

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

IT IS ORDAINED, this 21st day of April 2026, by the Board of Trustees of Palos Fire Protection District (the "District") pursuant to the powers vested in said District under Chapter 70 ILCS 705, "AN ACT IN RELATION TO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS" repeals and replaces its ordinance adopted on June 6th 2019, as hereinafter set forth:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare, the Fire District repeals Ordinance 04-2019, adopted June 6th, 2019, and adopts:

WHEREAS, these codes and standards shall be known as the Palos Fire Protection District's Fire Prevention and Life Safety Codes.

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code, IFC 2021, and N.F.P.A.1, Fire Prevention Code and N.F.P.A.1, Life Safety Code are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful to do any act prohibited hereby, and it shall be unlawful to fail to do or perform any act required hereby.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not intended to be exclusive or limit the remedies under applicable Codes and Authorities available to the Fire District.

WHEREAS, the enforcement of Palos Fire Protection District's Fire Prevention and Life Safety Codes is necessary for the protection and life safety of persons and property within its boundaries, or as may be extended through mutual aid agreements.

WHEREAS, Palos Fire Protection District adopts this ordinance with provisions for the imposition and recovery of reasonable fees and charges for the protection and life safety of persons and property within its boundaries, or as may be extended through mutual aid agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained by the Board of Trustees of the District as follows:

Chapter 1. Administration Applicable Codes and Authorities.

1. Title. The International Fire Code, IFC 2021, N.F.P.A.1, Life Safety Code, shall be cited as "this Code" or "the Code."

1.1. The Code. These regulations shall also be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the Palos Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as "the Code".

1.2 Danger to Life from Fire. The Code addresses those construction, protection, and occupancy features necessary to minimize danger to life from the effects of fire, including smoke, heat, and toxic gases created during a fire.

1.3 Emergency Conditions. In there is actual and immediate danger to life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from storage, handling, and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises, the District may use such labor and machinery, equipment and devices to render occupants and property safe, whether the procedure prescribed in this section has been instituted or not.

- A. Where practical and time permits, the owner, occupant, or other person responsible for the emergency condition shall be notified of the emergency condition, in writing, and shall have the option of making the condition safe where practical.
- B. The owner and occupants of the premises shall be jointly and severally liable for any costs incurred in connection with the same.
- C. The Board of Trustees of the Palos Fire Protection District may, in its discretion, institute enforcement action against the owner of the premises and the occupant(s) of the premises.
- D. The Fire Marshal or Designee shall have the authority to order the immediate evacuation of any occupied building deemed unsafe when said building has hazardous conditions that present imminent danger to the building's occupants.
- E. The parking of vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents, hazardous chemicals, or other toxic chemicals is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Palos Fire Protection District without a special permit from the Fire District. Permit fees are addressed under the "fees" portion of this ordinance.

1.4 Hazardous Materials Scope.

- A. The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Palos Fire Protection District.
- B. The manufacturing or storage of fireworks is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Palos Fire Protection District.
- C. The above-ground and below-ground storage of flammable liquids is prohibited within the corporate limits of Palos Fire Protection District without a special permit from the Fire District and compliance with the

requirements of the local building code and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Permit fees are addressed under the "fees" portion of this ordinance.

- D. The above-ground and below-ground storage of liquefied petroleum gas is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Palos Fire Protection District without a special permit from the Fire District and compliance with the requirements of the local building code and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Permit fees are addressed under the "fees" portion of this ordinance.
- E. The parking of vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents, hazardous chemicals, or other toxic chemicals is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Palos Fire Protection District without a special permit from the Fire District. Permit fees are addressed under the "fees" portion of this ordinance.

1.5 Enforcement. These Codes shall be administered and enforced as set forth:

- A. The Fire District designates its Fire Marshal to administer and enforce these Codes, and the Palos Fire Protection District's Fire Marshal shall be known as the "authority having jurisdiction".
- B. The Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the Fire Chief.
- C. The Chief may designate a Deputy Fire Marshal to assist with the duties of enforcing the Fire Prevention Code. Further, other qualified members of the Fire District may be designated by the Chief to assist with the enforcement of the Code.

Chapter 2. Special Events Regulations and Fees

2.1 Special Event. A permit shall be secured for all special events open to the general public in a school or other public facility if the event manufactures, displays, sells crafts, or items of a flammable nature. The owner, agent, or person in charge of the public shall be responsible for enforcing compliance with Chapter 2:

- A. Exhibitors and people in control of the facility shall maintain a fire safe display that complies with NFPA 101, 2024. Life Safety Code and Illinois School Board Code (if within a public-school facility), and as required by the Fire District, including but not limited to the following requirements.
- B. All electrical cords shall be three-prong, grounded cords. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- C. Household extension cords shall be removed upon inspection- NO EXCEPTIONS. Household cords include any cord without a ground.
- D. No homemade outlet boxes shall be used. Only U.L.-listed outlet boxes with ground faults shall be accepted. Any others shall be removed upon inspection.

- E. Cords shall be plugged into circuit breaker strips.
- F. No portable lighting shall be within 12 inches of any combustible in any display.
- G. No open flames of any type. (Example - lighters, candles, etc.)
- H. No hot plates or heating elements of any type shall be permitted.
- I. No fire extinguishers, fire alarm pull stations, strobes, smoke or heat detectors shall be covered with any part of the display. If any of the above are covered, obstruction shall be removed upon inspection.
- J. All paths to fire extinguishers shall remain free and clear.
- K. EXIT signs or Emergency Lighting shall not be visually obstructed with any part of the display. If covered, the obstruction shall be removed upon inspection.
- L. No display or exhibit shall block any fire door or egress to the fire door. "No display or exhibit shall be installed or operated to interfere in any way with access to any required exit or with visibility of any required exit or required exit sign."
- M. Crafters shall not be allowed to tap into power from another crafter's display, as this shall create an overload of the electrical system.
- N. Six (6) foot corridor width shall be maintained throughout the school as per the Illinois Board of Education.

Chapter 3. Knox Box

3.1 Knox Box A Knox Box shall be required at all public buildings, structures, tenant spaces that are required to be equipped with a fire alarm system or automatic fire sprinkler system, and new road access gates located on public property or private property used for public occupancy. Additionally, all occupancies that elect to install a fire alarm system or fire suppression system shall be required to install a Key Box. The location of the Key Box shall be at the front of the building (or gate) at a height of no greater than seven (7) feet or no less than three (3) feet above the finished grade level near the main entrance or at another location as approved by the Fire Marshal. Buildings with multiple tenant spaces may share Key Boxes with the approval of the Fire Marshal. The size of the building (AHJ) will determine the number of Knox Boxes needed. The type of Key Box that shall be required is the type that is utilized by the fire district at the time that this ordinance is adopted.

3.2 Key. Any person changing keys to a building that conducts any type of business within the Palos Fire Protection District shall notify the Palos Fire Protection District and supply the district with new keys to access the building at the time that the keys/locks have been changed.

3.3 Key Warning. The Palos Fire Protection District shall post warning stickers on all business establishments' doors notifying any person changing keys shall be held liable if the Fire Department must force entry due to not notifying the Palos Fire Protection District that keys have been changed.

3.4 Locks, Gates, Doors, Barricades, Chains, Enclosures, Signs, Tags or Seal. Security devices that have been installed by the Fire Department or by its order or under its control shall not be removed, unlocked, destroyed, tampered with, or otherwise vandalized in any manner.

3.5 Trouble Fire Alarm. Supervisory devices that are connected to the building's fire alarm panel will initiate a "trouble" fire alarm condition upon opening.

3.6 Size of Address Numbers. Addresses displayed on the front of new and existing public buildings shall be no less than six (6) inches high and two (2) inches wide.

3.7 Rear Door Address. New and existing public buildings equipped with rear doors shall have the building's street address and unit number displayed on the rear door in numbers and letters no less than six (6) inches high and two (2) inches wide in a color contrasting with the background.

3.8. Temporary Street Signs. Temporary street signs shall be erected on new streets when the excavations for footings and foundations have started. The temporary signs shall remain in place and be legible until permanent street signs are installed. The signs shall:

- A. Be metal or a durable material. Have four (4) inch reflective letters in a contrasting color with the background.
- B. Be between eight (8) and ten (10) feet above grade.

3.9 Temporary Address Signs. Temporary address signs shall be erected on new building sites when the excavations for footings and foundations have started. Temporary signs shall remain in place and be clearly legible from the street until permanent building address signs are installed. The signs shall:

- A. Be metal or a durable material. Have four (4) inch reflective letters in a contrasting color with the background.
- B. Be visible and legible from the street.

3.10 Exit Sign Emergency Power Source. All new exit signs shall be connected to an independent emergency power source other than the normal power source. This emergency power source may include a reliable battery (built-in battery back-up) or auxiliary power unit (emergency generator) to assure a duration of not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) hours of continuous illumination in case of an emergency or normal power loss.

3.11 Fire Department Supervision. All automatic fire suppression systems, supervisory components (tamper switches), and fire detection systems shall be monitored by directly

connecting the system to the dispatch facility of the Palos Fire Protection District or an approved U.L. listed remote station fire alarm monitoring agency in accordance with N.F.P.A. 72C (remote Station Signaling Systems). All remote station fire alarm monitoring agency applications shall be subject to approval by the Fire Marshal. The fire protection signaling system that monitors the automatic fire suppression system shall transmit both fire and trouble conditions to the fire district's dispatch facility or approved remote station.

3.12 Fire Alarm Requirements

- A. Business Occupancies-All public occupancies shall be required to have an approved fire alarm system, irrespective of the square footage. Fire alarm systems are required to be in accordance with NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm Code. All fire alarm systems shall be monitored by directly connecting the system to the dispatch facility of the Palos Fire Protection District or an approved U.L. listed remote station fire alarm monitoring agency in accordance with N.F.P.A. 72C (remote Station Signaling Systems). All remote station fire alarm monitoring agency applications shall be subject to approval by the Fire Marshal.

- B. Existing public occupancies within the boundaries of Palos Fire Protection District shall have forty-eight (48) months from the date of the adoption of this ordinance to comply with this standard.

- C. The owner of the facility shall pay the annual fee of \$150.00 for the following tests, inspections, and Addendum 1 fees:
 - 1) Sprinkler Pressure Flow Test
 - 2) Fire Alarm Test
 - 3) Annual Inspection.

- D. Form of "Notice Fire Protection System Out of Service":

3.13 Out-of-Service Fire Alarm Systems. All occupancies that are required by code to be equipped with a fire detection system and/or an automatic fire sprinkler system, which is connected to the fire alarm system, shall have these systems in place and in working order at all times. If it becomes necessary to remove the system from operation due to circumstances beyond the control of the occupants or owner at any time, the building must be evacuated immediately. The building shall remain unoccupied until such required systems can be restored to full working order. In the event that it is impractical to evacuate, the authority having jurisdiction may allow a fire watch to be put in place. The owner or occupant shall be responsible for hiring one member of the Fire District for every 20,000 square feet of building to act as a "fire watch." The charge for the "fire watch" personnel shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per hour for each person assigned. This fee shall be paid to the Palos Fire Protection District. The duty of the "fire watch" shall be to walk the building once every hour and to alert the occupants and the fire dispatch in the event of a fire emergency.

3.14 Fire Department Monitoring. All fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, and supervisory switches for those systems shall be monitored by directly connecting the system to the dispatch facility of the Palos Fire Protection District or an approved U.L. listed remote station fire alarm monitoring agency in accordance with N.F.P.A. 72C (remote Station Signaling Systems). All remote station fire alarm monitoring agency applications shall be subject to approval by the Fire Marshal. The fire protective signaling system shall transmit both fire and trouble conditions to the fire district's dispatch facility or approved remote station.

3.15 Tenant Space Alerting Light. In addition to being supervised, every tenant space in a shopping center, strip mall, strip warehouse, or similar type occupancy shall have a flashing, blinking, or revolving strobe light visible in a public access area indicating which tenant space the activated zone is in. The exact location of the light shall be verified by the Fire Marshal. EXCEPTION: If all tenant spaces in the building are on a single zone monitoring a single device (i.e. A single flow switch).

3.16 Resetting Fire Alarm. Resetting a Fire Alarm before the arrival of responding fire companies is strictly prohibited. Fire Alarms are only to be reset by Fire Personnel after the alarm activation has been deemed to be a false activation or the building is safe to use. The following shall be the offenses if the Fire Alarm is reset before our arrival:

First Offense:	Warning Letter from the Fire Marshal
Second Offense:	\$300.00 Fee
Third Offense:	\$500.00 Fee
Fourth and subsequent resetting of the alarm panel	is double the previous fee

3.17 False Fire Alarms. For the first false/nuisance alarm activation in a single calendar year, the owner/occupant will receive a warning letter. For the second false/nuisance alarm activation in that year, the owner/occupant will receive a second and final warning letter. For the third false/nuisance alarm activation in that year, the owner/occupant will receive a bill for \$200.00. Each additional false/nuisance alarm activation that year shall increase a charge of \$50.00, not to exceed \$500.00

First Offense & Second Offense - Warning Letter from the Fire Marshal

Third Offense - \$200 and 7 days to comply

Fourth and subsequent - Fee will increase by \$50.00, not to exceed \$500.00

Chapter 4 Automatic Sprinkler Systems

4.1 Triggering Thresholds: Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed throughout every building having a floor area exceeding 5,000 square feet.

4.2 Residential & Attached Garages: Sprinklers shall be installed in entrance foyers and enclosed attached garages.

4.3 Commercial/Storage Uses: Mandatory in rooms with high combustibility (e.g., paint shops, storage).

4.4 Supervision: All fire sprinkler systems shall be supervised by an approved automatic fire alarm system directly connected to the Fire District's dispatch center.

4.5 System Protection: Every residential sprinkler room shall be provided with a heater that is designed to maintain the temperature of the entire room above 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

4.6 Violations/Penalties: Fines, often ranging from \$100 to over \$750 or imprisonment for non-compliance with the CHAPTER 3 FIRE CODES.

4.7 Plan Approval: Two (2) sets of sprinkler plans are required to be submitted for approval to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

4.8 NFPA Standards: **NFPA 13:** Installation of Sprinkler Systems (Commercial/Multi-family). **NFPA 13D:** Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes. **NFPA 13R:** Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies.

Chapter 5 Performance-Based Option

5.1 Independent Review. The authority having jurisdiction means the Fire Marshal, with the consent of the Fire Chief, shall require an approved, independent third party to review the proposed building design and provide an evaluation of the design to the authority having jurisdiction. Charges for independent review are the responsibility of the owner/developer. No reviews will be released until all current fees have been paid.

5.2 Plan Submittal. The Fire District has adopted a paperless approach to managing its files for all plans for construction projects in the Fire District. It is the goal of the Fire District to access the stored digital plans in a virtual viewing site for plan review, comment, and life safety/emergency access. All submittals of plans shall be in a non-editable digital format per industry standards.

5.3 Fees for Plan Submittal and Review. The Fire District shall charge its published fees for plan submittal and retrieval through its third-party vendor. All plans submitted in digital format will be available for review and printing. The fee for plan review is a minimum charge of the greater of \$150.00 or fifteen cents (.15) per usable floor area, including any unfinished basement. A resubmittal fee shall be a minimum charge of \$100.00, or five cents (.05) per usable floor area, including any unfinished basement. The fees for the plan review are detailed in the "fees" Addendum 2 of this document.

5.4 Digital Plan Storage. A page storage fee shall also be paid for each plan page, digital image transfer and storage, retrieval, and page printing costs. Charges will be paid to the storage facility at the time of the plan submission.

5.5 Approval of a Plan. Evidence that a plan has been approved by Palos Fire Protection District will be certified for construction purposes only, but no occupancy shall occur until a final certificate of occupancy has been issued, and unless all required fees are paid in full.

Chapter 6 Fire Prevention and Protection

6.1 Definitions of Open Burning Materials:

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- 1) Agricultural waste: Any refuse, except garbage and dead animals, generated on a farm or ranch by crop and livestock production practices, including such items as bags, cartons, dry bedding, structural materials, and crop residues, but excluding landscape wastes.
- 2) Garbage: Refuse resulting from the handling, processing, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food or food products.
- 3) Landscape waste: Any vegetable or plant refuse, except garbage and agricultural

waste. The term includes trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, bushes, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and yard trimmings.

4) **Open burning:** The combustion of any matter in such a way that the products of the combustion are emitted to the open air without originating in or passing through equipment for which a permit could be issued under section 9(b) of the Environmental Protection Act of Illinois (415 ILCS 5/9(b)).

5) **Refuse:** Any discarded matter, or any matter which is to be reduced in volume, or otherwise changed in chemical or physical properties, in order to facilitate its discard, removal, or disposal

6.2 Prohibitions. No person shall cause or allow open burning, except as provided in this article, of any refuse in any chamber or apparatus unless such chamber or apparatus is designed for the purpose of disposing of the class of refuse being burned.

6.3 Explosive waste. Open burning of wastes creating a hazard of explosion, fire, or other serious harm shall be permitted only upon application for and grant of variance as provided by the Environmental Protection Act of Illinois (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq.) and by the Illinois Pollution Control Board's Procedural Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code: Subtitle A, Chapter I).

6.4 Exemptions. The following activities are not in violation of section 8-2 of this article unless they cause air pollution as defined in the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq.):

- (a) The open burning of landscape waste, but only:
 - 1. By a municipality charged by the state with the disposal of such landscape waste.
 - 2. When atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants; and
 - 3. That such burning does not create a visibility hazard on roadways, railroad tracks, or airfields.
- (b) The setting of fires to combat or limit existing fires, when reasonably necessary in the judgment of the responsible government official.
- (c) The burning of fuels for legitimate campfire, recreational, and cooking purposes, or in domestic fireplaces, in areas where such burning is consistent with other laws, provided that no garbage shall be burned in such cases.
- (d) The burning of waste gases, provided that in the case of refineries, all such flares shall be equipped with smokeless tips or comparable devices to reduce pollution.

- (e) Small open flames for heating tar, for welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, and the like.

6.5 Penalties for Illegal Open Burning:

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of Chapter 6 shall be guilty of violating the provisions and shall be fined in accordance with the following fine schedule:

	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense
Resident	\$25.00	\$50.00
Non-Resident	\$100.00	\$200.00
Commercial	\$200.00	\$300.00

Non-district residents and non-district commercial operators found guilty of violating the provisions of this article shall be responsible for paying the cost of fire suppression operations pursuant to Section 11f (Charges Against Non-Residents) of 70 ILCS.

Chapter 7 Elevators

7.1 Except as modified herein. New elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and moving walks shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME A17.1, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

7.2 Except as modified herein. existing elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and moving walks shall conform to the requirements of ASME A1 7.3, Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators

7.3 Elevator Testing. Elevators shall be subject to periodic inspections and tests as specified in ASME A17.1, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. All elevators equipped with fire fighters' emergency operations in accordance with them shall be subject to periodic inspections with a written record of the findings made and kept on the premises as required by ASME A17.1.

7.4 The Fire District shall have the authority to outsource elevator inspections to third-party elevator inspection companies that meet the minimum applicable state and local laws and ordinances to perform inspections and certifications, and at the cost of the building owner. Before authorizing such inspections, the owner or the agent shall prepay the inspection fee to the Fire District, together with an annual inspection processing fee of \$150.00.

7.5 Elevator Emergency Communication Systems. All elevator emergency communication systems shall be programmed to automatically dial a reliable and constantly attended location as approved by the Fire Marshal. Any elevator that is determined to have a non-functional emergency communication device shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for each first offense and \$25.00 for each additional day said device is non-functional.

Chapter 8 Special Structures and High-Rise Buildings

8.1 General Requirements.

8.2 Palos Fire Protection District requires all fire department connections to be 5" fittings on all buildings that are required by code, and shall be designated by sign as follows:

- a) Signs shall have raised or engaged letters at least 1 inch (25.4 mm) in height on a plate or fitting,
- b) Signs shall indicate the service for which the connection is intended and shall read, for example:
"AUTO SPRINKLER, COMBINATION SPRINKLER, or STANDPIPE."
- c) All buildings within the Palos Fire District shall comply with this Ordinance. Units shall have (1 year) to comply (2020).

8.3 Paved Fire Lanes on Private Property. Fire lanes on private property devoted to public use shall be provided so that the first responding fire district pumper will be able to be so located that all points of the interior of the building may be reached by 150 feet of initial attack hose or a distance as approved by the Fire Marshal.

EXCEPTION: Where the size, height, or location of the building does not allow this regulation to be met, an interior standpipe system, equipped with fire department hose connections approved by the Fire Marshal, shall be required. The standpipe system shall be installed in accordance with N.F.P.A #14, Standard for Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems. The standpipe system shall be connected to a public water system and shall have a fire district connection.

8.4 Public or Private Access for Fire Apparatus. Public or private access shall be provided for fire apparatus when the building is three (3) stories or larger. The fire lane access for an aerial ladder and/or mechanically elevated mechanism shall be provided to cover 3/4 of at least two exterior building walls. NFPA 18.2.3.4.1.1 - Fire Department access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet.

8.5 Maintenance of Fire Lanes. Fire Lanes on public or private property shall be properly maintained and accessible. Proper widths of fire lanes shall take into account snow removal and paving (NFPA 18.2.4.1.1)

Chapter 9 Utilities

9.1 All electrical appliances, fixtures, or wiring shall be installed and maintained in accordance with all applicable codes.

9.2 Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to a structure or used as a substitute for permanent wiring, extended through walls, ceilings, or floors, under doors, or floor coverings. Cords of any kind shall not be exposed to or subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Only 3-prong grounded cords shall be used. Household or ungrounded cords are prohibited.

Chapter 10 General Building Access Requirements

10.1 Private Roadway. Any improved lane on private property, which provides access to more than 3 occupied buildings, shall be constructed to a minimum width of 20 feet.

10.2. Access to Private Roadway: Access to private roadways shall be maintained at all times to an unobstructed width of 12 feet (no parking).

10.3 Common Driveway. Any improved lane on private property, which provides access to 2 or 3 occupied residences, shall be constructed to a minimum width of 16 feet. Access to a Common driveway shall be maintained at all times to an unobstructed width of 12 feet (no parking). Areas for parking may be provided by additional roadway width or separate parking areas.

10.4 Signs. The Fire District may require the Property owner of buildings designated for public occupancy to post appropriate signage on private roadways, driveways, or parking areas, to prevent parking that may obstruct access to the building by emergency equipment.

10.5 Tickets for Violation. The Fire Marshal or Designee shall have the authority to issue a ticket to any person responsible for causing encumbrances to fire lane access. A fine of \$100.00 shall be assessed to any person causing any obstruction to fire lane access.

10.6 Tickets for Violation. The Fire Marshal or Designee shall have the authority to tow any vehicle obstructing fire lane access.

10.7 Public or Private Access to Water Supply. Access routes shall be arranged so that fire department apparatus may respond by improved roadway, capable of supporting 60,000 lb. GVW vehicles, from all points of the building to adjacent fire hydrants along routes not to exceed 300 feet from the most remote point of the building to the closest fire hydrant.

10.8 Public and Private Fire Hydrants. Shall have their discharge outlets at least fourteen (14) inches, but not more than twenty-six (26) inches above the surface from which the hydrant protrudes. No object shall be constructed, maintained, or installed within forty-eight (48) inches of the hydrant. The hydrant shall be visible from the street or private driveway that requires hydrants at a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet on either side of the hydrant. Any obstruction that limits the operation of a hydrant or obscures its clear view from the street or private driveway, that requires a hydrant, shall be removed at his/her/its expense by the occupant of the property on which the hydrant is located.

10.9 The penalty for failure to remove said obstructions shall be \$200.00 per day for each occurrence until the obstructions are removed.

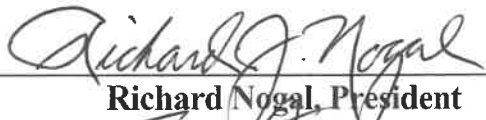
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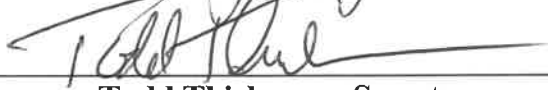
**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THIS 21ST day of April 2026.**

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:**

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BY: 
Richard Nogal, President

Attest: 
Todd Thielmann, Secretary

Addendum 1 Payment of Special Fees

Fees charged by the Fire District in relation to annual recurring Fire Prevention and Inspections.

- 1) **Special Event Fees** - A limited permit with an expiration date shall be issued only with payment of a bond, the amount of which shall be paid at the time of application before the permit is issued. A non-refundable minimum cash bond for any *Special Event* permit shall be \$500.00. The Bond amount may be increased to \$500.00 for each day the event lasts longer than 48 hours. At the conclusion of the event, the Fire District's related personnel expenses shall be subtracted and paid from the bond, and any remainder of funds returned to the applicant.
- 2) **Plan Review Fees** (see schedules for plan review) payable by cashier's check or certified check submitted directly to the Fire District.
- 3) **Outside Engineering Review Fees** - professional plan review fees, which are paid directly 3rd party engineering firm before the release of the plan review.
- 4) **Annual Inspections**- the services of District personnel shall be billed at a flat fee to the owner or party responsible:
 - a. Sprinkler /Pressure Test \$150.00
 - b. Fire Alarm Test per panel \$150.00
 - c. Annual Hood and Duct Inspection (4 Units) charge \$150.00. Plus \$50.00 for each additional unit over 4.
 - d. Annual Life Safety Building Inspections Fees.
 - i. First 10,000 square feet \$150.00
 - ii. If exceeding 10,000 square feet, an additional ten cents (.10) for each additional square foot.
 - iii. Inspections (that are in the Fire District's discretion require more than 2 inspectors shall be charged an additional fee of \$100.00 per hour for additional personnel.

*Note: If Palos Fire Protection District retains services of any outside contractor/vendors, the costs shall be payable by the owner or responsible party.

ADDENDUM 2
GENERAL PLAN REVIEW FEES

Submittal Fee – 1000 sqft X \$0.15 = \$150.00

Additional Fee – Plus \$0.10 per sqft over 1000 sqft

Re-Submittal Fee – Minimum \$100.00 plus \$0.05 per sqft over 1000 sqft

ADDENDUM 3
FIRE SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW / SPECIAL FEES

- A. Sprinkler plan review - \$150.00
- B. Hydrostatic Test - \$150.00
- C. Fire Pump - \$150.00
- D. Standpipe System - \$150.00
- E. Underground Flush - \$150.00
- F. Generator Test - \$150.00
- G. New fire alarm system plan review- \$150.00
- H. Fire alarm system installation permit fee -\$150.00
- I. Modification to existing fire alarm system review - \$150.00
- J. Hood (with fire suppression) -\$150.00
- K. Re-piping/ modification to existing hood (with fire suppression) -\$150.00
- L. Paint booths -\$150.00
- M. Fuel tanks (above ground only) - \$ 150.00
- N. Tents - \$100.00
- O. Demolition (commercial only) - \$ 50.00
- P. Re-inspections - \$100.00
- 0. Engineering systems (FM 200, Dry Chemical, CO2, etc.)- \$150.00
- P. Underground gas mains - \$ 150.00
- Q. Parking of vehicles transporting explosives, blasting agents, Haz-Mats, or toxic chemicals by special permit - \$ 150.00