

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Jaime E. Moore, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CREATION OF A NEW ADDITIONAL RE-INSPECTION FEE FOR
CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPA) REGULATED
PROGRAMS

FINAL ACTION:	☐ Approved	☐ Approved w/Corrections	☐ Withdrawn
	☐ Denied	☐ Received & Filed	☐ Other

SUMMARY

This report recommends the creation of a new fee for additional re-inspections of CUPA regulated facilities beyond the first re-inspection for full cost recovery. The City has the authority to recover costs associated with inspection and enforcement activities and the administration of the Unified Program as outlined in L.A.M.C. Section 120.6.2.1. Creation of this fee is consistent with the City's financial policy of achieving full cost recovery for special services and the requirements of Section 25404.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, which mandates that CUPA permit fees cover the costs of program implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve the creation of an additional re-inspection fee, and add the new fee to the Department's Cost of Special Services for CUPA Programs.
2. Transmit this report to the City Council and Mayor for consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

During FY 2024-2025, CUPA inspectors coded 122.75 hours to "second or greater re-inspections" in LAFD CUPA's inspection management software. Assuming the recommended fee becomes effective July 1, 2026, it is projected that the fee will generate approximately \$46,890.50 in revenue in Fiscal Year 2026-27. This amount is calculated by multiplying the number of hours inspectors logged for additional re-inspections during FY 2024-2025 by the inspector hourly rate. The new re-inspection fee will be based on the inspector hourly rate at the time of adoption. Facilities will be charged per hour of inspector time or fraction thereof, with a one hour minimum.

DISCUSSION

As a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) designated by the State of California, the Fire Department is certified to apply statewide standards to each regulated facility within its jurisdiction that treats or generates hazardous waste, operates underground storage tanks and aboveground storage tanks, or stores hazardous materials.

The CUPA conducts routine inspections of each regulated facility on an annual or triennial basis as mandated by the Health and Safety Code. If the inspector determines that a facility has committed a violation, the inspector will continue to reinspect the facility until the violation has been corrected. On occasion where the facility continually fails to comply with corrective actions, the inspector will have to conduct multiple re-inspections to confirm compliance. Currently, permit fees cover the cost of only the routine inspection and one re-inspection. Facilities are not being charged a fee for additional inspections beyond the first re-inspection. During FY 2024-2025, re-inspections beyond the first re-inspection resulted in 122.75 hours of inspector time that was unaccounted for.

It is proposed that a fee covering the cost of additional re-inspections be created. This fee will allow full recovery of the City's costs for these special services and encourage facilities to comply with violations sooner, thus protecting public safety and freeing up limited City resources.

CONCLUSION

The creation of a new additional re-inspection fee to account for staff time in conducting additional re-inspections of non-compliant regulated facilities is consistent with the City's financial policy and Health and Safety Code mandate of full cost recovery for program implementation.

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