

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF MATAGORDA       §

**ORDER SETTING FEES FOR MATAGORDA COUNTY  
FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE**

On this 18th day of May 2026, the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County,  
Texas, being convened at a regular meeting of the Court, sitting as the governing body of  
Matagorda County, upon motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, Prestageduly put and carried;

**IT IS ORDERED** to set the Fees as listed herein as Exhibit “A” for the Matagorda County  
Fire Marshal’s Office Fee Schedule to be effective May 18, 2026.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ORDERED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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BOBBY SEIFERMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

**ATTEST:**

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Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

(COMMISSIONERS COURT SEAL)



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Fees are due prior to the start of any service or review conducted by the Matagorda County Fire Marshal. All fees paid to the Matagorda County Fire Marshal's Office are non-refundable. A submittal is not considered complete until all required documentation, including payment, is received.

**Re-Inspections.** A re-inspection fee will be paid prior to the re-scheduling of any re-inspection. The fee also covers failure to show up for a scheduled fire inspection without prior notice or if a scheduled fire inspection is not canceled by 5 PM of the business day before the scheduled time and date. **The Re-Inspection Fee is \$250.**

**After Hours and Weekend Inspections.** Normal inspection hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Monday – Friday. After hours and weekend inspections are available. The fee will be \$350 for each inspection. After hours or weekend inspection longer than 3 hours, the fee is \$500.

<b>BUILDING PERMITS AND COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCIES</b>	
<b>Construction Permit Fee (all occupancy types): Per 1000 sq. ft. of Structure (Rounded up to the nearest 1000 sq. ft.)* Maximum \$25,000</b>	<b>\$100 per 1000 sq. ft.</b>
<b>Re-Submittal of Plans During the Construction Permit Process</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Re-Submittal of Plans After a Construction Permit Has Been Issued</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Site/Civil Plan Submittal</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Certificate of Compliance (COC) for Change of Use</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Certificate of Compliance (COC) for Change of Ownership</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Conditional Certificate of Compliance (CCC)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Expedited Plan Review</b>	<b>2 x Permit Fee</b>
<b>Work Done without Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>
<b>Duplicate Fees – COC replacement and inspection report replacement</b>	<b>\$50</b>



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<b>Permit Renewals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for permit extensions that are NOT expired – 25% of construction fee</li> <li>• Request for permit extensions that ARE expired – 50% of construction fee</li> <li>• Permits that have been expired for more than 1 year will have to re-submit plans.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Construction Meeting Fee – This fee will be assessed for the second or more pre-construction meeting.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is free. 1-hour max.</li> <li>• Each meeting is up to 1-hour long. If the meeting goes passed 1hour then the time is rounded to the next hour.</li> </ul>	<b>\$100 per hour</b>

*(\* This fee only includes the review for Fire Code compliance and does not include any plan review that may be required by the County Engineering Department or other County departments.)*

SUPPLEMENTAL PERMITS	
<b>Electronic Entrance Gate Permit/ Card Access Control (\$250 + (\$1.00 x _____))</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Tent Permit</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Fire and Life Safety Inspection</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System Permit</b>	<b>\$250 per system</b>
<b>Work without Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>



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<b>FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM PERMIT</b>	
<b>Fire Sprinkler System</b>	
<b>\$200 per riser up to 5 plus \$1.00 per head (((\$200 x ___)+ (\$1.00 x ___))</b>	<b>\$200 + \$1.00 per Head</b>
<b>\$25 per riser after 5 plus \$1.00 per head (\$100 x ___)+ (\$1.00 x ___))</b>	<b>\$25 + \$1.00 per Head</b>
<b>Fire Alarm and Detection System</b>	
<b>Each input or output is considered a device (\$100 + (\$1.00 x ___))</b>	<b>\$100 + \$1.00 per device</b>
<b>Automatic Fire-extinguishing Systems (Commercial Cooking) (Per System)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Exhaust Duct Test (Light/Smoke Test)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Alternative Fire Protection Systems</b> – This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting site inspection, and witnessing the acceptance testing of alternative fire protection and fire suppression systems.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Fire Pumps/Related Equipment</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Underground Fire Main with Backflow Preventer</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Spraying or Dipping Booth</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Combustible/Flammable Storage Tank Permit Less than or Equal to 500 gallons</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Combustible/Flammable Storage Tank Permit More than 500 Gallons</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Service Station Piping Plan</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Work without Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>

<b>FIREWORK PERMIT</b>	
<b>Fireworks Stand (Annual Permit) Stands less than 25,000 sq. ft.</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Fireworks stand (Annual Permit) Stands 25,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 + sq. ft.</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Fireworks Display Show</b>	<b>\$200</b>



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<b>Indoor Firework Stand</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Work without Permit (Firework stand open without permit)</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>

**FEES FOR INSPECTIONS REQUIRED FOR STATE AND FEDERAL LICENSES OR PERMITS REQUIRED BY OTHER AUTHORIZED JURISDICTION**

<b>Commercial/Registered/Licensed Child Care (Annual)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Nursing Home or Care Centers (Annual)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Hospitals (Annual)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Foster Home, Licensed Adoption</b>	<b>No Fee</b>
<b>Life Safety Inspection Required by State Licensing Agency</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Work without a Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>

**OPERATIONAL PERMITS**

<b>Short Term Rentals. Less than 30 days. (Annual)</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Wind Turbines / Windmills for electric generation \$500 each</b> <b>Exception: Individually owned for private residential use.</b>	<b>\$500</b> <b>Each</b> <b>Turbine</b>
<b>Carnivals and Fairs (IFC 105.5.5)</b> <b>0 to 5 Rides (\$100 x _____)</b> <b>6 to 10 Rides (\$150 x _____)</b> <b>11 or more Rides (\$500 x _____)</b>	
<b>Cryogenic Fluids (IFC 105.5.11)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Dry Cleaning (IFC 105.5.13)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Prescribed Burns (per burn)</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Exhibits and Trade Shows (IFC 105.5.15)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>High Piled Storage (IFC 105.5.24)</b>	<b>\$300</b>



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<b>Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles (IFC 105.5.32) (Annual)</b> If have current Harris County, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County Permit This includes Food Trailers and or Trailers that can be moved. Mobile Trucks/Trailers that do not cook food requiring Vent Hood System \$50.00	<b>\$300</b> <b>\$50</b>
<b>Places of Assembly (105.5.39) With an Occupant load of 301 or more</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Work without a Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>

<b>HAZMAT OPERATIONAL PERMITS Required Annually</b>	
<b>Aerosol Products (IFC 2021 – 105.5.2)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Cellulose Nitrate Film (ICF 2021-105.5.6)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Combustible Dust Producing Operations (IFC 2021 – 105.5.7)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Combustible Fibers (IFC 2021 – 105.5.8)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Cryogenic Fluids (IFC 2021 – 105.5.11)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Dry Cleaning (IFC 105.5.13)</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Explosives (IFC 2021 – 105.5.16)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials (IFC 2021 – 105.5.22)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Electrical Energy Storage System (ESS,BESS and others) (IFC 2024-1207, Section 320)</b> Operational permits shall be obtained for stationary EES installations per individual system or separately enclosed systems.	<b>\$500 per System or enclosure</b>
<b>Solar Photovoltaic System (solar panel systems) (IFC 2024-1205)</b> Solar panel collection stations/locations that are connected to ESS or other type of electrical storage systems <b>Exempt</b> – Individually owned providing energy for a single residential or private property. Systems smaller than 1 acre. Unless connected to a ESS.	<b>\$100 Per Acre</b>
<b>Working without Permit</b>	<b>3 x Permit Fee</b>

<b>REQUEST FOR CODE VARIANCE</b>	
<b>Each request for a variance from the Matagorda County Fire Code will be treated as a separate variance request. A separate fee will be charged for each request.</b>	<b>\$150</b>



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