
Council Bill Number: 117172

Ordinance Number: 123650

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI Fire Code; adding a new Section 22.602.090 to the Seattle Municipal Code to add a new \$10 report fee for processing required life safety system confidence testing documentation.

Status: Passed

Note: Omnibus Bill

Vote: 9-0

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Committee: Public Safety and Education

Sponsor: BURGESS

Committee Recommendation: Pass

Date of Committee Recommendation: 2011/07/06

Committee Vote: 3 (Burgess, Bagshaw, Clark) - 0

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Reference: Related: [Ordinance 123393](#)

Text:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI Fire Code; adding a new Section 22.602.090 to the Seattle Municipal Code to add a new \$10 report fee for processing required life safety system confidence testing documentation.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 123393 amended the Seattle Fire code to incorporate the 2009 International Fire Code as part of the Seattle Fire code; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Fire Code provides that life safety systems, including non-required systems, be confidence tested on a periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 104.1 of the Seattle Fire Code, the Seattle Fire Department's fire code official duly promulgated Administrative Rule 9.01.02 which sets forth confidence test requirements for life safety systems; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Rule 9.02.09 requires that confidence testing be performed by technicians certified by the Seattle Fire Department, that appropriate labeling be applied to systems that have been tested, and that reports concerning the testing be filed with the Seattle Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the administrative costs associated with the filing of confidence testing reports exceeds \$10 per report; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Seattle Fire Department recover the costs incurred in filing confidence testing reports, provided that the Department does not recover amounts that exceed such costs; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a \$10 fee would allow the Seattle Fire Department recover a portion of its costs related to the recording of confidence testing data, but no more; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 22.602.090 is added to the Seattle Municipal code as follows:

22.602.090 Fees for filing confidence test documentation

The Fire Chief or his designee shall collect and the responsible party shall pay a \$10 fee for processing documentation pertaining to confidence testing conducted in accordance with Administrative Rule 9.02.09, Confidence Test Requirements for Life Safety Systems, as required by the Seattle Fire Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this

____ day of _____, 2011.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Cheryl Swab SFD, Confidence Testing Fee ORD April 26, 2011 Version #1a