

# **Regulation IV**

## **Rule 408 – Burn Permit Fees**

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## RULE 408 BURN PERMIT FEES

- A. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this rule is to allow the District to recover its reasonable costs incurred for direct and incidental costs associated with the burn program, including but not limited to the issuance of burn permits, inspection of burn projects, enforcement and surveillance, planning, research and monitoring, and administration. The authority to establish this rule is provided for in H&SC §41512.5.
- B. **APPLICABILITY:** The following fees shall be assessed by the District for burn permits issued pursuant to Regulation II, Open Burning.
- C. **PERMIT FEES:** Every applicant for a Burn Permit shall, at the time of application, pay to the District the corresponding fee for each type of permit requested. Fee amounts are listed in this Section and in Table 1 below. Burn Permits are issued for a limited term beginning on the date issued by the APCO and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year.
1. **Standard Burn Permit:** Every applicant for a Standard Burn Permit for residential burning shall pay a fee of \$20.00.
  2. **Non-Standard Burn Permit:**
    - a. **Less than one acre:** Every applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit requesting to burn vegetation removed from an area less than one acre in size that will be burned in a single pile no larger than 10' in diameter, shall pay a fee of \$40.00.
    - b. **Non-Standard Burn Permit, 1 to 10 acres:** Every applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit requesting to burn vegetation removed from an area equal to or greater than one acre, but less than 10 acres in size, shall pay a fee of \$80.00. Burns conducted by Fire Safe Councils may be eligible for a reduced fee at the discretion of the APCO.
    - c. **Non-Standard Burn Permit, 10 to 100 acres:** Every applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit requesting to burn vegetation removed from an area equal to or greater than 10 acres, but less than 100 acres in size, shall pay a fee of \$250.00.
    - d. **Non-Standard Burn Permit, 100 to 300 acres:** Every applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit requesting to burn vegetation removed from an area equal to or greater than 100 acres, but less than 300 acres in size, shall pay a fee of \$500.00.
    - e. **Non-Standard Burn Permit, more than 300 acres:** Every applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit requesting to burn vegetation removed from an area equal to or more than 300 acres in size, shall pay a fee of \$1,250.00.

Table 1 – Burn Permit Fees

Permit Type or Service	Fee
Standard	\$20
Non-Standard, < 1 acre	\$40
Non-Standard, 1 to 10 acres	\$80
Non-Standard, 10 to 100 acres	\$250
Non-Standard, 100 to 300 acres	\$500
Non-Standard, > 300 acres	\$1,250

3. **No Burn Day Permit:** Every applicant for a No Burn Day Permit requesting to burn materials pursuant to a Non-Standard Burn Permit, shall pay a fee of \$65.00. A fee for No Burn Day Permits shall not be assessed for a Non-Standard Burn Permit issued for the purpose of burning vegetation removed from an area equal to or larger than 300 acres in size.
4. **Fire Training Burn Permit:** No fee shall be assessed.
5. **Burn Barrels:** Burn barrels may only be used in exempt areas. Every applicant requesting to use a burn barrel must first possess a valid Standard or Non-Standard Burn Permit for the proposed location. No additional fees shall be assessed.
6. **Smoke Management Plan Review:** An applicant for a Non-Standard Burn Permit may be required to prepare and submit a smoke management plan to the District for review and approval. In addition to the burn permit fees, the applicant shall pay \$65 for each plan submitted. The additional fee shall only be assessed on permit applications requesting to burn vegetation removed from areas larger than one (1) acre, but less than 300 acres in size.

Table 2 – Other Fees and Permits

Permit Type or Service	Fee
No Burn Day Permit Application Review	\$65 Does not apply to Non-Standard permits for 300 acres or more.
Fire Training Burn Permit	No fee.
Burn Barrel (May only be used in exempt areas)	No additional charge. Appropriate Standard or Non-Standard Fee applies.
Smoke Management Plan Review	\$65 Only applies to Non-Standard permits issued for more than 1 acre but less than 300 acres.

**D. PERMIT FEE WAIVER:**

1. Standard Burn Permit fees may be waived by the APCO upon a showing of economic hardship or during circumstances deemed by the APCO as an emergency.
2. **Fee Subsidy/Waiver For Public Benefit Prescribed Burns:** All Non-Standard Burn Permits that require a Smoke Management Plan (SMP) may be eligible for a fee subsidy/waiver upon the APCO’s determination that the prescribed burn will directly or indirectly benefit the public interest and be beneficial to the State. The APCO’s determination of fee subsidy/waiver eligibility shall be made pursuant to the *District’s Guidelines for Implementing Open Burning Fees for Prescribed Fires*. If eligible, an applicant shall receive a subsidy/waiver of the Non-Standard Burn Permit Fee(s), Smoke Management Plan fee(s), and/or No Burn Day Permit Fee(s) in the amount and manner consistent with the District’s guidelines.