

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Contact: Connie Cochran, Community Relations Officer
209-937-8827 (o) / 209-629-1251 (c) / connie.cochran@stocktonca.gov

PROPOSED FIRE PREVENTION FEE ADJUSTMENTS PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS *TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE – MARCH 2 & MARCH 3*

STOCKTON, Calif. – The Stockton Fire Department will host two community meetings to provide information about proposed Fire Prevention and Fire User Fee adjustments. Both meetings will cover the same information about proposed adjustments to fees charged for fire operational permits, fire inspection permits, and some miscellaneous fees for fire prevention services. The proposed fees include increases for businesses, both commercial and industrial as well as State facilities, multi-family dwellings, special inspections for non-compliance and false alarms. Proposed fee reductions include places of assembly inspections, one-time special inspections and permits, and some fees related to underground storage of combustible liquids.

- Wednesday, March 2, 2022, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium, South Hall, 525 S. Center St., Stockton
- Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Margaret Troke Library, 502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton

Under the direction of the Fire Marshal, the Stockton Fire Department Fire Prevention Division performs fire inspections of businesses, certain State facilities, places of assembly, and multi-family dwellings. The purpose of inspections is to ensure that

City of Stockton
News Release – Proposed Fire Fees
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Page 2 of 2

buildings and business operations meet all requirements of State law related to fire codes, safeguarding life and property, reducing risk of fire or harm and need for fire department emergency response.

“It has been over ten years since the Stockton Fire Department changed its fees,” said Stockton Fire Marshal James Klein. “We conducted a fee study in 2019 with the help of a consultant that specializes in determining how to set user fees to recover costs related to fire inspection and prevention, but implementation of the changes was delayed due to the pandemic. We are now ready to move forward with the implementation of the proposed fees, which introduce a set of new sub-categories for locations where high hazard conditions exist, particularly where combustible materials are used and stored. In addition, there are proposed changes to inspection of larger multi-family dwelling complexes, special inspections required for non-compliance, and false alarms.”

Members of the community, business owners, operators or managers, and property owners, are encouraged to participate. Additional information is provided on the City of Stockton website at www.stocktonca.gov/FirePrevention. Comments and questions can also be submitted on [Ask Stockton](http://www.stocktonca.gov/AskStockton) at www.stocktonca.gov/AskStockton and selecting the topic Fire Prevention.

For additional information, please contact the Stockton Fire Department Fire Prevention Division at (209) 937-8271.

###

All news releases can be found on the City of Stockton website at www.stocktonca.gov/news.

Please follow us at: www.facebook.com/CityofStockton www.twitter.com/StocktonUpdates

www.YouTube.com/StocktonUpdates

#