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**EBOCO:** Following review and approval, when required, the Equal Business Opportunity Commission Office certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

**City Attorney:** Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

### Explanation

**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Columbus City Code Chapter 2107, Section 2107.06 pertaining to vehicles that are towed and stored at the City of Columbus Impound Lot. After reviewing the existing fee structure and expenses associated with the towing and storage of vehicles, the Division of Police is requesting an amendment to the Columbus City Code to include an administrative processing fee of \$30.00 to the owner or lien holder of a towed vehicle prior to releasing the vehicle. This fee will not apply to vehicles that are stolen and recovered or vehicles that are held for various reasons by the Division of Police. The Division of Police requests this amendment in order to reflect costs associated with these services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Towing and storage fees generated approximately \$3,379,874 in revenue in 2013 and \$2,965,387.00 so far in 2014. This amendment will generate approximately \$500,000.00 annually in additional revenue to the general fund.

### Title

To amend Section 2107.06 of the Columbus City Code in order to include an administrative processing fee for the towing and storage of vehicles.

### Body

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance is to amend Section 2107.06 of the Columbus City Code to add an administrative processing fee to the owner or lien holder of a vehicle towed and stored at the Columbus Division of Police Impound Lot; and

**WHEREAS,** this amendment will not apply to vehicles that are stolen and recovered by the Division of Police or vehicles that are held for various reasons by the Division; and



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**WHEREAS**, this amendment is introduced after reviewing the fee structure and expenses incurred in the towing and storage of vehicles by the Division of Police; now, therefore

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 2107.06 of the Columbus City Code be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

#### **2107.06 Impounding fee and storage charge-Exceptions.**

(a) No vehicle impounded under the provisions of this chapter, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) hereof, shall be removed from such vehicle pound except upon the payment by the owner, chauffeur, driver or other person in charge of such vehicle, of a service charge of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars to the parking violations bureau for any motor vehicle weighing not more than seven thousand (7,000) pounds. There is no additional fee charged if a dolly or rollback is required to tow said motor vehicle to the vehicle pound. A service charge of one hundred fifty-five (\$155.00) dollars shall be paid to the parking violations bureau for any motor vehicle weighing more than seven thousand (7,000) pounds but not more than ten thousand fifty (10,050) pounds. A service charge of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars shall be paid to the parking violations bureau for any motor vehicle weighing more than ten thousand fifty (10,050) pounds but not more than fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (14,999) pounds. A service charge of two hundred eighty (\$280.00) dollars shall be paid to the parking violations bureau for any motor vehicle weighing more than fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (14,999) pounds. In addition to the rate set forth above for all motor vehicles, an additional hourly fee may be charged for extra services that are required in connection with towing said motor vehicles such as to upright an overturned vehicle, clean excessive debris from the roadway, recover a vehicle not on the traveled portion or berm of a highway, or to separate vehicle or pull a vehicle from an obstruction, an additional hourly rate will be charged. This additional charge will be at the following rates:

1. One hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per hour for vehicles weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds or less.
2. One hundred fifty-five (\$155.00) dollars per hour for vehicles weighing more than seven thousand (7,000) pounds, but not more than ten thousand fifty (10,050) pounds.
3. Two hundred seventy (\$200.00) dollars per hour for vehicles weighing ten thousand fifty (10,050) pounds but not more than fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (14,999) pounds.
4. Fees for vehicles weighing over fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (14,999) pounds are as follows:

Hourly charge after thirty (30) minutes is sixty-three (\$63.00) dollars per quarter hour.

Extra manpower fee is forty-five (\$45.00) dollars per hour per worker.

Four-wheel drive wrecker fee is one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per hour.

Crane fee is two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars per hour.



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Heavy duty service truck fee is one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per hour.

5. A fee of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars may be added if a trailer dolly is required due to the trailer not being attached to a tractor.

A storage fee of eighteen (\$18.00) dollars per day for each twenty-four (24) hours, or fraction thereof, shall be charged for vehicles with a (24) hours, or fraction thereof shall be charged per vehicle and per trailer with a gross vehicle rating of ten thousand fifty (10,050) pounds or more. (Ord. 2808-90; Ord. 80-02 § 4 <.)

(b) Any stolen vehicles that have been recovered and impounded by the police pending notification of the legal owner or agent shall be subject to a reduced impounding fee of fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars and/or the applicable storage charge. However, the storage shall be charged beginning the fourth day after impoundment, provided the legal owner or agent has been notified, or notification has been sent to the last known address of the owner or agent. The reduced impounding fee of fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars

for a stolen vehicle is a one-time reduction per owner. Subsequent impounding fees related to stolen vehicles shall be at the normal impounding rate.

(c) Any vehicle weighing less than seven thousand (7,000) pounds of which has been impounded for the sole purpose of "safekeeping" and from which the driver or operator has been removed due to illness or injury shall be subject to the impounding fee and storage charge. However, the storage fee shall be charged beginning the fourth day after the date of impoundment. Any vehicle weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds or more and/or a commercially registered vehicle which has been impounded for the sole purpose of "safekeeping" which the driver or operator has been removed due to illness or injury shall be subject to the impounding fee and storage charges. Additional service fees incurred for all vehicles other than towing and storage will be assessed the owner or agent thereof and shall be paid before the vehicle is released.

(d) The owner of a vehicle that has been removed from the streets, sidewalks or public grounds pursuant to Section 2107.01 of the city codes and that has been determined by the violations clerk to be a victim of violent crime against person or other special circumstance shall not be held liable for the payment of any fees associated with the towing and/or impounding of said vehicle.

(e) In addition to the towing charges or expenses incurred in the removal and storage of vehicles as listed above, the owner or lienholder shall pay an additional administrative processing fee of \$30.00.

**SECTION 2.** That prior existing Section 2107.06 of the Columbus City Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

**Section 1.** That the following sections of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, are hereby amended to read as follows:

2502.01 - Permits.

(A) General. No person shall engage in any business activity involving the handling, storage or use of hazardous substances, materials or devices; or maintain, store or handle materials; or conduct processes which produce condition hazardous to life or property; or install equipment used in connection with such activities; or establish a place of assembly without first notifying the fire official. Permits may be required according to Section 2502.01(B).

(B) The fire official may require, but need not require, any such permit as specified in this code.

(C) Required permits shall be obtained from the fire official according to the requirements of this code. Inspection or permit fees, if any, shall be set forth in this code. Permits shall at all times be kept in the premises designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the fire official.

(D) Application for Permit. Application for a permit required by this code shall be made to the fire official in such form and detail as the fire official shall prescribe. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by plans or drawing as required by the fire official for evaluation of the application.

(E) Action on Application. Before a permit is issued, the fire official or his designated representative shall make or cause to be made such inspections or tests as are necessary to assure that the use and activities for which application is made complies with the provisions of this code.

(F) Conditions of Permit. A permit shall constitute permission to maintain, store or handle materials, or to conduct processes which produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities in accordance with the provisions of this code. Such permission shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel, or set aside any of the provisions of this code. Said permit shall remain in effect until revoked, or for such period of time specified on the permit. Permits are not transferable and any change in use, operation or tenancy shall require a new permit.

(G) Approved Plans. Plans approved by the fire official are approved with the intent they comply in all respects to this code. Any omissions or errors on the plans do not relieve the applicant of complying with all applicable requirements of this code.

(H) Revocation of Permit. The fire official may revoke a permit or approval issued under the provisions of this code if upon inspection any violation of the code exists, or if any false statement or misrepresentation as to material fact in the application, data or plans on which the permit or approval was based, or if any fees required by this code for inspections or permits have not been paid.

(I) Suspension of Permit. Any permit issued shall become invalid if the authorized work or activity is not commenced within six (6) months after issuance of the permit or if the authorized work or activity is suspended or abandoned for a period of six (6) months after the time of commencement.

(J) Payment of Fees. A permit shall not be issued until the designated fees have been paid. All fees shall be deposited into the general fund, unless otherwise specified or provided for. All fees shall be non-refundable unless otherwise specified or provided for.

2502.02 - Implied consent.

Any application for, or acceptance of, any permit requested or issued pursuant to this code constitutes agreement and consent by the person making application or accepting the permit to allow the fire official or his duly authorized representative to enter the premises at any reasonable time, to conduct such inspections as required by this code or to inspect the permitted activity for compliance with the requirements of this code. (Ord. 2049-95.)

2502.03 - Authority to require exposure or stop work.

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(A) Whenever any installation that is subject to inspection by the fire official prior to use is covered or concealed without having first been inspected, the fire official may require by written notice that such work be exposed for inspection. The fire official shall be notified when the installation is ready for inspection and the fire official shall conduct the inspection within a reasonable period of time.

(B) When any construction or installation work is being performed in violation of the plans and specifications as approved by the fire official, a written notice shall be issued to the responsible person to stop work on that portion of the work which is in violation. The notice shall state the nature of the violation, and no work shall be continued on that portion until the violation has been corrected.

2502.04 - Schedule of fire prevention inspection fees.

A permit shall not be issued until the designated fee has been paid. These fees shall be reviewed within the Division of Fire, Fire Prevention Bureau every three years, beginning in 2009 and continuing thereafter.

2502.041 - Open burning.

Any person who kindles or maintains a bonfire or authorizes a bonfire to be kindled or maintained on any premises must pay a fire inspection fee of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the bonfire material is obtained solely from the premises of a single private residence or one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) if the bonfire material is obtained from a construction site, from more than a single private residence, or from any other site.

A permit issued under this section shall be good for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days. Nothing in this ordinance implies approval of bonfires when prohibited by other governmental agencies, laws or ordinances.

2502.042 - Torch or flame-producing device.

Any person who uses a torch or flame-producing device to remove paint from any building or structure must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.043 - Combustible material.

Any person, that stores in any building or upon any premises in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) cubic feet gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers; or rubber tires, baled cotton, rubber, cork, or other similarly combustible material whether continuously or only occasionally must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.0431 - High-piled storage.

Any person, that stores in any building or upon any premises an operational permit to use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet whether continuously or only occasionally must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.044 - Cellulose nitrate film.

Any person that store, handle or use, in a Use Group A Occupancy, cellulose nitrate film must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.045 - Cellulose nitrate plastic.

Any person that stores or handles more than twenty five (25) pounds of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics; and any manufacturer of articles of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics, including the use of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics in the manufacture or assembling of other articles must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.046 - Aviation facilities.

Any person that operates airports, heliports or helistops or uses a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles must pay an annual fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.047 - Spraying or dipping

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Any person engaged in spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powders regulated by 2507 of the Columbus Fire Prevention Code must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.048 - Bowling pin refinishing or lane resurfacing.

Any person engaged in bowling pin refinishing or bowling lane resurfacing operations must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for an inspection of each job site, if the operation involves the use and application of flammable liquids and materials.

2502.0481 - Floor finishing.

Any person engaged in floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet using Class I or Class II liquids must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for an inspection of each job site.

2502.049 - Crop ripening or coloring process.

Any person engaged in any crop ripening or coloring process using ethylene gas must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.05 - Dry cleaning.

Any person engaged in the business of dry cleaning must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.051 - Combustible dust producing operation.

Any person that maintains dust explosion hazards, grain elevators, flour, starch or feed mills or plants pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices, sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined by the Ohio Fire Code must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.052 - Fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging.

Any person engaged in any fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging operation for profit or to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used must pay a fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each building or premises treated.

2502.053 - Lumber storage or use.

Any person that maintains lumber yards and woodworking plants which use or store more than one hundred thousand (100,000) board feet of lumber must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0531 - Wood products.

Any person that store chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred fifty seveny-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.054 - Indoor public assembly permit.

The promoter of the event or the owner of the property holding a temporary indoor public assembly event in an occupancy type that is not a place of assembly must pay a fire prevention inspection fee based on the following fee schedule:

<b>Operation/Occupancy Permit Type</b>	<b>Permit Fee per Day of Operation</b>
Assembly 50-299 occupants and is under 5,000 square feet	\$75.00
Assembly 300 occupants and over or is 5,000 square feet and over	\$125.00

2502.055 - Place of assembly.

Any person that maintains a place of assembly, as defined by this code, accommodating fifty (50) or more persons must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>At Least</b>	<b>But Less Than</b>	<b>Fee</b>
50	<u>100</u>	\$150.00
<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	\$175.00
<u>200</u>	500	\$250.00
500	5,000	\$350.00

5,000	And Up	\$700.00
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2502.0551 - Amusement buildings

Any person that operates a special amusement building, as defined by the Ohio Fire Code, must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.0552 - Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings. Any person displaying, operating or demonstrating liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings must pay a fire inspection fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for an inspection of each location and occurrence.

2502.056 - Industrial furnace / Oven.

Any person using an industrial processing furnace / oven, as defined by this code, must pay an annual prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.057 - Motor vehicle repair garage.

Any person that maintains a motor vehicle repair garage which does not dispense, sell or store gasoline in quantity must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.058 - Public service station.

Any person that maintains a vehicle service station defined as any place, building, pump or device operated and maintained in the city where gasoline or other motor fuels are kept for sale, at retail, to the public must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00). This section includes marine service stations.

2502.059 - Private service station.

Any person engaged in the storage of motor fuels: defined as any place, building, pump or device operated and maintained on private premises, where gasoline or other motor fuels are stored and dispensed for private consumption (not open to the public) must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.0599 - Pyrotechnic special effects.

The permit applicant shall furnish evidence of insurance in an amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons or to a property by reasons of the permitted display, and arising from any acts of the permit holder, his agents, employees or subcontractors. The permit applicant must pay a fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to the Bureau of Fire Prevention at the time of permit application.

2502.06 - Fireworks.

The permit applicant shall furnish evidence of insurance in an amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons or to property by reason of the permitted display, and arising from any acts of the permit holder, his agents, employees or subcontractors. The permit applicant must pay a fire prevention inspection fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Bureau of Fire Prevention at the time of permit application.

2502.061 - Automobile wrecking yard, junk yard or waste material handling.

Any person that maintains automobile wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material handling plants must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

2502.062 - Welding or cutting.

Any company, corporation, copartnership or owner-operator performing welding or cutting operations must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.063 - Calcium carbide storage.

Any person who stores or keeps calcium carbide in excess of two hundred (200) pounds must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.064 - Acetylene generator.

Any person that operates an acetylene generator having a carbide capacity exceeding five (5) pounds must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.065 - Welding or cutting cylinder or container storage.

Any person that stores cylinders used in conjunction with welding or cutting operations when more than two hundred (200) cubic feet of flammable compressed gas other than liquefied petroleum gas, any liquefied petroleum gas or six thousand (6,000) cubic feet of nonflammable compressed gas must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.066 - Combustible fiber.

Any person engaged in the storage and handling of combustible fibers, as described by this code, in quantities in excess of one hundred (100) cubic feet must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.067 - Compressed gas.

Any person, storing, handling or using at normal temperature or pressure of compressed gas as indicated in the table below must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

Exception: Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle.

Type of gas	Amount (cubic feet at NTP)
Corrosive	200
Flammable (except cryogenic fluids and liquefied petroleum gases)	200
Highly toxic	Any amount
Inert and simple asphyxiate	6,000
Oxidizing (including oxygen)	504
Pyrophoric	Any amount
Toxic	Any amount

2502.068 - Cryogenic liquid.

Any person engaged in: producing, storing, transporting on site, using, handling or dispensing cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in the table below must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

Exception: Permits for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as a fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading.

Type of cryogenic fluid	Inside building (gallons)	Outside buildings (gallons)
Flammable	More than 1	60
Inert	60	500
Oxidizing (includes oxygen)	10	50
Physical or health hazard not indicated above	Any amount	Any amount

2502.069 - Explosives, ammunition or blasting agent.

Any person engaged in the manufacturing, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks, or pyrotechnic special effects as described in this code must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) unless the condition or operation is covered by another permit issued by the fire official pursuant to this code.

Exception: Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale.

2502.07 - Flammable or combustible liquid.

Any person engaged in the conditions or operations involving flammable or combustible liquids, as indicated below, must pay an annual or one-time, fire inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) unless the condition or operation is covered by another permit issued by the fire official pursuant to this code.

- (A) To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation within facilities of flammable or combustible liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTn) nor does it apply to piping systems.
- (B) To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons in a building or in excess of 10 gallons outside of a building, except for the following:
  - (i) The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the local fire code official, would cause an unsafe condition.
  - (ii) The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures when such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.
- (C) To store, handle or use Class II or Class IIIA liquids in excess of 25 gallons in a building or in excess of 60 gallons outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.
- (D) To store, handle or use Class IIIB liquids in tanks or portable tanks for fueling motor vehicles at motor fuel-dispensing facilities or where connected to fuel-burning equipment.

Exception: Fuel oil and used motor oil used for space or water heating.
- (E) To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.
- (F) To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.
- (G) To place temporarily out of service (for more than ninety days) an underground, protected aboveground or aboveground flammable or combustible liquid tank.
- (H) To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material that poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.
- (I) To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids.
- (J) To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.
- (K) To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, marine craft and other special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

2502.071 - Underground tank internal coating.

Any person engaged in any internal coating procedure for underground tank lining must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each permit issued by the fire official.

2502.072 - Hazardous materials.

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Any person storing, dispensing, using or handling hazardous materials as indicated in 1301:7-7-27 of the Ohio Fire Code must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) unless the condition or operation is covered by another permit issued by the fire official pursuant to this code.

2502.0721 - Aerosol products.

Any person storing or retail displaying of Level 2 and 3 aerosol products exceeding a net weight of five hundred (500) pounds must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0722 - Corrosives.

Any person storing or using corrosive materials exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds of solids, fifty-five (55) gallons of liquids, or two hundred (200) cubic feet of gases must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0723 - Flammable solids.

Any person storing, using or handling more than one hundred (100) pounds of flammable solids must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0724 - Hazardous production material facilities.

Any person engaged in the storage, handling or use of hazardous production materials must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0725 - Irritants, sensitizers and other health hazards.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of irritants, sensitizers or other health hazard materials exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds of solids, one hundred (100) gallons of liquids, and any amount of gas must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0726 - Liquid and solid oxidizers.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any quantity of Class 4 oxidizers; more than one (1) gallon or ten (10) pounds of Class 3 oxidizer; more than ten (10) gallons or one hundred (100) pounds of Class 2 oxidizer; or more than fifty-five (55) gallons or five hundred (500) pounds of Class 1 oxidizer; must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0727 - Organic peroxides.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any quantity of Class I or II organic peroxides; one (1) gallon or ten (10) pounds of Class III organic peroxides; two (2) gallons or ten (20) pounds of Class IV organic peroxides; must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0728 - Pyrophoric materials.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any amount of pyrophoric materials must pay an annual fire prevention fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0729 - Radioactive materials.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any radioactive material capable of emitting a short-term radiation exposure greater than five (5) REM whole-body dose including both sealed and unsealed radioactive sources, must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.073 - Liquefied petroleum gas (LP-gas).

Any person that stores or uses LP-gas or the operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) utilizing storage containers of over thirty (30) gallons individual water capacity, or when the combined container quantity exceeds sixty (60) gallons irrespective of individual container size or twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for lesser amounts.

Exception: A permit for individual containers with a 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less serving occupancies in Group R-3.

2502.0731 - Unstable (reactive) materials.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any quantity of Class 3 or 4 unstable (reactive) materials; more than five (5) gallons or fifty (50) pounds (solid) of Class 2 unstable (reactive) materials, or more than ten (10)

gallons or one hundred (100) pounds (solid) of Class 1 unstable (reactive) materials must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0732 - Water-reactive materials.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of any quantity of Class 3 water-reactive materials; more than five (5) gallons or fifty (50) pounds (solid) of Class 2 water-reactive materials; more than fifty-five (55) gallons or five (500) pounds (solid) of Class 1 water-reactive materials must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0733 - Highly toxic and toxic solids and liquids.

Any person engaged in the storage, use or handling of highly toxic materials in any quantity and toxic materials exceeding one hundred (100) pounds of solids or ten (10) gallons of liquids must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.0734 - Pesticide display and storage.

Any person engaged in the display and storage of any pesticides in any quantity as indicated in OFC Rule 27 1301:7-7-27 (hazardous materials in general) and in 1301:7-7-37 (highly toxic and toxic materials) of the Ohio Administrative Code the Ohio Fire Code must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.074 – Combustible Metals.

Any person engaged in melting, casting, heat treating, machining or grinding more than ten (10) pounds of combustible metals per working day must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

2502.075 - Manufacture or storage of matches.

Any person that manufactures more than twenty five (25) cases of matches per year or stores matches exceeding cases in aggregate must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.076 - Organic coating.

Any person engaged in any manufacturing operation making more than one (1) gallon of any organic coating on any working day must pay an annual fire inspection fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$150.00).

2502.077 - Permit renewal, inspection fees.

All fire prevention inspection fees, associated with yearly operational permits, must be paid annually for each separate location, as determined by the fire official, within the city of Columbus and are due thirty (30) days after the invoice date. Payment shall be made according to the procedures established by the fire official. Inspection fees are considered delinquent sixty (60) days after invoice date and subject to a twenty five (25) percent penalty which shall be added to the fee due.

2502.078 - Aboveground and underground storage tanks.

Any person engaged in the installation, upgrade, repair or closure of any aboveground or underground storage tank and/or tank system must pay a fire prevention inspection fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Leak detection upgrade	\$75.00	Per location
Piping abandonment only	\$175.00	Per location
Piping installation only	\$75.00	Per location
Piping removal only	\$175.00	Per location
Piping repair only	\$75.00	Per location
Piping replacement only	\$175.00	Per location
Piping upgrade only	\$75.00	Per location
Tank abandonment in place	\$175.00	Per tank
Tank removal	\$175.00	Per tank
Tank repair	\$125.00	Per tank
Tank replacement	\$300.00	Per tank
Tank upgrade	\$150.00	Per tank
AST/UST system change in service	\$175.00	Per system

AST/UST system installation	\$150.00	Per system
AST/UST system temporary closure	\$175.00	Per system

2502.079 - Outdoor public assembly event.

Any person operating a temporary structure at an outdoor public assembly event is required to obtain permits as indicated below must pay an fire prevention inspection fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) unless the condition or operation is covered by another permit issued by the fire official pursuant to this code.

Operation/Occupancy Permit Type	
Assembly	50-299 occupants and under 5,000 square feet
Assembly	300 occupants and over and 5,000 square feet and over
Cooking and/or Heating	(any size)
Combustible/Flammable Liquid (any amount)	Not in conjunction with cooking/heating or assembly.
Compressed Flammable Gas (any amount)	Not in conjunction with cooking/heating or assembly.
Compressed Non-Flammable Gas (over 6,000 cubic feet)	Not in conjunction with cooking/heating or assembly.
Canopy (over 400 sq. ft.) Tent (over 200 sq. ft.)	Not used for cooking/heating or assembly and, no use of Flammable or Combustible liquids or Compressed Gas of any type.

2502.08 - Plan review.

Before any fire alarm, detection or fire suppression system or any other fire protection device including emergency generators and fire ventilating systems are installed, enlarged, extended or altered in any way, plans and specifications shall be reviewed by the fire official.

2502.081 - Plans and specifications.

Plans and specifications submitted to the fire official for review shall be in such form and detail as required by the fire official.

2502.082 - Tire rebuilding or tire shredding.

Any person engaged in the business of tire rebuilding or tire shredding must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.084 - Fire hydrants and valves.

Any person engaged in the or use or operation of fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public must pay an permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Exception: A permit for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.

2502.085 - Hot work operations.

Any person engaged in hot work including, but not limited those listed below, must pay a fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for an inspection of each job site and / or occurrence.

(A) Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.

(B) Use of portable hot work equipment inside a structure.

Exception: Work that is conducted under a construction permit.

(C) Fixed-site hot work equipment such as welding booths.

(D) Hot work conducted within a wildfire risk area.

(E) Application for roof coverings with the use of an open-flame device.

2502.0851 - Hot work Program.

When approved, the fire code official may issue a permit to carry out a hot work program within a facility. Any person conducting a hot work program must pay an annual fire prevention inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five

dollars (\$125.00). This program allows approved personnel to regulate their facility's hot work operations in accordance with 1301:7-7-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2502.086 - Refrigeration equipment.

Any person engaged in the conditions or operations involving a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by rule 1301:7-7-06 of the Ohio Administrative Code must pay an annual, fire inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) unless the condition or operation is covered by another permit issued by the fire official pursuant to this code.

2502.09 - Fire protection system plan review fee schedule.

(A) Sprinkler System. The fee for the sprinkler is based on the number of sprinkler heads in the system.

Sprinkler Heads	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
1-200	\$87.50	\$87.50
201-300	\$112.50	\$112.50
301-400	\$ 137.50	\$137.50
401-750	\$175.00	\$175.00
Over 750	\$175.00 plus 60¢ per head over 750	\$150.00 plus 60¢ per head over 750

The review of a hydraulically-designed sprinkler system shall be one point five (1.5) times the normal fee for sprinkler review. Review of sprinkler systems using a fire pump shall cost an additional one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for sprinkler review.

Review of standpipes using the same supply as sprinkler systems with fire pumps are included in the sprinkler system fee.

(B) Standpipe Systems. The plan review fee shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for systems without fire pumps and one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for systems with fire pumps. The inspection fee for standpipe systems shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for systems without fire pumps and one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for systems with fire pumps.

(C) Extinguishing Systems. These would include systems using the following agents: carbon dioxide, halon, dry chemical, foam, chemical, and all others:

Weight of Agent	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
Up to 50#	\$60.00	\$115.00
51-200#	\$85.00	\$115.00
201-500#	\$110.00	\$115.00
Over 750	\$110.00 +.60 per # over 500#	\$115.00 +.60 per # over 500#

(D) Automatic Fire Alarm System. The fee for an automatic fire alarm system is based on the number of sending, signaling and detecting devices in the system:

Devices	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
1-25	\$100.00	\$100.00
Over 25	\$100.00 +.60 per device over 25	\$100.00 +.60 per device over 25

(E) Manual Fire Alarm Systems. The fee for a manual fire alarm system is based on the number of sending and signaling devices:

Devices	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
1-10	\$100.00	\$100.00
Over 10	\$100.00 +.60 per device over 10	\$100.00 +.60 per device over 10

(F) Other Fire Protection Devices and Systems. The fee for smoke removal systems and other fire protection devices and systems not listed above shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one

hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee.

(G) Flammable or Combustible Liquid, or Flammable or Nonflammable Gas Installations. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee.

2502.10 - Subdivision plat plan, water main plan, street improvement plan and private development plan review fee schedule.

(A) Preliminary Subdivision Plat Plans: The fee for this plat plan review is one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee.

(B) Final Subdivision Plat Plans. The fee for this plat plan review is seventy-five (\$75.00). This fee shall be in addition to, and separation from, any required inspection fee.

(C) Public Street Improvement Plans—Private Development. The fee schedule for this plan review is as follows:

*Number of Fire Hydrants Involved in Project	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
0-5	\$30.00	\$120.00
6-10	\$55.00	\$120.00
11-15	\$75.00	\$125.00
Over 15	\$75.00 + \$1.25 per hydrant over 15	\$125.00 + \$2.25 per hydrant over 15

\* Also includes existing hydrants to be relocated or replaced.

(D) Public Water Main Plans—Private Development. The fee schedule for this plan review is as follows

*Number of Fire Hydrants Involved in Project	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
0-5	\$30.00	\$120.00
6-10	\$55.00	\$120.00
11-15	\$75.00	\$125.00
Over 15	\$75.00 + \$1.25 per hydrant over 15	\$125.00 + \$2.25 per hydrant over 15

\* Also includes existing hydrants to be relocated or replaced.

(E) Private Water Main Plans. The fee schedule for this plan review is as follows:

*Number of Fire Hydrants Involved in Project	Plan Review Fee	Inspection Fee
0-5	\$30.00	\$120.00
6-10	\$55.00	\$120.00
11-15	\$75.00	\$125.00
Over 15	\$75.00 + \$1.25 per hydrant over 15	\$125.00 + \$2.25 per hydrant over 15

\* Includes new fire hydrants, relocated fire hydrants, replaced fire hydrants, abandoned fire hydrants, lead-ins to risers, and remote fire department connections.

2502.11 - Acceptance test fee.

(A) General. A building, structure or any portion thereof shall not be occupied until all required fire protection systems and devices and all fire hydrants have been tested in the presence of the fire official and approved, as required by the Fire Marshal.

(B) The plan review fees set forth in Section 2502.09 and 2502.10 include the cost of having one fire inspector present (if required) during the initial acceptance test for the system reviewed as indicated, if done during normal business hours. If, in the opinion of the fire official, more than one fire inspector is required to properly and efficiently witness the acceptance test, a fee shall be charged for each additional fire inspector required on the basis of time consumed by each fire inspector, at the rate of fifty-eight dollars (\$75.00) for each hour or fraction thereof.

(C) Should a subsequent acceptance test become necessary, for whatever reason, for approval of a fire protection system or systems, a fee of one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) shall be paid for the presence of a fire official at each subsequent test.

2502.12 - Special inspections.

(A) Definitions:

1. A special inspection is an inspection performed during normal duty hours at an unscheduled time and at a responsible person's request, that is not required by this code.
2. After hours special inspection is an inspection as defined in 2502.12(A) 1 performed during a time which falls outside the normal duty hours of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Normal duty hours for the Fire Prevention Bureau are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or on holidays as defined by the current labor contract.
3. Weekend special inspection is an inspection as defined in 2502.12(A) 1 performed on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday.

(B) Inspections shall be performed during Fire Prevention Bureau normal duty hours unless an after hours and/or weekend inspection request is made.

(C) Any person requesting an after hours inspection for a building or premises under their control or any part thereof, shall make the request in writing on a form and in manner acceptable to the fire official.

(D) Any person requesting an inspection of a building or premises under their control or any part thereof, or other special services of whatever nature shall be charged a fee for such special inspection on the basis of time consumed by each inspector or authorized person performing the inspection, at the rate indicated below:

1. Commercial Occupancies - One hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour) thereof. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) trip charge.
2. Home Daycares - One hundred twenty-five (\$100.00) for each hour or fraction ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour) thereof. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) trip charge.
3. All Others Non-Commercial - Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each hour or fraction ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour) thereof. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) trip.

Special inspection fees and trip charges must be paid in full prior to the inspection. Payment of these special inspection fees and trip charge entitles the requestor to an inspection, but not necessarily an approved inspection.

2502.13 - Columbus fire prevention code modification request

A person requesting a modification of the Columbus Fire Prevention Code shall be required to pay a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in order to adequately compensate the division of fire for research and study of the modification request, and to ascertain that any modification allowed would not be detrimental to public safety.

2502.14 - Battery systems.

A permit to install stationary storage battery systems having a liquid capacity of more than 50 gallons. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.15 - Compressed gases.

When the compressed gases in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in 2502.067 of this code, a construction permit to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a compressed gas system. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Exceptions:

- (A) Routine maintenance.
  - (B) For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.
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2502.16 - Cryogenic fluids.

A construction permit for installation of or alteration to outdoor stationary cryogenic fluid storage systems where the system capacity exceeds the amounts listed in 2502.068. Maintenance is not considered an alteration and does not require a construction permit. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.17 - Flammable and combustible liquids.

A construction permit for the following items are required. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

(A) To install, repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids.

(B) To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.

(C) To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a flammable or combustible liquid tank and any line or dispensing device connected thereto.

2502.18 - Hazardous materials.

A construction permit to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by rule 1301:7-7-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed within this code. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Exceptions:

(A) Routine maintenance.

(B) For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

2502.19 - Industrial ovens.

A construction permit for installation of industrial ovens covered by rule 1301:7-7-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Exceptions:

(A) Routine maintenance.

(B) For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

2502.20 - LP-gas.

A construction permit for installation of or modification to an LP-gas system. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

2502.21 - Temporary membrane structures and tents.

A construction permit to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet. The fee for this plan review shall be charged on the basis of time consumed reviewing the plan at

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the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each hour or fraction thereof. This fee shall be in addition to, and separate from, any required inspection fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Exceptions:

- (A) Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
  - (B) Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
  - (C) Tents covered by Outdoor Event Permits
  - (C) Tents and awnings open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
    - (i) Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
    - (ii) The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet not exceeding 700 square feet total.
    - (iii) The minimum clearance of 12 feet to structures and other tents is maintained.
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