

**ORDINANCE NO. 1364**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KALAMA, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.05 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS AS ALLOWED UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kalama is responsible under the International Fire Code to perform inspections on commercial buildings to ensure code compliance and life safety for public occupancy;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kalama finds it needs to establish a process and fees for making the required inspections;

**NOW THEREFORE** the City Council of the City of Kalama do ordain:

**Section 1.** Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 14.05 Fire Safety Inspections is established to read as follows:

**14.05.010 Inspection fee -- Assessed**

The Fire Marshal, or his or her designee, is authorized to assess a base rate for inspections made of commercial and multifamily buildings under International Fire Code Chapter 1, Section 104. The base rate shall be assessed at the time the inspection is made. The initial amount of said base rate shall be based on the following formula for each building or occupancy as determined by the fire chief or his or her designee:

Inspection Fee = (Square Foot Factor)\* multiplied by (Degree of Difficulty Factor)\*\* multiplied by (Base Rate)\*\*\*

\*Square Foot Factor:

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| #1 | = | 0 - 1,000 Sq. Ft.        |
| #2 | = | 1,001 - 3,000 Sq. Ft.    |
| #3 | = | 3,001 - 10,000 Sq. Ft.   |
| #4 | = | 10,001 - 40,000 Sq. Ft.  |
| #5 | = | 40,001 - 80,000 Sq. Ft.  |
| #6 | = | 80,001 Sq. Ft. or higher |

\*\* Degree of Difficulty Factor:

#1 - Low. Basic fire inspection on fire extinguishers, exiting, combustible storage, minimal International Fire Code knowledge.

#2 - Medium. Basic (1) plus knowledge on hood/duct systems, fire extinguishing systems, fire alarm systems. Considerable knowledge on International Building Code, International Fire Code, and their adopting ordinances, National Fire Protection Association 13 (Installation of Sprinkler Systems), National Fire Protection Association 72 (National Fire Alarm Code), National Fire Protection Association 96 (Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operation).

#3 - High. Extensive knowledge of (1) and (2) plus International Building Code, International Fire Code, National Fire Protection Association, National Electrical Code, International Mechanical Code, and their adopting ordinances. Special hazards, flammable and combustible liquids, special systems (CO2-Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing System).

\*\*\* Base Rate

\$50.00 commencing November 1, 2015. The base rate may be amended by resolution of the City Council.

This fee shall cover the initial inspection and one follow-up visit. Any additional follow-up inspections necessitated by noncompliance and inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, shall be billed at \$100.00 per hour.

**14.05.030 Inspection fee -- Payment obligation**

The obligation to pay the fee assessed in Section 14.05.010 shall be fall to the owner of the building or property.

**14.05.040 Inspection fee -- Collection procedure**

The fees established in Section 14.05.010 shall be billed directly to the party responsible by the City Finance office. For accounts delinquent for more than 30 days, the City is authorized to assess a monthly fee of \$5.00 or one percent, whichever is greater, and may revoke the business license of the party responsible after giving that party an informal hearing to show cause why the license should not be revoked; or the City may use any other lawful means to collect the obligation, including the use of collection agencies.

**14.05.050 Inspection fee -- Applicability**

Sections 14.05.010 through 14.05.050 shall equally apply to buildings owned or leased or otherwise used by other governmental jurisdictions and to buildings generally for which a business license has not been procured, insofar as such buildings are within the coverage of the International Fire Code. Collection of the fees from said jurisdiction shall be accomplished by any available legal means.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective five days after passage,

approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015

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Mayor Pete Poulsen

Attest:

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Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective: \_\_\_\_\_

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