

June 26, 2019

Re: Fire & Life Safety Inspection Fee

To the residents of Tamarac,

The City of Tamarac adopted a new fee schedule that became effective October 1, 2017 for fire and life safety inspections. The State of Florida by Statue and Broward County by amendment require all multi-family residential buildings be inspected at least annually for fire and life safety.

Fire and life safety inspections are meant to ensure the safety our community and include the review of items such as: fire hydrant location and emergency access, electric/meter room access, inspection of electrical/meter breakers, inspection of fire alarm panels, inspection of fire sprinkler systems, the testing of emergency phones in elevators, inspection of railings and emergency exit lighting are some of the key components.

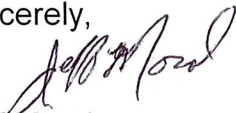
Nationwide there are approximately 364,300 fires a year in residential buildings, causing \$5.7 billion in property loss that resulted in an estimated 2,775 fire deaths. The Fire Prevention Bureau visits all multi-family residential buildings and are out looking at life safety items to ensure you and your families are as safe as possible when at home or visiting a neighbor.

There has been no fee increases for life safety inspections in over twenty years. The cost to provide this required life safety service needed to be more in-line with the fees. The City Commission approved a phased in implementation approach which allows for multi-family communities to plan and adjust to the new fees (fee schedule below).

Number of Units	Oct.1 2017 Increase to 50%	Oct.1 2019 Increase to 75%	Oct.1 2021 Increase to 100%
3 - 15 Units	\$ 72.50	\$ 108.75	\$ 145.00
16 - 25 Units	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
26 - 35 Units	\$ 127.50	\$ 191.25	\$ 255.00
36 - 45 Units	\$ 157.50	\$ 236.25	\$ 315.00
Over 45 Units	\$ 185.00	\$ 277.50	\$ 370.00

The safety of our citizens and visitors is our number one priority, we appreciate your understanding and please contact us at 954-597-3800 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Jeff Moral
 Assistant Fire Chief / Fire Marshal