



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

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FIRE LIFE & SAFETY FEES:

To provide for the safety of our community, and in accordance with California law (Health and Safety Code §13146.2 and §17921), a Fire Life/Safety Inspection of all R-2 Occupancies (Multi-Family Residential with 3 or more units under one roof) must be performed annually by uniformed Manhattan Beach Fire Department personnel. The inspection focuses on exterior areas such as fire lanes, fire protection systems and emergency exiting, and common areas such as community rooms and laundry rooms. There will not be an inspection of the inside of individual apartments or condominiums.

Over the years the City has grown, as have the complexity and requirements for inspections. Cost-recovery is a mechanism to be able to provide necessary staffing to accommodate those changes.

The City of Manhattan Beach, in compliance with best management practices, conducts a comprehensive fee analysis every 4-5 years. The purpose of a fee study is to understand the gap between the City's current fee amount and the cost of service. Matrix Consulting Group was hired by the City of Manhattan Beach to analyze the cost of service relationships that exist between fees for service activities for all departments within the City. The results of this Study address current service levels, the cost and demand for those services, and what fees for service can and should be charged.

In the process, we looked closely at which fees are common in the industry and whether those fees are common amongst our surrounding cities. In that regard, fees for R-2 Occupancies and business inspections are charged by the cities of El Segundo, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica and Culver City.

To that end, the City of Manhattan Beach has implemented a cost recovery mechanism for these services pursuant to the 2020 User Fee Resolution.