



FIRST READING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2025-25

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN
COUNCIL MET:

That Appendix F – Fees and Fines, Chapter 46 -Fire Prevention and Protection, be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue, italics, and deleting the text indicated in red strikethrough as follows:

Chapter 46. Fire Prevention and Protection

Chapter 46. Fire Prevention and Protection	Fees and Fines
<i>Article I. In General</i>	
Sec. 46-1. Means of egress	
Subsec. (f) Penalties	
Any exit access, exit, or exit discharge, with the exception of a locked exit door, found to be in violation of this section	\$100.00 first offense \$200.00 second or subsequent offense
Any required exit door found to be locked against egress	\$100.00 each locked exit first offense, \$200.00 subsequent offense
Sec. 46-3. Impairment of fire protection equipment	
Subsec. (f) Fines	\$100.00 per device, first offense; \$200.00 per device, second and subsequent offenses
Sec. 46-7. Preventable and malfunctioning alarms to the fire company	
Subsec. (a)(1) Responsibility for malfunctioning and preventable alarms, owner response, and corrective action; generally	Should the person notified fail to appear at said premises within 30 minutes after being notified to do so, the city may charge the owner of

	the premises a fine of \$100.00
Subsec. (a)(2) Responsibility for malfunctioning and preventable alarms, owner response, and corrective action; malfunction	Failure to return documentation of service/repair within the period of time stated on the notice of violation, which is satisfactory to the fire marshal, will result in assessment against the owner of a fine of \$100.00 for the fire alarm malfunction
Subsec. (b)(1) Fine charges; multiple fire alarm malfunctions or preventable alarms; amount of fine	
Number of preventable or malfunctioning fire alarms	Fine per preventable or malfunctioning fire alarm
Third alarm	\$100.00
Fourth alarm	\$200.00
Fifth alarm	\$250.00
All over fifth alarm, each alarm	\$250.00
Subsec. (b)(2) Fine charges; multiple fire alarm malfunctions or preventable alarms; panel reset	A \$50.00 fine may be assessed to the owner of a premises where the fire alarm has been reset before the fire department or assisting fire department arrives. \$100.00 for second and subsequent offenses
Sec. 46-8. Maintaining a known violation or hazard	
Subsec. (c)(1) Penalties; Any fines issued for violation of this section	
Minor deficiency	\$500.00
Major deficiency	\$1,000.00
<i>Article II. Fire Department</i>	
<i>Article III. Fire Codes</i>	

Fees established in subsection (b) of this section shall be doubled in the event that a permit is applied for after construction has commenced without the permission of the fire marshal. The fire marshal shall waive the doubling of fees in cases where the permit applicant is not a professional contractor and the work is not being done by a professional contractor.

Sec. 46-126. Fire prevention permit	
Subsec. (b) Fee; each applicant	\$25.00 for each \$1,000.00 of costs or multiple thereof of the fire protection system; provided that a minimum fee for each permit shall be \$150.00
Subsec. (c) Reinspection	
First reinspection	No charge
Second reinspection	\$100.00
Third reinspection	\$200.00
Any subsequent reinspection	\$250.00
Subsec. (d) Fire signaling alarm system inspection fee	
Certificate of inspection	\$25.00 each per fire alarm system
—Exception: Apartment or other multifamily dwelling—Five or less buildings per complex	\$25.00 each fire alarm system
—Exception: Apartment or other multifamily dwelling—More than five buildings per complex	\$15.00 each fire alarm system up to a maximum of 20 buildings. Maximum fee per complex not to exceed \$300.00 for fire alarm systems
Subsec. (e) Fire suppression system inspection fee	
Certificate of inspection	\$25.00 each per fire suppression system
—Exception: Apartment or other multifamily dwelling—Five or less buildings per complex	\$25.00 each fire suppression system
—Exception: Apartment or other multifamily dwelling—More than five buildings per complex	\$15.00 each fire suppression system up to a maximum of 20 buildings. Maximum fee per complex not to exceed \$300.00 for

	fire suppression systems
Sec. 46-127 Smoke detection devices	
Subsec. (g) Violations; penalties	Revocation of any existing license to do business in the city, or a fine of not more than \$150.00 per violation, or both such penalties
<i>Article IV. Public Occupancies</i>	
Sec. 46-164. Fees	
Assembly	No charge for an occupant load less than 75; \$100.00 for an occupant load of 75 or greater
Assembly—Fixed Seating	\$100.00 for first 200 seats and \$10.00 each additional 50 seats
Educational	\$100.00
Day Care	\$50.00 for Day Cares as defined by Appendix B—Zoning, Article 5, Sections 14.22, 14.23 and 22.1; \$100.00 for other day cares
Health Care	\$100.00 first 25 rooms and \$5.00 for each additional room
Ambulatory Health Care	\$100.00
Residential	\$100.00 per building
Residential Board and Care	\$100.00
Mercantile over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
Business over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
Industrial	\$100.00
Storage over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
Assembly special provisions 1	\$25.00
Assembly special provisions 2	\$100.00
Sec. 46-168. Reinspection fee	

Subsec. (a) Amount	\$25.00 for any repeated violation cited by the fire marshal, determined to be a violation and which requires a follow up inspection to confirm the correction of the violation
Subsec. (b) Fee attached	A fee may be attached to any summons written for any violation found to be uncorrected upon reinspection
<i>Article V. Fire Lanes</i>	
Sec. 46-202. Violations; penalties	
Subsec. (c) Other obstructions	Any property owner or tenant found to be in violation; \$50.00
Subsec. (d) Failure to mark	Any property owner found to be in violation; \$50.00
Sec. 46-205. Responsibility of owner or tenant	Any property owner found to be in violation; \$50.00

ADOPTED: *

SYNOPSIS

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(SPONSORS: * and *)

Action History

01/12/2026 – First Reading – City Council

12/09/2025 - Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee