

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Sections 57.106.9, 57.106.9.1 and 57.106.9.2 to Article 7 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to allow for the collection of a fee for the annual state-mandated inspection of multi-family residential apartment buildings consisting of 3 to 15 units.

WHEREAS, California law requires that all multi-family residential apartment buildings consisting of 3 to 15 units ("R1/R2 Properties") be inspected annually by local fire prevention programs;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has approximately 54,000 R1/R2 Properties within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.2 allows a city that provides fire protection services and inspects R1/R2 structures to charge and collect a fee for the inspection from the owner of the structure in an amount, as determined by the city, sufficient to reimburse the costs of that inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 57.106.9 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.106.9. FEE FOR R1/R2 INSPECTIONS.

Sec. 2. A new Section 57.106.9.1 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.106.9.1. FEE AUTHORIZATION AND COLLECTION.

The Department shall charge and collect from the owner of the applicable property, a fee for the annual state-mandated inspection of multi-family residential apartment buildings consisting of three to 15 units ("R1/R2 Inspection"). If the R1/R2 Inspection reveals Fire Code violations that require curing, the Department shall charge and collect an additional R1/R2 Inspection fee for each additional compliance inspection until the property is determined compliant with all applicable fire codes. Upon payment of the R1/R2 Inspection fee, the Department shall deposit such fee with the City Treasurer.

Sec. 3. A new Section 57.106.9.2 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.106.9.2. METHOD TO ESTABLISH FEES.

The fee for a R1/R2 Inspection shall be established in the same manner as provided for the establishment of fees in Section 57.106.8.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Date 1/27/22

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____