



## **Fire Safety & Hazardous Material Fee**

### **September 2007 Supplemental Billing Invoice**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Why am I receiving this bill?**

This bill is for an additional 7.6% **Fire Safety & Hazardous Material Fee** increase that should have been included on your original September 1, 2007 invoice.

#### **When Were the Fees Increased and Why?**

The City of San Jose's Fire Safety and Hazardous Materials fees were increased by 7.6% on July 1, 2007. The **Fire Safety & Hazardous Material Fee Program** is required to be 100% cost-recovery in order to continue processing of permits; the fees must cover all costs associated with the program. The fee-increase was initiated to bring the program into cost-recovery compliance.

#### **How Did this Occur?**

The fee increase was not updated in the Bureau of Fire Prevention computer system prior to the issuance of the September 1, 2007 renewal bills.

#### **Did Everyone Receive this Billing?**

The September 1, 2007 billing included approximately a quarter of the total permits; all other accounts were correctly billed after the Bureau of Fire Prevention computer system was updated.

#### **Will I have to Pay this Supplemental Invoice Again?**

No, the system has been updated and all billings issued since the September 1, 2007 are correct.

#### **What Happens if I Don't Pay this Supplemental Billing?**

Your permit or license would be voided. According to Municipal Code: 1.17.020 and (Ords. 21383, 26171); *failure to pay permit fees, to post a bond or make a deposit required by this code in connection with a permit or license, within thirty days after notice that such fee, deposit or bond is due, shall render such permit or license void.*

#### **Who Can I Speak to about this?**

If you have more questions regarding the fee increase or the billing process, you may contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention either by email [SJFD.Billing@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:SJFD.Billing@sanjoseca.gov) or by phone at **408-277-5323**.