This policy is promulgated by the Des Moines Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) and addresses the process and the fees associated with the re-inspection that is the result of a failed test or inspection of a fire protection system(s). The policy and fee are triggered when the installation or modification of any fire protection or alarm system, requiring a permit, fails the acceptance or re-acceptance testing required by the International Fire Code and referenced NFPA standards. When a witnessed test or inspection fails the fee schedule for the re-inspection is:

1. First hour (minimum charge) - $122 per inspector
2. Each quarter hour thereafter - $35 per inspector

The re-inspection fee will be billed to the entity that requested the inspection or test that failed. The number of inspectors and time required for the re-inspection is dependent upon the original scope of the test, portion(s) of the test that failed and/or need re-test or re-inspection, and the manpower required to witness the re-test.

To avoid additional costs associated with re-tests and re-inspections it is imperative to complete the pretesting and records of completion required by the International Fire Code and referenced NFPA standards to ensure a successful test.

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:

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