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§ 9.02.005 THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

A. The City Council hereby adopts certain amendments, additions, deletions and exceptions to the 2006 International Fire Code, with errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known as the 2007 California Fire Code, with errata, including the 2007 Fire Code Appendix, Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 2 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B as amended, Appendix C as amended, Appendix D as amended, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, and Appendix H as amended by the California Building Standards Commission, and subject to the provisions of § 15.02.200, Chapter 9.02, the Zoning Code, as set forth in Title 17 of this Code, and any other City regulations relating to existing zoning, fireworks, building trades, is hereby adopted. The provisions of this International Fire Code, with errata, California Fire Code, Fire Code Appendices, as indicated above, shall be

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applicable in the City and referred to as the "Fire Code of the City of Culver City."

B. One copy of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City shall be available in the Culver City Fire Prevention office for public inspection.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.010 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

A. No person shall violate any provision or fail to comply with the requirements of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, hereinafter referred to as the "Fire Code." Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of the Fire Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in accordance with §§1.01.035 and 1.01.040 of this Code.

B. In addition to the penalties herein above provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any provision of the Fire Code, shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such, and each day such condition continues, shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.015 AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

The Fire Code is amended as provided in this Subchapter.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.020 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 1 of the Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Per the requirements of Appendix Chapter 1, section 104.1, the Culver City Fire Department has adopted by reference and has amended appendices in this document. Adopted appendices by reference are

Appendix Chapter 1 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B as amended, Appendix C as amended, Appendix D as amended, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, and Appendix H as amended by the California Building Standards Commission and subject to the provisions of § 15.02.200 as referenced in CCMC § 9.02.005.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.025 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 2 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 202 D, Department of Fire Prevention. Whenever the term "Department of Fire Prevention" is used in this Code it shall be deemed to mean the "Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Division."
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.030 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 4 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 408.11.2.1 Identification. Identification numbers shall be provided for all individual units in covered mall buildings, multi-unit buildings and other commercial complexes, and shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible. The position and size of such identification numbers shall be determined by the Fire Code Official. Numbers and names shall be provided for all enclosed rooms and spaces, including service rooms, mechanical rooms, closets, and similar spaces to identify use.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.035 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Section 901.4.1.1 Partial Fire Sprinkler Systems. Where in the Fire Code or the Building Code a partial fire sprinkler system is allowed or required, the fire sprinkler system shall be installed, modified or extended to protect the entire building or structure.

Section 901.4.1.2 An automatic fire-extinguishing (sprinkler) system shall be installed in **every new building** in the City, including any new residential building, hereinafter constructed or moved into the City, regardless of area separation or type of construction.

Section 901.4.1.2 *EXCEPTION: New buildings less than 500 square feet may be exempted upon approval of the Fire Code Official.*

Section 901.4.1.3 Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family: In **existing commercial, industrial and multi family residential** occupancies, fire sprinklers shall be required in existing and new portions of the building for height increases, area increases of 50% or more, and any occupancy change that increases fire risk or hazard.

Section 901.4.1.4 Residential: **Existing one and two family dwellings** shall be required to install a full automatic fire sprinkler system in existing and new portions of the building when a story is added, more than 75% of the existing roof structure is replaced, or the enclosed floor area is increased by more than 75%.

Section 901.4.5 Systems: Sprinkler systems, fire hydrant systems, standpipe systems, fire alarm systems, portable fire extinguishers, smoke and heat ventilators, smoke removal systems and other fire-protective or extinguishing systems or appliances shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times, and shall be replaced or repaired where defective. Fire protection or extinguishing systems coverage, spacing and specifications and fire alarm systems shall be maintained in accordance with recognized and approved standards at all times. Such systems shall be extended, altered, or

augmented as necessary to maintain and continue protection whenever any building so equipped is altered, remodeled, or added to. Additions, repairs, alterations and servicing shall be in accordance with recognized and approved standards. A report of system activation, cause and correction shall be forwarded to the Fire Prevention Office after each incident.

Section 901.6.1.1 Installation, approval and maintenance of automatic fire-extinguishing (sprinkler) systems shall be in compliance with the most current National Fire Protection Association Standards #13, #13R, #13D, and Uniform Building Code as adopted and amended by the City.

Section 901.6.1.2 Automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be installed and maintained at the owner's expense.

Section 901.6.1.3 If the Fire Code Official or his/her designee determines that access for fire apparatus and equipment to any building or structure, not otherwise required hereunder to maintain an automatic fire-extinguishing system, is unduly difficult, installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be required.

Section 907.1.5 System Voltage Drop: Maximum percent of voltage drop on any initiation, output or audible/visual circuit shall not exceed 10%.

Section 907.1.6 Projection Room Controls: All projection equipment and audio equipment shall be interconnected to the fire alarm system for shut down, upon an interrupt signal from the fire alarm panel, to prevent interference with visual and audible evacuation devices, and evacuation directions from theatre staff.
(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.040 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 11 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

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Chapter 11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1107.1.1. All high-rise buildings, 75 feet or higher, on which construction begins after the date of adoption of this Code shall have an approved Emergency Helistop on the roof or top floor, unless a written exception request is approved by the Fire Code Official.

(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.045 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 22 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2201.7. Class III-B Liquids: Where in this chapter there is a requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B Liquids.

(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.050 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 34 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 34 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3401.6 Class III-B Liquids. Where in this chapter there is a requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B Liquids.

(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.055 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 46 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4604.2.1 Aisles Marking. Television and motion picture sound stage perimeter aisles shall be identified by a four-inch-wide, contrasting painted line, located four feet from the building's interior wall, and as approved by the Fire Code Official.

Section 4604.6.1 Illumination. The approved perimeter aisles shall be illuminated at floor level, with light fixtures spaced at intervals of not more than fifty (50) feet apart, and providing a minimum light intensity of not less than one (1) foot-candle. Power for the emergency light fixtures shall be supplied as required by Fire Department regulations. All exit and emergency lights shall comply with the Building Code requirements for two sources of power, with one of the two sources of power provided by approved batteries.

Section 4604.10 Flammable Liquids and Compressed Gases on Sound Stages: Unless approved, in writing, by the Fire Code Official, flammable liquids and compressed flammable gases shall be prohibited on television and motion picture sound stages.

Section 4604.11 Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations: All motion picture and television production studio sound stages, approved production facilities and production locations shall comply with Fire Department filming and performance regulations. Fire Department filming regulations are available for review at the Fire Prevention Counter.

(Ord. No. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.060 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX CHAPTER 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix Chapter 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 103.1.1 Department of Fire Prevention. Whenever the term "Department of Fire Prevention" is used in this Code, it shall mean the "Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Division."

Section 104.11.4 Arrest, Search and Seizure: The apprehension and prosecution of anyone

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suspected of violating any fire law or arson statute.

Section 105.1.1.1 Permit Fees: Permit fees shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council.

Section 108.4 Appeals: Protests and appeals from the enforcement of this Subchapter shall be made to the Municipal Code Appeals Committee in accordance with § 15.02.020.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.065 AMENDMENT: APPENDIX B OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix B, Exception, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section B105.2, Exception: The reduction in required fire flow of up to 50 percent, as approved, is allowed when the building is provided throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2. The minimum resulting fire-flow shall not be less than 1,500 gallons per minute (5,678 L/min) for the prescribed duration as specified in Table B105.1.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.070 AMENDMENT: APPENDIX C OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix C is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section C101.1.2. Whenever the reference is made to Table C105.1, use Culver City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Guidelines and Procedures for Hydrant Placement, Spacing and Specifications.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.075 AMENDMENT: APPENDIX D OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix D is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section D101.1.2. Whenever the reference is made to Table D103.1, use Culver City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Guidelines and Procedures for Fire Apparatus Access.
(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.080 DELETIONS.

Section -3301, FIREWORKS, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

FIREWORKS

§ 9.02.200 DEFINITIONS.

The following words and phrases, as used in this Subchapter, are defined as follows:

FIREWORKS. Means and includes any combustible explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, dayglo bombs, sparklers, or other devices of like construction, and any devices containing any explosives or flammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, except that the term **FIREWORKS** shall not include any auto flares, paper caps containing not in excess of

an average of twenty-five hundredths (0.25) of a grain of explosive content per cap, and toy pistols, toy canes or toy guns or other devices for use of such caps, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

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PERSON. Includes any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, concern, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS. An entertainment feature where the public is admitted or permitted to view the display or discharge of fireworks, including but not limited to those defined above.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.205 SALE, USE OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS; PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

A. Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, sell or discharge any fireworks of any kind within the City.

B. Fireworks may be transported through the City from and to points outside the City by any wholesaler, retailer, jobber, warehouseman, or manufacturer; provided that, no fireworks shall be so transported without a written approval of the Fire Chief, which approval shall be revocable for cause, and shall be granted only upon application there for, setting forth the description of the route to be used for the transportation and such other information as the Fire Chief shall require.

C. Fireworks may be transported through the City from and to points outside the City by an ultimate consumer of the fireworks.

D. Fireworks may be kept or stored by City safety officers in a safe and secure place pending the lawful disposal thereof.

E. A person may use, store and possess fireworks in order to conduct a public display of fireworks after obtaining a permit pursuant to this Subchapter.

F. Nothing in this Subchapter shall be construed to prohibit the use of fireworks by personnel of railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination, or the sale of use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports, or for use by military organizations.

G. Nothing in this Subchapter shall be construed to prohibit the assembling, compounding, use and display of fireworks of whatever nature by any person engaged in the production of motion pictures, theatricals or operas, or when such use and display is a necessary part of the production and such a person possesses a valid permit to purchase, possess, transport or use such fireworks as required by State and local regulations.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.210 PERMITS TO CONDUCT DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS GRANTED BY CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council, by resolution, upon written application as provided in this Subchapter and subject to the provisions of this Subchapter, may grant one two permits to conduct a public display of fireworks in a calendar year, each display to occur on a separate date.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.215 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT; CONDITIONS FOR FILING.

An application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in compliance with all of the following:

A. Application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in the Office of the City Manager, on forms provided by the City, at least 180 days prior to the date requested for conducting the public display of fireworks.

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B. The following information shall be included on the application:

1. The location of the public display of fireworks as approved by the Fire Department;

2. The location for storage of the fireworks to be displayed as approved by the Fire Department, if within the City;

3. Who, if anyone, will provide management services to the applicant for the public display of fireworks, and evidence that such manager has complied with all business tax certificate requirements; and

4. Any other information deemed necessary by the City Council for the consideration of the application.

B. Evidence of the following types of insurance in a form and with endorsements as approved by the City Attorney and in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), shall be filed with application:

1. Public liability insurance; combined single limit, bodily injury and property damage, each occurrence;

2. Premises/operation liability;

3. Contractual liability, specifically referencing indemnification agreements with the City; and

4. Products liability included completed operations liability.

D. All fees required pursuant to this Code and City Council resolution shall be paid at the time of filing the application; and

E. Evidence of compliance with any special conditions required by the Fire Department because of the location of the public display of fireworks.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.220 CONDITIONS GOVERNING PERMIT.

Any permit granted to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be governed by all of the following:

A. The public display of fireworks shall be conducted by a duly licensed pyrotechnician who shall have obtained Fire Department approval no later than the last day of June of the year in which the permit is granted;

B. One public display of fireworks shall be conducted on July 4th, and the other shall be conducted in conjunction with Culver City High School's annual homecoming celebration. Both displays shall be conducted strictly in accordance with all regulations and conditions specified in this Subchapter and in the Council resolution granting the permit;

C. Any attempt to transfer a permit to any person shall void the permit;

D. The permittee shall agree, in writing, to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, and employees from any loss or liability or damages, including expenses and costs, for bodily injury or property damage sustained by any person as a result of any operation related to the permit; and

E. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Subchapter shall preclude consideration of any application filed if permits have not been granted thereunder; and shall be sufficient cause of the revocation of any permit previously issued.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

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§ 9.02.225 SEIZURE OF UNAUTHORIZED FIREWORKS.

Any duly authorized member of the Fire Department of Police Department shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed, at the expense of the owner, all stocks of fireworks displayed, stored, held or offered or exposed for sale in violation of this Subchapter.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.230 DISPOSAL OF FIREWORKS

Any fireworks that remain unfired after the public display of fireworks is concluded, or which are seized pursuant to § 9.02.225, shall be disposed of in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.235 CHANGE TO TIME LIMITS

The City Council, by resolution, may extend or shorten the time requirements established by this Subchapter.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.240 RESCISSION OF PROHIBITION

The prohibition set forth in § 9.02.205 shall not be rescinded by the City Council without the approval of a majority of the voters voting at a regular or special election.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT COST RECOVERY PROGRAM

§ 9.02.300 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE. The ordinances embraced in the Chapters and Sections

found in “The Code of the City of Culver City, California,” hereinafter referred to as “CCMC.”

FAILURE TO NOTIFY

1. PRE-TEST FAILURE TO NOTIFY.

Failure to notify the Fire Department before proceeding with any testing of a fire alarm or fire suppression system, which results in an unnecessary response.

2. POST-TEST FAILURE TO NOTIFY.

Failure to notify the Fire Department after completion of testing and/or maintenance of a fire alarm or fire suppression system, which results in an unnecessary response.

FALSE ALARM. The deliberate reporting of an alarm for which no fire or emergency actually exists, or an alarm that is set off “needlessly” includes, but is not limited to, the triggering of an alarm by conditions that are not typical of a current or impending fire emergency.

FIRE CODE. The “Fire Code of the City of Culver City” as defined in § 9.02.005 of the CCMC.

FIRE CODE STANDARDS. Volume 2 of the International Fire Code published by the International Code Council.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant or potential hazard to human health and safety, to the environment, or to property if released. For the purposes of this Subchapter, ***HAZARDOUS MATERIALS*** include, but are not limited to, hazardous materials as defined in § 9.03.105N., O., or P. of the CCMC, and other substances known to cause harm to the environment if released, such as used oil, paint, paint residues, and solvents.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Hazardous waste generated from a Culver City household in conducting non-commercial activities.

MUNICIPAL CODE APPEALS COMMITTEE.

The committee authorized to hear appeals of alleged violations of the CCMC. [CCMC § 9.04.425].

RE-INSPECTION. A repeat inspection for compliance after the issuance of an order to comply served by a member of the Fire Department to any person, firm or corporation to correct a Fire Code violation.

SEWER SYSTEM. All pipes, drains, channels, and other means used to transport sewage to the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant for treatment (e.g., household or commercial drains, and the like.)

STORM DRAIN SYSTEM. All pipes, drains, channels, and other means used to transport surface waters to the ocean without treatment (e.g., curbside drains, La Ballona Creek, and the like.)

UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE. A release or emission of materials in a manner which does not conform to the provisions of this code [CCMC § 9.02.005] or applicable public health and safety regulations.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.305 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP

A. *Violation.* It shall be a violation of this Section to release hazardous materials in an unauthorized manner. At no time shall a hazardous material be released into a street or surface where the drainage is to the storm drain system.

B. *Responsibility for Cleanup.* The person, firm or corporation responsible for an unauthorized discharge shall institute and complete all actions necessary to remedy the effects of such unauthorized discharge, whether sudden or gradual, at no cost to the jurisdiction. When deemed necessary by the Fire Chief or his/her designee, cleanup may be initiated

by the Fire Department or by an authorized individual or firm. Costs associated with such a cleanup shall be borne by the owner, operator or other person responsible for the unauthorized discharge.

C. *Assessment of Administrative Charges.* Costs are determined based on actual personnel costs plus benefits, and estimated costs of equipment per unit response, plus any other applicable expenditures.

(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.310 FALSE ALARMS; VIOLATIONS.

A. *Violation.* It shall be a violation of this Section for:

1. Any person, firm, entity or corporation to cause or allow to be caused more than four false alarms within the prior 365 days from a facility in a residential, commercial or manufacturing zone, or any other zone recognized by the CCMC.

3. An alarm company to cause or allow to be caused more than one failure to notify the Culver City Police/Fire Dispatcher of testing, inspecting, or maintaining a fire suppression and/or alarm system of a specified facility within the prior 365 days. [NFPA Standards 25:7-1.3 and 25:1-4.3].

B. *Assessment of administrative charges.* An administrative charge of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be assessed for each additional false alarm above the limits as set forth in Subsection A. (Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.315 RE-INSPECTIONS.

A. *Violation.* It shall be a violation for any person, firm, entity or corporation to fail to

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comply within the prescribed time with orders to comply issued by the Fire Department.

B. *Violation corrected.* Where the violation has been corrected within the time period prescribed as confirmed by inspection or other proof acceptable to the Fire Marshal, the case shall not be assessed.

C. *Violation not corrected.* Where the violation has not been corrected within the time period prescribed by the Fire Department, any additional compliance inspection(s) shall be assessed to the violator at an administrative charge of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first additional inspection. If compliance is still not achieved, a further administrative charge of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per each additional inspection required shall be assessed.
(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

order. The City will notify each appellant of the date and time of the scheduled informal hearing.

B. Those who wish to appeal an order to comply or an administrative assessment shall follow the process set forth on the order to comply form and appropriate City procedures.
(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.320 PENALTIES.

In addition to any administrative costs as described above, violations of this Section shall be punished as:

A. For the first violation in a 12-month period, as an infraction;

B. For the second and each subsequent violation in a 12-month period, as an infraction or misdemeanor as determined by the City Attorney.
(Ord. 2008-001 § 2 (part))

§ 9.02.325 APPEALS.

A. The “initial warning” cannot be appealed. Subsequent notices and orders can be appealed to the Municipal Code Appeals Committee. To contest first and subsequent notices and orders to comply, and/or the administrative fee assessment, a written objection must be filed with the City Clerk’s office within ten days of receipt of the appealable notice or