

Orange County Fire Authority
ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS POLICY
FIRE PREVENTION
Effective March 1, 2013

The following activities and/or entities shall be exempt from fees charged for Fire Prevention services on the attached fee schedules:

1. Facilities owned and operated by OCFA Partner Agencies (including the County of Orange) and funded from the Partner Authority's general fund. Enterprise funded departments of Partner Agencies (such as Orange County Integrated Waste Management) are not exempt.
2. Day-care facilities owned and operated by public schools and unified school districts.
3. Official Services to include all plan checking, fire permits and inspection activities at public schools, unified school districts, community colleges and universities whose policy-making body is subject to the Brown Act. Special events funded by an entity other than the policy-making body, false alarms and additional services not described herein are subject to fees.
4. Residential fire sprinklers installed to protect existing single-family homes.
5. Construction of unenclosed accessory structure within a wildland interface area (e.g. patio cover, fire pit, gazebo, etc.)
6. Photovoltaic energy systems intended to reduce consumption of traditional electrical energy. (added in 2008)
7. Automotive Compressed Natural Gas refueling stations installed within a residential structure. (added in 2008)
8. Fire false alarm response at single-family homes.
9. **Projects and activities related to the Orange County Fire Authority Nonprofit Foundation.**
10. **Businesses storing propane in quantities less than or equal to 125 gallons.**

The Fire Marshal may exempt a special activity or fee when, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, the special activity is conducted by a community based non-profit organization, creates a minimal risk to the community or environment and is a single issuance permit. The request must be submitted and approved in writing prior to the event.

Note: Items #9 and #10 are recommended additions to the existing Exemption Policy.