (Requires Inspection - Properly installed CO detector required for use)
Hot Works	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location (Max 10 Days – Requires Detail)
Blasting	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Location (Max 14 Days – Requires Detail)
Fireworks Display	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per each Day of Display (Requires Detail)
Review of any Plans, Prints & Specifications for Construction Projects	<b>\$210.00</b>	Per Project
21E Review	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Project
M.G.L. Required Inspections	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Inspection (Max. \$200 Annually)
MA Dept. of Public Health Required Inspections	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Inspection (Max \$200 Annually)
Miscellaneous, Unknown, or Other Not Listed Above	<b>\$50.00</b>	Per Permit issued

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# Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees

Note: Fee will double for any work started without proper permit.

Permit, Inspection, or Review of:	Fee	Duration	Reason for Change
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors			
Single Family	\$50.00	per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)	
Multi-unit Residential	\$50.00	per Unit, per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)	
Heat Detector(s):		Inspection combined with Smoke/CO. (fire alarm permit)	
Fire Alarm <del>Permit</del> Installation	\$130.00	per Permit (Requires Plan Review and Inspection – May Require Detail)	Change to reflect current practice
<del>Sprinkler Permit</del>	<del>-\$130.00</del>	<del>per Test</del>	Eliminate to add “suppression systems” below
Fire Alarm Alteration	\$50.00	Per Permit (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)	Add to reflect current practice
Fire Suppression Alteration	\$50.00	Per day of shut down. (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)	Add to reflect current practice
Fire Suppression Installation	\$130.00	Per system (Requires Plan Review and Inspection)	Add to reflect the change for all suppression systems, not just sprinkler
Oil burner Installation or Alternation	\$50.00	For each Inspection	
Oil tank Installation or Removal	\$50.00	For each Tank Inspection	
<del>Propane Permit</del> Installation of Above Ground Flammable Storage Tanks	\$50.00	<del>For each Inspection</del> Per Tank (Requires Inspection)	Change to reflect what the intent of this purpose is and change duration to align with appropriate language
Blasting Permits	\$50.00	<del>For each Permit</del> Per Location (Max 14 Days – Requires Detail)	Change language to align current practice and reflect an expiration to the permit
Tar Kettle Operation	\$50.00	For each Permit	



Fireworks Display	\$50.00	<del>For each Permit</del> Per each Day of Display (Requires Detail)	Align with MGL
<del>Flammable Storage</del> Annual Commercial Above Ground Flammable Gas Storage	\$50.00	<del>For each Inspection</del> Per Location	Change to reflect actual meaning of the permit.
Copies of Fire Reports	\$10.00	per Copy	
Hot Works	\$50.00	<del>For each Permit</del> Per Location (Max 10 Days – Requires Detail)	Add language to match current practice and reflect an expiration of the permit.
<del>Underground Storage Tanks Install or Removal</del> Installation or Removal of Underground Flammable Gas Storage Tanks (excludes gasoline or diesel)	\$50.00	<del>For each Tank inspected</del> Per Tank (Requires Inspection)	Remove Gas and Diesel for this permit and align with current practice
Installation or Removal of Underground Gasoline or Diesel Storage Tanks	\$200.00	Per Tank (Requires Inspection)	Add this language, concurrent with other local communities
<del>Annual renewal of Underground Storage Tanks</del> Annual Commercial Underground Flammable Gas Storage	\$50.00	<del>For each Tank inspected</del> Per Location	Change to align with appropriate language
Review of Plans, Prints & Specifications: <del>Up to 7,500 Sq. Ft.</del> 7,500 to 12,500 Sq. Ft. <del>Over 12,500 Sq. Ft.</del>	\$210.00	per Project	Strike language, as it is unneeded and redundant with the set project fee
Salamanders & Propane Heaters	\$50.00	For each Permit	
Miscellaneous, Unknown, or Other Not Listed Above	\$50.00	For each Permit issued	
Permit to Install Vent-less Gas Fireplace	\$50.00	For each Inspection for C/O Alarm (Properly installed CO detector required for use)	
Fire Suppression System For Commercial <del>Cooking</del> Equipment	\$50.00	For each Permit and Inspection performed	Strike cooking, as FD should be inspecting all commercial fire suppression systems.
Annual Agricultural / Religious Open Burning	\$25.00	Per Address (Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval	Add to align with current practices of all local communities.



		Subject to Inspection)	
Annual Residential Open Burning	\$25.00	Per Address (Only for Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup> . Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval – Subject to Inspection)	Add to align with current practices of all local communities.
Food Truck	\$50.00	Only if Permit from another MA municipality not obtained – Additional Permit Required for Propane if not secured on vehicle	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs - Fire Prevention Division..
Annual Gunpowder Storage >50lbs	\$50.00	Per Location	This was addressed in the study, but never added – Oversight?
21E Review	\$50.00	Per Project	FD has no fee currently for this. MGL allows for a fee up to \$50 specific to FD outside of any other city fees incurred.
M.G.L. Required Inspections	\$50.00	Per Inspection (Max. \$200 Annually)	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs - Fire Prevention Division and local communities
MA Dept. of Public Health Required Inspections	\$50.00	Per Inspection (Max \$200 Annually)	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs - Fire Prevention Division and local communities

**These fees are effective July 1, 2022.**



Permit, Inspection, or Review of:	Fee	Duration	Reason for Change	Number Issued	Old Fee	New Fee	Difference
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors							
Single Family	# # # #	per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)		356	\$17,030	\$17,030	\$0
Multi-unit Residential	# # # #	per Unit, per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)					
Heat Detector(s):		Inspection combined with Smoke/CO. (fire alarm permit)					
Fire Alarm Permit Installation	\$130.00	per Permit (Requires Plan Review and Inspection – May Require Detail)	Change to reflect current practice	5	\$650	\$650	\$0
<del>Sprinkler Permit</del>	<del>\$130.00</del>	<del>per Test</del>	Eliminate to add “suppression systems” below				
Fire Alarm Alteration	\$50.00	Per Permit (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)	Add to reflect current practice	12	\$600	\$600	\$0
Fire Suppression Alteration	\$50.00	Per day of shut down. (Requires Inspection – May Require Detail)	Add to reflect current practice	20	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Fire Suppression Installation	\$130.00	Per system (Requires Plan Review and Inspection)	Add to reflect the change for all suppression systems, not just sprinkler	5	\$650	\$650	\$0
Oil burner Installation or Alternation	# #	For each Inspection		9	\$450	\$450	\$0
Oil tank Installation or Removal	#	For each Tank Inspection		22	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
<del>Propane Permit</del> Installation of Above Ground Flammable Storage Tanks	# # #	<del>For each Inspection Per Tank (Requires Inspection)</del>	Change to reflect what the intent of this purpose is and change duration to align with appropriate language	9	\$450	\$450	\$0
Blasting Permits	#	<del>For each Permit Per Location (Max 14 Days – Requires Detail)</del>	Change language to align current practice and reflect an expiration to the permit	0	\$0	?	?
Tar Kettle Operation	#	For each Permit		0	\$0	?	?
Fireworks Display	#	<del>For each Permit Per each Day of Display (Requires Detail)</del>	Align with MGL	1	\$50	\$50	\$0
<del>Flammable Storage</del> Annual Commercial Above Ground Flammable Gas Storage	# # #	<del>For each Inspection Per Location</del>	Change to reflect actual meaning of the permit.	13	\$650	\$650	\$0
Copies of Fire Reports	#	per Copy		10	\$100	\$100	\$0
Hot Works	#	<del>For each Permit Per Location (Max 10 Days – Requires Detail)</del>	Add language to match current practice and reflect an expiration of the permit.	2	\$100	\$100	\$0

<del>Underground Storage Tanks Install or Removal</del> Installation or Removal of Underground Flammable Gas Storage Tanks (excludes gasoline or diesel)	# # # # #	<del>For each Tank Inspected</del> Per Tank (Requires Inspection)	Remove Gas and Diesel for this permit and align with current practice	1	\$50	\$50	\$0
Installation or Removal of Underground Gasoline or Diesel Storage Tanks	\$200.00	Per Tank (Requires Inspection)	Add this language, concurrent with other local communities	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<del>Annual renewal of Underground Storage Tanks</del> Annual Commercial Underground Flammable Gas Storage	\$50.00	<del>For each Tank Inspected</del> Per Location	Change to align with appropriate language	2	\$100	\$200	\$100
Review of Plans, Prints & Specifications: <del>Up to 7,500 Sq. Ft.</del>			Strike language, as it is unneeded and redundant with the set project fee	10	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0
<del>7,500 to 12,500 Sq. Ft.</del>	\$210.00	per Project					
<del>Over 12,500 Sq. Ft.</del>	\$50.00	For each Permit		1	\$50	\$50	\$0
Salamanders & Propane Heaters	\$50.00	For each Permit issued		1	\$50	\$50	\$0
Miscellaneous, Unknown, or Other Not Listed Above	\$50.00	For each Inspection for C/O Alarm (Properly installed CO detector required for use)		1	\$50	\$50	\$0
Permit to Install Vent-less Gas Fireplace	\$50.00						
Fire Suppression System for: Commercial <del>Cooking</del> Equipment	\$50.00	For each Permit and Inspection performed	Strike cooking, as FD should be inspecting all commercial fire suppression systems.	2	\$100	?	?
Annual Agricultural / Religious Open Burning	\$25.00	Per Address (Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval – Subject to Inspection)	Add to align with current practices of all local communities.	6	\$0	\$150	\$150
Annual Residential Open Burning	\$25.00	Per Address (Only for Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup> . Must follow MA Burning Regulations, to include daily approval – Subject to Inspection)	Add to align with current practices of all local communities.	125	\$0	\$3,125	\$3,125
Food Truck	\$50.00	Only if Permit from another MA municipality not obtained – Additional Permit Required for Propane if not secured on vehicle	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs – Fire Prevention Division..	0	\$0	?	?
Annual Gunpowder Storage >50lbs	\$50.00	Per Location	This was addressed in the study, but never added – Oversight?	0	\$0	?	?
21E Review	\$50.00	Per Project	FD has no fee currently for this. MGL allows for a fee up to \$50 specific to FD outside of any other city fees incurred.	5	\$0	\$50	\$50

M.G.L. Required Inspections	\$50.00	Per Inspection (Max. \$200 Annually)	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs - Fire Prevention Division and local communities	12	\$0	\$600	\$600
MA Dept. of Public Health Required Inspections	\$50.00	Per Inspection (Max \$200 Annually)	Add to align with current practices of Essex County Fire Chiefs - Fire Prevention Division and local communities	64	\$0	\$3,200	\$3,200
2023 Total Permits Issued / Revised				694	\$25,330	\$32,455	\$7,225





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**SPONSORED BY:** Kassandra Gove, Mayor    **BILL No.** 2022-041

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on May 10, 2022, the following action was taken:

**An Ordinance** to change various Fire Safety Inspection and Permit Fees and to adopt a Schedule of Fees.

**Summary:** The City of Amesbury recently commissioned a Comprehensive Review of Municipal Fees by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management. The report dated November 2021 provided the following recommendation: "Raise many/all Fire Department fees, in accordance with MGL Chapter 148 Section 10A, to the maximum allowable in most instances." The current fee schedule was last updated in 2003 per Council order 2003-39.

**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:**

That various Fire Safety Inspection and Permit Fees be amended as follows:

1. That various fees be changed as proposed on the attached Schedule of Fees and the same is hereby adopted.
2. That this order be effective as of July 1, 2022.
3. That this Schedule of Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees will replace any existing Schedule of Fire Safety/Permit Fees.
4. That the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 285 Fire Prevention is hereby amended by adding the following Section 285-8, entitled Fire Safety inspection/Permit Fees.

Councilor Adrienne Lennon moved to approve Bill 2022-041 as amended on May 10, 2022, and she was seconded by Councilor Jon Hickok. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 8-1 (Councilor Stanganelli No).

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

May 16, 2022  
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Date

# Fire Safety Inspection/Permit Fees

Note: Fee will double for any work started without proper permit.

Permit, Inspection, or Review of:	Fee	Duration
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors		
Single Family	\$50.00	per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)
Multi-unit Residential	\$50.00	per Unit, per Certificate (additional charge of \$25 for each Pre-Inspection, failure of Inspection or no show of appointment)
Heat Detector(s):		Inspection combined with Smoke/CO. (fire alarm permit)
Fire Alarm Permit	\$130.00	per Permit
Sprinkler Permit	\$130.00	per Test
Oil burner Installation or Alternation	\$50.00	For each Inspection
Oil tank Installation or Removal	\$50.00	For each Tank Inspection
Propane Permit	\$50.00	For each Inspection
Blasting Permits	\$50.00	For each Permit
Tar Kettle Operation	\$50.00	For each Permit
Fireworks Display	\$50.00	For each Permit
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Miscellaneous, Unknown, or Other Not Listed Above	\$50.00	For each Permit issued
Permit to Install Vent-less Gas Fireplace	\$50.00	For each Inspection for C/O Alarm (Properly installed CO detector required for use)
Fire Suppression System For Commercial Cooking Equipment	\$50.00	For each Permit and Inspection performed

These fees are effective July 1, 2022.