



**City of National City  
Fire Department**  
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**Residential Complex Fire/Life Safety Inspection Fees**

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**Contact:** Building Owner/Manager  
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The National City Fire Department following a comprehensive fee study has set fees for actual time required to inspect and process documentation on Residential Fire/Life Safety Inspections.

The State of California Health and Safety Code (HSC § 13146 and § 17921) require local fire departments to annually inspect multi-family residential properties (i.e., apartments, condominiums, etc.). The State of California also passed legislation that now mandates that all Fire Departments across the State submit a yearly report regarding compliance and percentages of units inspected.

The new fee has been established in order to help the Fire Department expand our capacity and ensure that our residential units are Fire Safe.

These Annual Fire/Life Safety Inspection fees will be applied to Residential Rental Units/Apts./Condos/Mobile Home/Trailer parks (3 or more units). The city will now be charging the Fire Inspection fee in addition to the annual Rental Tax fee.

Fees shall be added to your overall renewal fee in accordance with the schedule below:

<b>National City Residential Inspection Fees</b>	
<b>Number of Units Per Residential Complex</b>	<b>Complex Fee</b>
<b>3 - 50 Units</b>	\$218.00
<b>51 - 100 Units</b>	\$327.00
<b>101 – 150 Units</b>	\$436.00
<b>151 – 200 Units</b>	\$545.00
<b>Each additional 50 units (or fraction thereof)</b>	\$126.00

**If you have questions regarding the new Fire/Life Safety Inspection Fee please contact the Fire Department at (619) 336-4550.**