

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/12/01  
**Department Name:** Sheriff  
**Department No.:** 032  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Sheriff Jim Thomas  
Sheriff-Custody Division

**STAFF**

**CONTACT:** Lia M. Schade, Director, Financial Services Bureau  
681-4190

**SUBJECT:** Booking and Processing Fee for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a public hearing for May 23, 2001 to hear and consider adoption of a Resolution establishing the booking fees for fiscal year 2001-2002.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Guadalupe have a written agreement with the county to reimburse the county for the cost of booking individuals that they bring to the local jail. The rate established in the first year of the agreement, June 1994, was \$110.04 and the agreement included a provision to increase this rate by the increase in the consumer price index [CPI] annually.

The 2000-2001 booking fee to local city agencies was \$122.37 This action proposes to increase the rate for the 2001-2002 fiscal year by \$4.40, or 3.6% to \$126.77 for the named city agencies. This CPI increase is based upon the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers, Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA and is for the period from July 1999 to July 2000.

The final court order authorizing the county to seek full reimbursement from the cities is still pending. The lack of a final court order has stalled the ability to seek reimbursement of actual costs from the cities.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Booking Fees are charged under Government Code §29550. Additionally, our formal agreement with the involved agencies allows for an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

AB82, effective January 1, 1997, mandates that fees be fully established prior to the beginning of the fiscal year when the parties do not have a written agreement. If the recommended schedule is followed, this fee would be effective to July 1, 2002.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The proposed increase of 3.6% would result in an increase of \$18,242 in revenues to the Sheriff Department if the number of transactions next year are equal to the estimated total of 4,146 city bookings for this year. These revenues are included in the Sheriff Department's budget request for FY 2001-2002; no budgetary transfers are necessary at this time. There will be no impact upon our facilities as a result of this action.

The actual cost of booking has historically exceeded the rate established under the written agreement. During the two preceding years the actual cost per booking has exceeded the agreed rate by an average of \$57 per booking. If actual costs were being billed on the approximately 7921 bookings for city prisoners, the Sheriff's Department would have realized an additional \$451,497 in revenue.

**Special Instructions:**

*Clerk of the Board:* Please send copies of the executed document to the city officials listed below and return one copy to the Sheriff's Department, Attention: Lia M. Schade. Please post standard public notice for a hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing date in a circulating newspaper publication.

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel

Courtesy Copies Mailed to:

Tim Ness, City Manager, City of Santa Maria  
Frank Usher, City Manager, City of Guadalupe  
Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Administrator, City of Santa Barbara