

2019 RESOLUTION

UPDATED 12-18-2024

WHEREAS annexation requests and construction projects in and around the Fire District increase demands on Fire District services; and

WHEREAS these requests and projects impose additional demands upon the District's ability to economically provide fire protection and life protection services to District property owners; and

WHEREAS A.R.S. § 48-805 permits the District to adopt resolutions establishing fee schedules for fire protection, life preservation services and Fire Cause Determination/Investigation Fees; and

WHEREAS a User Fee is established for the immediate privilege of the user's access to Fire Suppression, EMT and other services of the District prior to permanent occupancy of the structure.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Board for the Sun City Fire District that the following amended/revised User Fee schedule shall be adopted effective November 19, 2019.

1. Commercial and Residential User Fees

Permits shall be obtained from the Sun City Fire Marshal's Office before the start of any new construction projects in the District. The Fire Marshal will perform Plan Review for code compliance of the site plan(s) for fire and life safety requirements including, but not limited to, hydrant spacing, street width, vehicle access, building spacing, building/mechanical/electrical construction, and fire protection systems. Residential Lockboxes will be provided for Residential occupancies as noted below.

In conjunction with obtaining and paying for required plan review and construction permits from the District Fire Marshal, property owners shall pay the following additional fees:

<u>Type of Structure</u>	<u>User Fee</u>
<u>Residential:</u>	
R-1, R-2, R-3 Occupancies	
One and Two-Family Dwellings (per dwelling unit)	\$250.00
Add Residential Lockbox Fee for provided Lockbox (per dwelling unit)	\$ 80.00
Multi-Family Dwellings (per dwelling unit)	\$450.00
Add Residential Lockbox Fee for provided Lockbox (per dwelling unit)	\$ 80.00
Hotels (per dwelling unit)	\$300.00
<u>General Commercial</u>	
B, M Occupancies	\$800.00 first 5,000 sq. ft. \$800.00 for each additional 5,000 square feet or fraction thereof, whichever is greater – rounded up.
<u>Manufacturing Units</u>	
F Occupancies	\$800.00 first 3,000 sq. ft. \$800.00 for each additional 3,000 square feet or fraction thereof, whichever is greater – rounded up.

Public Assembly

A Occupancies

\$800.00 first 3,000 sq. ft.
\$800.00 for each additional
3,000 square feet or
fraction thereof, whichever is
greater – rounded up.

Hospitals / Care Facilities

I Occupancies, R-4 Occupancies

\$800.00 first 3,000 sq. ft.
\$800.00 for each additional
3,000 square feet or
fraction thereof, whichever is
greater – rounded up.

Hazardous

H Occupancies

\$800.00 first 2,000 sq. ft.
\$800.00 for each additional
2,000 square feet or
fraction thereof, whichever is
greater – rounded up.

Storage

S Occupancies

\$800.00 first 5,000 sq. ft.
\$800.00 for each additional
5,000 square feet or
fraction thereof, whichever is
greater – rounded up.

Educational

E Occupancies

\$800.00 first 5,000 sq. ft.
\$800.00 for each additional
5,000 square feet or
fraction thereof, whichever is
greater – rounded up.

The User Fees (listed above) are applicable to all structures that are being proposed for New Construction within the District and are due upon approval of the site plan prior to issuance of the construction permit. Fees must be received by the District prior to any construction. Any changes to the site plan will require an additional review by the District to determine fire and life safety compliance and if additional fees are required. The property owner is responsible for advising the District promptly and in writing of any changes to the Approved site plan.

Upon annexation approval by the District Governing Board, the annexed property owner(s) will be subject to the user fee schedule set forth above. Fees must be received by the district before annexation will be finalized.

2. Lock Box Fees:

Residential Lock Box Fees shall be added to the Permit Fees for any New Residential Building Permit issued within the Sun City Fire District. The Fee of \$80.00 per unit shall be added to the permit fee per unit in single family, duplexes OR multi-family residential structures. The Lock Box(es) will be provided to the builder to be installed on each residential unit.

Commercial Lock Box Fees will be added to the Permit Fee for the required Commercial Lock boxes that will be used to access the Building or Riser Rooms, or the fire apparatus access road as required on Commercial complexes. Commercial Surface Mount lock boxes are assessed at \$380.00 per lockbox including the required sign; other variations at additional cost.

3. Fees For Service Outside of Defined Response Area (or Specialized service within the District)

Services provided inside the Fire District for specialized service or outside the Fire District Boundaries that are not otherwise governed by a written agreement will generally be charged to the property owner, patient and/or other responsible parties, as follows:

Type of Apparatus Fee

Pumper	\$1,000.00 per hour*
Ladder	\$1,000.00 per hour*
Battalion Chief	\$200.00 per hour*
Safety Officer	\$200.00 per hour*

*1-hour minimum charge. The time will begin upon the dispatch of the District apparatus and end upon time that the apparatus goes back into service – rounded up to next hour.

4. Emergency Responses

A rate of \$495.00 per hour will be assessed per Emergency Response*.

*1-hour minimum charge. The time will begin upon the dispatch of the District apparatus and end upon the availability of each apparatus dispatched – rounded up to next hour.

5. Hazardous Materials Response

Cost recovery for all expenses incurred during a hazardous materials response inside or outside the boundaries of the Fire District will generally be charged to the property owner.

6. False Alarm Cost Recovery

Excessive or malicious false alarms that occur within the Fire District and that cause response of Fire District apparatus and crew, will generally be charged to the property owner at the discretion of the Fire Marshal, as follows:

- A. Response due to "**Failure to Notify**" the Fire District when working on or testing sprinkler, fire and/or medical alarm systems.

\$200.00 per hour per piece of Fire District apparatus and crew responding*.

- B. Response to **Malicious false alarms (intentional)**.

\$200.00 per hour per piece of Fire District apparatus and crew responding*.

- C. Response due to **Fire Alarm malfunction**.

\$200.00 per hour per piece of Fire District apparatus and crew responding to all false alarms in excess of 2 false alarms during any calendar year*.

- D. Response to false alarms due to **negligence, tampering with the system, construction, or modification of the building**.

\$200.00 per hour per piece of Fire District apparatus and crew responding*.
Fee shall be charged for each instance in excess of one (1).

- E. Response to false alarm by Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal, and/or Fire Inspector.

\$100.00 per hour*
Fee shall be charged for each instance in excess of one (1).

*1-hour minimum charge. The time will begin upon the dispatch of the District apparatus and end upon the availability of each apparatus dispatched – rounded up to next hour.