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## Notice of Request for Public Comment

### Big Sky Fire Department Fire and Life Safety Review/Permit Fee Schedule Proposal July 18, 2022

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#### Background and Proposal Summary

The volume and pace of development in Big Sky is staggering and shows no sign of slowing down. The Big Sky Fire Department (BSFD) is committed to providing the highest level of life safety and fire code enforcement to the community to assure that the development and construction is done safely to create a more resilient community for the current and future residents. The BSFD Community Risk Management (CRM) Division manages all aspects of the department's code enforcement program which consists of numerous types of plan reviews, inspections, and consultations. In 2021 the BSFD CRM Division provided close to 500 of these services split between two full time staff members. Each of these projects requires numerous hours of reviews and site visits to be sure that all applicable fire codes and life safety measures are met. Currently, BSFD does not charge for any of these services. In Gallatin County, BSFD is the only career or combination fire department that does not charge fees and nationally, it is most common for comparable fire departments to charge a fee for services. Fee revenues by state regulation can only be used to supplement program and staffing costs by offsetting the impact of development on local taxpayers. For these reasons we are proposing the adoption of a fee schedule for these types of services. After the close of the public comment period a public hearing as required by Montana Code Annotated 7-6-4013, BSFD will present the fee schedule outlined in **Appendix A** and the comments received to the BSFD board of trustees for consideration and to vote on a resolution to adopt the fee schedule.

#### Public Comment Opportunity

To provide feedback, please email your comments to [Dtetrault@bigskyfire.org](mailto:Dtetrault@bigskyfire.org) or drop off written comments at Big Sky Fire Department Station 1 located at 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky, MT 59754 by Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing and presentation of submitted comments will be presented at the monthly BSFD Board of Trustees meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8:30am at the Big Sky Water and Sewer meeting room located at 561 Little Coyote Rd, Big Sky, MT 59716 prior to voting on the resolution. The meeting will also offer virtual attendance to offer public comment at a web link to be determined.

## **Appendix A**

### **Proposed BSFD Fire Permit/Plan Review Fee Schedule**

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- **Automatic Fire Alarm System (Includes review & final inspection)**
  - Residential - \$200.00
  - Commercial (up to 10,000 sq ft) - \$350.00
  - Commercial (over 10,000 sq ft) - \$500.00
- **Fire Protection System – Sprinkler (Includes review & final inspection)**
  - Residential - \$200.00
  - Commercial (up to 10,000 sq ft) - \$350.00
  - Commercial (over 10,000 sq ft) - \$500.00
- **Fire Protection System – Standpipe - \$200.00**
- **Water System Review (Includes review & inspection)**
  - Cisterns, draft sites, hydrants - \$200.00
- **Existing building alarm/sprinkler alteration (Includes review & inspection)**
  - Residential - \$200.00
  - Commercial - \$300.00
- **Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems (Includes review & inspection)**
  - Type 1 and Type 2 Hood Systems - \$150.00
- **Operational Permits (yearly permit that includes inspections)– Per International Fire Code 105.6**
  - Pyrotechnic Display - \$100.00
  - Hot Work (i.e., welding, torch, or plasma cutting)- \$100.00
  - Temporary Special Event Tent or Structure
    - More than 400 sq ft - \$100.00

- Hazardous material handling and storage per IFC table 105.6.20 - \$100.00
- \* Mobile Food Vehicles – Fixed Site (with appliances that create smoke or grease laden vapors) - \$100.00
- \* Cannabis Extraction - \$100.00
- \* Outdoor Assembly Event (more than 1,000 people)
  - Review venue safety plan and site inspection - \$100.00
- **Short Term Rental Permit (Includes inspection)**
  - Initial permit fee and inspection - \$200.00
    - Biennial life safety inspection - \$100.00
- **Land Use Permit/Pre-Construction Safety Plan Review**
  - Residential - \$150.00
  - Commercial - \$250.00
  - Accessory - \$50.00
- **Onsite reinspection of previously failed premise**
  - \$50/hour
- **Inspection or follow-up for nuisance fire alarm activations (more than 3 false alarms in a month)**
  - \$50/hour
- **Work without permit or approval will be charged double the original fees and work will be stopped until plan reviews and inspections are completed**

\* *Indicates future fee pending BSFD 2021 ICC International Fire Code Adoption*