

RULE 600 - PERMIT FEES

600.1 Purpose

This rule is intended to provide the basis for assessing fees to persons required to obtain a valid open burning permit under Regulation 2, or as modified by the District's Smoke Management Program Policy, whichever is more recent. Fees assessed under this rule are established pursuant to the authority of the California Health & Safety Code, Section 42311, et. seq., which provides for the collection of permit fees to cover the costs of implementing programs related to stationary sources, areawide, and indirect sources, including but not limited to the issuance and enforcement of permits.

600.2 Applicability

This rule applies to any person required to hold a valid open burning permit under Regulation 2 of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, or as modified by the District's Smoke Management Program Policy, whichever is more recent.

600.3 Exemptions

None.

600.4 Definitions

Any term used in this rule shall have the definition specifically provided in Regulation 2, Section 200, Definitions, or as modified by the District's Smoke Management Program Policy, whichever is more recent. Where applicable and not otherwise defined in District Regulations, definitions may be used as provided by the California Health & Safety Code, or by the federal Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations.

600.5 Fees

No open burning permit is valid in the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District unless the permit holder has payed all applicable fees for such permit, and has received from the District a permit validation. Any fee assessment pursuant to Rule 300 shall be subject to the procedures of this rule, as provided in Section 300.6, Procedures.

600.5.1 Agricultural Burning : Every applicant for a permit to conduct open burning in the growing of crops and/or the raising of livestock or fowl, shall pay the following applicable fees:

- A. Agricultural General :** \$60. This classification does not include the removal or replacement of crops other than small amounts of crop waste resulting from incidental loss due to disease or pests.
- B. Agricultural Crop Removal** \$100.

- 600.5.2 Prescribed Burning:** Every applicant for a permit to conduct prescription burning, including the use of fire to clear previously untilled land for the establishment of an agricultural operation, shall pay applicable fees as follows:
- A. Prescription SMP Exempt:** The applicant shall pay a fee of \$100.
 - B. Range Management:** The applicant shall pay a Plan Review and Implementation Fee as set forth in paragraph F, below.
 - C. Forest Management:** The applicant shall pay a Plan Review and Implementation Fee as set forth in paragraph F, below.
 - D. Wildlife Habitat Management:** The applicant shall pay a Plan Review and Implementation Fee as set forth in paragraph F, below.
 - E. Wildland Vegetative Improvement:** The applicant shall pay a Plan Review and Implementation Fee as set forth in paragraph F, below.
 - F. Plan Review and Implementation Fees:** For all prescribed burning that is subject to a Smoke Management Plan, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$250.

- 600.5.3 Nonagricultural Burning:** Every applicant for a permit to conduct open burning that does not meet the definition of Agricultural or Prescribed burning, shall pay all applicable fees, as follows:
- A. Residential :** The applicant shall pay a fee of \$30.00.
 - B. Property Development :** The applicant shall pay a fee of \$75.
 - C. Public Entity Right of Way, Ditch, Levee, and Reservoir Maintenance :** The applicant shall pay a fee of \$75.

600.6 Procedures

600.6.1 Permit Fee Assessment: Permit fees must be submitted prior to the issuance of the validated burn permit. No permit validation shall be issued without payment of all applicable fees.

600.6.2 Late Fee Penalty: If any person conducts open burning without first obtaining a validated burn permit in accordance with Regulation 2, Section 304, the person is subject to full enforcement action. In addition to any such enforcement action, said person must apply for a valid burn permit, and shall be assessed a late fee penalty which is one and one-half times the total of all applicable fees. The assessment of a late fee penalty shall not limit the District's right to pursue any other remedy provided for by law.