

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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Re: Notice of Industrial and Commercial Business Stormwater Inspection Fee

Dear Oakland Business Owner/Manager:

Our records indicate you are the owner or operator of a business currently regulated by the City of Oakland's (City) Industrial and Commercial Business Stormwater Inspection Program (Business Stormwater Inspection Program). These inspections are required in the Oakland pursuant to the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP), Order No. R2-2015-0049, issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Clean Water Permit). **Beginning in August 2019, all businesses scheduled for a stormwater inspection will be subject to an inspection fee.** The Oakland City Council established the new Stormwater Inspection Program fee to provide cost recovery for regulatory compliance and water resource protection.<sup>1</sup>

The Clean Water Permit requires the City to implement a Business Stormwater Inspection Plan that:

1. Identifies businesses with the potential to cause or contribute to stormwater runoff pollution and describes how the businesses will be inspected either annually or once every three to five years depending on pollution risk level;
2. Categorizes the sites by pollutant threat and inspection frequency;
3. Directs City inspectors to require businesses to implement pollution control best management practices;
4. Implements effective follow-up to enforce the City's Creek Protection, Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Ordinance (Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Chapter 13.16);
5. Must be updated annually to adjust inspection frequency based on inspection results; and,

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<sup>1</sup> On May 21, 2019, Oakland City Council adopted the City's Master Fee Schedule, Ordinance No. 13533 C.M.S., which includes Stormwater Inspection Fees.

6. Adds and removes sites as businesses open and close.

The table below describes the new stormwater business inspection fees. The fees depend on business type and are based on the estimated time it takes to conduct inspections. If a re-inspection is required to enforce OMC Chapter 13.16, a business inspection fee hourly rate will be applied. Invoices will be mailed to the property owner/operator within one month after the inspection or the re-inspection.

<b>Business Type</b>	<b>Inspection Fee</b>	<b>Re-inspection Hourly Rate</b>
Industrial facility subject to the state’s Industrial General Permit, Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ (IGP)	\$370.21	\$148.08
Industrial facility <u>not</u> subject to the IGP	\$273.95	\$148.08
Commercial facility	\$185.10	\$148.08

See the attached brochure for more information on the City’s Business Stormwater Inspection Program and the new inspection fees, or visit the City’s Creeks, Watersheds, and Stormwater webpage at [www.oaklandcreeks.org](http://www.oaklandcreeks.org).

The City of Oakland would like to thank all business owners and operators in advance for their assistance with this important water resource and stormwater protection program. In Oakland, all storm drains lead directly to creeks, lakes, and the Bay and only clean stormwater is permitted in the City’s storm drain system. If you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact our office at 510-238-6600.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hathaway  
Watershed and Stormwater Program Manager