

RESOLUTION 25-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND FIRE FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS (“ERCES”); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the City recognizes the increasing need for reliable in-building emergency communications and the growing use of Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems (“ERCES”) to comply with applicable fire and life safety codes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the Florida Fire Prevention Code (“FFPC”), 8th Edition, specifically FFPC 1: Chapter 11, provides as follows:

In all new and existing buildings, minimum radio signal strength for emergency services department communications shall be maintained at a level determined by the AHJ and based on the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems utilized by the jurisdiction, measured at the exterior of the building; and

WHEREAS, compliance with this requirement necessitates a detailed technical plan review and on-site inspection process for all ERCES installations, to be conducted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (“AHJ”), which in Marco Island is the City of Marco Island Fire Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, the current fire fee schedule does not specifically address the review and inspection of these systems under the City’s Fire Prevention or Fire Plan Review structure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-34 of the City of Marco Island Code of Ordinances, the City Council may adopt and adjust such fees to offset the cost of on-site inspections pursuant to Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marco Island finds that this Resolution serves both a municipal and public purpose, and is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Marco Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marco Island that;

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2: That the City Council hereby establishes the following fee structure for the review and inspection of Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems (ERCES), to be incorporated into the City's applicable Fire Rescue Department permitting and review fee categories:

Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems (ERCES) Fees

Plan Review Fees: Code-Compliant In-Building Systems: \$300.00 per review

Alternative Method Systems (e.g., LTE or other technology), with Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Approval: \$1.00 per square foot of structure under air, not to exceed \$50,000.00 per review

Inspection Fees:

Code-Compliant In-Building Systems: \$300.00 base inspection fee, plus \$100.00 per floor

SECTION 3. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MARCO ISLAND CITY COUNCIL, this 6th day of October 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

By: _____
Stephen Gray, Vice-Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney