

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 9/14/04
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
Agenda Date: 9/21/04
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 9/28/04 Hearing 10min
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF CONTACT: Tom Franklin, Fire Marshal/Division Chief, Fire Permit and Development Fees
x5525

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution to Increase Fire Permit and Development Fees

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a Fee Resolution increasing Fire Permit and Development fees by 7.6% as of October 1, 2004.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:
The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:
The Fire Prevention Division of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department charges for fire permit fees and development fees for plan checks, site inspection visits, and assures compliance with development standards. On June 3, 2003, your Board adopted the 2001 California Fire Code, approved fee adjustments based on the results of a full-fee study by adopting Ordinance No. 4494 and approved Resolution No. 03-182. The current proposed 7.6% fee adjustment reflects an increase sufficient to cover salary increases that have been projected for FY 04/05 and is presented at this time in conformance with FY 04/05 Budget Principles.

The fees are given statutory CEQA exemption under Public Resource Code section 21080 subd. (b) (8) (1) & (2) and Title 14 (California Code of Regulations) section 15273.

Mandates and Service Levels:
All programs are operating at State-specified levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:
The proposed fee increases have been incorporated in the Fire Department 's FY 04/05 proposed budget.

Special Instructions:

- Clerk of the Board to notice the fee resolution twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Santa Barbara, once at least 10 days prior to the hearing and again with at least 5 days intervening between the dates of first and last publication, per Government code Section 6066.
- Please send a copy of the completed resolution and a certified copy of the minute order to Santa Barbara County Fire Department, attention Rose Pueschel.

Concurrence: County Counsel/Auditor-Controller

attachments

Notice of Exemption

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Based on a preliminary review of the project, the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN (s): _____ Case No.: _____

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: _____

Project Description: Seeking Approval of Resolution to Increase Fire Prevention Fees
by 7.6% effective October 1, 2004.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 14 CCR 15273: Fees will be used for operating expenses
and for purchase of supplies, equipment and materials.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

This project is to enable the operation of regulatory programs and as such is categorically and Statutorily exempt under section 15273 of the CEQA guidelines and 21080 of the Public Resources code, respectively.

Department/Division Representative Date

Note: A copy must be posted in DERC at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: DER
Dev Rev project file (when RMD permit is required)

Date File of County Clerk

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**A RESOLUTION TO
Increase the Santa Barbara County Fire Permit
and Development Fees by 7.6%**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Section 105 of the California Fire Code, as adopted by the Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 15 allows for issuance of fire permits; and

WHEREAS, a fire permit constitutes permission to maintain, store, use or handle materials, or to conduct processes which produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities; and

WHEREAS, such a fire permit shall not take the place of any license required by law; and

WHEREAS, County Fire charges fees for Development Review at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, all Fire Permit and Development fees are based on the estimated time spent to perform an average inspection or review; and

WHEREAS, all Fire Permit and Development fees are a flat amount, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Section (within the Fire Prevention Division of Santa Barbara County Fire Department) is responsible to assure proper review occurs on new developments and that appropriate fire-safe standards are applied to new developments within Santa Barbara County, and

WHEREAS, the Inspection Services Section (within the Fire Prevention Division of Santa Barbara County Fire Department) is responsible for conducting fire safety inspections as required on all commercial activities within the county, and

WHEREAS, the costs of providing services has increased by 7.6%; and

WHEREAS, the fees may be revised as needed by the Board of Supervisors, and if the revision does not occur, the existing fees shall remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, the notice of the fee increase was provided in accordance with Government Code Section 6066, and

WHEREAS, the fees are given statutory CEQA exemption under Public Resource Code section 21080 subd. (b) (8) (1) & (2) and Title 14 (California Code of Regulations) section 15273.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does resolve as follows:

- 1) The Santa Barbara County Fire Permit and Development fees, which are set forth in the attached fee schedule, are hereby adopted and are to be effective on October 5th, 2004.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of October, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:
 NOES:
 ABSENT:
 ABSTAIN:

 Chair, Board of Supervisors
 County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
 MICHAEL F. BROWN
 CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
 Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Form:
 Auditor -Controller

 Deputy County Counsel

By _____

Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Chapter 15 - California Fire Code
Fee Schedule
Effective 10/1/04

Planning and Engineering Activity	Flat Fee	Inspection Activity	Flat Fee	Inspection Activity	Flat Fee
Fire Protection Certificate	\$ 511	Aerosol products	\$ 79	Hazardous materials (see Grps 1-4 below)	
Plan Checks (based on square footage)		Aircraft refueling vehicles	\$ 79	Highly toxic pesticides (see Grps 1-4 below)	
Commercial		Aircraft repair hangar	\$ 118	Radioactive materials (see Grps 1-4 below)	
1 - 52,000	\$ 485	Asbestos removal	\$ 101	Group 1	\$ 79
52,001 - 104,000	\$ 662	Automobile wrecking yard	\$ 118	Group 2	\$ 157
104,001 - 156,000	\$ 838	Battery system	\$ 201	Group 3	\$ 197
156,001 - 208,000	\$ 1,015	Candles/open flames in assembly areas	\$ 79	Group 4	\$ 236
208,001 - 260,000	\$ 1,191	Carnivals and fairs		High-piled combustible storage	\$ 157
260,001 - Up	\$ 1,368	50-100 occupants	\$ 79	Hot work operations	\$ 79
Residential		101-300 occupants	\$ 118	Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal	\$ 79
Unlimited	\$ 221	over 300 occupants	\$ 236	Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal (inst	\$ 101
Tenant Improvements		Cellulose nitrate film	\$ 157	Liquid or gas fueled vehicles for equipment	\$ 79
1-30 Heads	\$ 88	Cellulose nitrate storage	\$ 157	in assembly buildings	
31 & Above	\$ 176	Combustible fiber storage	\$ 79	Lumber yards	\$ 118
Land Development		Combustible material storage	\$ 79	Magnesium working	\$ 157
Certificate of Compliance Condns	\$ 265	Compressed gases system	\$ 302	Mall, covered	\$ 118
Conditional Use Permit (major)	\$ 441	Compressed gases:	\$ 79	Motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations	\$ 79
Conditional Use Permit (major/revised/amended)	\$ 441	Commercial rubbish-handling operation	\$ 79	Oil & natural gas wells:	
Conditional Use Permit (minor)	\$ 88	Cryogenics system	\$ 302	To operate (per well)	\$ 79
Conditional Use Permit (2+ units)	\$ 265	Cryogen use	\$ 79	To drill/rework (per well)	\$ 314
Conditional Use Permit-mobilehome (one)	\$ 265	Dry cleaning plants	\$ 79	Open burning:	
Final map clear (tentative map, tentative parcel maps)	\$ 88	Dust producing operations	\$ 118	Agricultural	\$ 40
Lot line adjustment	\$ 176	Explosives or blasting agents	\$ 101	Backyard	\$ 40
Road naming/addressing	\$ 176	Film production	\$ 101	High fire hazard	\$ 40
Tentative maps 5-49 lots	\$ 1,059	Fire hydrants and control valves, use of	\$ 79	Organic coatings	\$ 79
Tentative maps 50-100 lots	\$ 3,529	Fireworks displays	\$ 201	Ovens, industrial baking or drying	\$ 201
Tentative maps over 100 lots	\$ 3,529	Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (operation)	\$ 101	Parade floats	\$ 79
Tract map clearance	\$ 88	Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (excavation)	\$ 101	Places of assembly	
Tentative parcel map	\$ 1,059	Flammable or combustible liquids-above ground/containers/permanent tanks, portable tanks, construction tanks, farm tanks & underground tank installation	\$ 1,006	50-100 occupants	\$ 79
Tentative parcel map/tentative map revised	\$ 529	Flammable or combustible liquids-under ground/tank removal	\$ 504	101-300 occupants	\$ 118
		Fruit ripening	\$ 79	over 300 occupants	\$ 157
		Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging	\$ 157	Pyrotechnic special effects material	\$ 201
		Garages (motor vehicle repair)	\$ 79	Refrigeration equipment-installation	\$ 201
				Refrigeration equipment-operation	\$ 79
				Spraying/dipping operations-installation	\$ 201
				Spraying/dipping operations-annual	\$ 79
				Tank vehicles (not regulated by CHP)	\$ 79
				Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies	\$ 101
				Tire storage	\$ 118
				Wood products	\$ 118

**Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Chapter 15 - California Fire Code Fee Update for FY 04-05
Inspection Services Section Fees**

Activity	Old Fee	New Fee * w/7.6% Inc
Aerosol products	\$ 73	79
Aircraft refueling vehicles	\$ 73	79
Aircraft repair hangar	\$ 110	118
Asbestos removal	\$ 94	101
Automobile wrecking yard	\$ 110	118
Battery system	\$ 187	201
Candles/open flames in assembly areas	\$ 73	79
Carnivals and fairs		
50-100 occupants	\$ 73	79
101-300 occupants	\$ 110	118
over 300 occupants	\$ 219	236
Cellulose nitrate film	\$ 146	157
Cellulose nitrate storage	\$ 146	157
Combustible fiber storage	\$ 73	79
Combustible material storage	\$ 73	79
Compressed gases system	\$ 281	302
Compressed gases:	\$ 73	79
Commercial rubbish-handling operation	\$ 73	79
Cryogenics system	\$ 281	302
Cryogen use	\$ 73	79
Dry cleaning plants	\$ 73	79
Dust producing operations	\$ 110	118
Explosives or blasting agents	\$ 94	101
Film production	\$ 94	101
Fire hydrants and control valves, use of	\$ 73	79
Fireworks displays	\$ 187	201
Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (operation)	\$ 94	101
Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (excavation)	\$ 94	101
Flammable or combustible liquids-above ground/containers/permanent tanks, portable tanks, construction tanks, farm tanks & underground tank installation	\$ 935	1006
Flammable or combustible liquids-underground/tank removal	\$ 468	504
Fruit ripening	\$ 73	79
Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging	\$ 146	157
Garages (motor vehicle repair)	\$ 73	79
Hazardous materials (see Grps 1-4 below)		
Highly toxic pesticides (see Grps 1-4 below)		
Radioactive materials (see Grps 1-4 below)		
Group 1	\$ 73	79
Group 2	\$ 146	157
Group 3	\$ 183	197
Group 4	\$ 219	236
High-piled combustible storage	\$ 146	157
Hot work operations	\$ 73	79
Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal	\$ 73	79
Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal (install)	\$ 94	101
Liquid or gas fueled vehicles for equipment in assembly bldgs	\$ 73	79
Lumber yards	\$ 110	118
Magnesium working	\$ 146	157

* All fees are flat fees

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Inspection Services Section Fees**

Activity	Old Fee	New Fee * w/7.6% Inc
Mall, covered	\$ 110	118
Motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations	\$ 73	79
Oil & natural gas wells:		
To operate (per well)	\$ 73	79
To drill/rework (per well)	\$ 292	314
Open burning:		
Agricultural	\$ 37	40
Backyard	\$ 37	40
High fire hazard	\$ 37	40
Organic coatings	\$ 73	79
Ovens, industrial baking or drying	\$ 187	201
Parade floats	\$ 73	79
Places of assembly		
50-100 occupants	\$ 73	79
101-300 occupants	\$ 110	118
over 300 occupants	\$ 146	157
Pyrotechnic special effects material	\$ 187	201
Refrigeration equipment-installation	\$ 187	201
Refrigeration equipment-operation	\$ 73	79
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Spraying/dipping operations-annual	\$ 73	79
Tank vehicles (not regulated by CHP)	\$ 73	79
Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies	\$ 94	101
Tire storage	\$ 110	118
Wood products	\$ 110	118

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Chapter 15 - California Fire Code Fee Update for FY 04-05
Planning and Engineering Services Section Fees

Activity	Old Fee	New Fee *
Fire Protection Certificate	\$ 475	511
Plan Checks		
New basis - square footage rather than value of system		
Commercial		
1 - 52,000	\$ 451	485
52,001 - 104,000	\$ 615	662
104,001 - 156,000	\$ 779	838
156,001 - 208,000	\$ 943	1015
208,001 - 260,000	\$ 1,107	1191
260,001 - Up	\$ 1,271	1368
Residential		
Unlimited	\$ 205	221
Tenant Improvements		
1-30 Heads	\$ 82	88
31 & Above	\$ 164	176
Land Development		
Certificate of Compliance Condns	\$ 246	265
Conditional Use Permit (major)	\$ 410	441
Conditional Use Permit (major/ revised/amended)	\$ 410	441
Conditional Use Permit (minor)	\$ 82	88
Conditional Use Permit (2+ units)	\$ 246	265
Conditional Use Permit- mobilehome (one)	\$ 246	265
Final map clearance (tentative map, tentative parcel maps)	\$ 82	88
Lot line adjustment	\$ 164	176
Oil & gas production plans	\$ -	0
Road naming/addressing	\$ 164	176
Tentative maps 5-49 lots	\$ 984	1059
Tentative maps 50-100 lots	\$ 3,280	3529
Tentative maps over 100 lots	\$ 3,280	3529
Tract map clearance	\$ 82	88
Tentative parcel map	\$ 984	1059
Tentative parcel map/tentative map revised	\$ 492	529

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