



## FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FEE

Chapter 7.601 of the Code of Ordinances (ORDINANCE 1015)

This fee is payable by each residential and rental property owner in the borough and by each commercial property owner in the borough. The fee is payable as follows:

SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY	\$45.00 per Unit
MULTI FAMILY PROPERTY	\$22.50 per Unit
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY	\$90.00 per Property
Due Date:	February 29, 2012

Late Fee (payment received after due date): \$10 per 30 days unpaid (plus collection costs)

Penalty: minimum fine \$100 to a maximum of \$1,000 per violation plus costs.

*Accounts not collected by the end of the calendar year are subject to penalty/interest and/or municipal lien. See ordinance and borough fee resolution at [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org) or in the municipal office for a full and complete list of all fees, fines and penalties. See reverse for further information.*

Please note any mailing address or owner name change on this form.

**Please return this portion with your payment      Billing Date: 12/29/2011      Due Date: 2/29/2012**  
**Payable to: BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS ■ 2071 Ardmore Blvd. ■ Pittsburgh PA 15221 412-351-7330**

Property ID: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
PITTSBURGH PA 15221  
[REDACTED]

AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Single Family Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Multi-Family Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Commercial Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Units/Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]  
OR CURRENT OWNER

[REDACTED]  
PITTSBURGH PA 15221-

## **RULES & PROCEDURES**

A fee for providing fire protection services is hereby established and shall be charged to each owner of residential, multi-family and commercial property within the Borough. For purposes of this Part, each unit in a multi-family dwelling which contains a cooking stove or shares a common kitchen facility shall be considered a multi-family unit and shall be charged the fire prevention services fee.

Commercial properties that include multi-family units as part of the property must pay the multi family fee per unit in addition to the fee for commercial property.

### **Collection Procedure; Penalty for Delinquent Accounts.**

1. Commencing December 1, 2011, the fire protection services fee shall be billed and collected on an annual basis within 60 days of billing by the Borough or its designated agent.
2. In the event the fire protection services fee remains unpaid for a period of 60 days from the date of the billing, the fire prevention services fee shall be declared delinquent and a penalty of \$10 dollars shall be added. For each period of 30 days thereafter in which the fire prevention services fee remains unpaid, there shall be an additional penalty of \$10 dollars up to a maximum of \$100.00 dollars plus costs of collection.
3. Accounts not collected by the end of each calendar year shall be made the subject of suits in assumpsit or filed as municipal liens by the Borough Solicitor.

### **Penalty.**

1. Any person, firm, corporation or volunteer fire department that violates a provision of this Part, or who fails to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 dollars or more than \$1,000 dollars for each violation, plus costs, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, to imprisonment to the extent permitted by law for the punishment of summary offenses. Procedures for this collection of fines and penalties for default of payment shall be in accordance with Chapter 1 of this Code.
2. A separate offense shall arise for each day or portion thereof in which a violation is found to exist or for each Section of this Part found to have been violated. All fines and penalties for the violation of this Part shall be paid to the Borough Treasurer.

## FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS:

Commercial properties that include multi-family units as part of the property must pay the multi family fee per unit in addition to the fee for commercial property.

Condominiums – multi family units such as condos must pay the single family rate whether they are owner occupied or rented to a tenant.

The multi family rate is charged only to rental units (a property with two or more units that are not condominiums).

Single family homes that are rentals – must pay the full single family fee and are not considered a multi-family unit.

Commercial properties that rent office space to several businesses are considered as one commercial property.

This fee is established for two reasons: It takes the place of the volunteer fire department subscription solicitation and it covers the cost of borough owned fire equipment. The fire department may continue to hold other fund raising programs as they have in the past.

Note: additional clarifications may be added to provide explanation as questions arise.