



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: January 17, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: December 13, 2011;
January 10, 2012
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3064
SUBJECT: Public Right-of-Way Special Event Permits, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

- A. approve and authorize the Chair to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Santa Barbara County Code, pertaining to the ability to issue Public Right-of-Way Special Event Permits;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to adopt administrative procedures for Public Right-of-Way Special Events taking place on Pardall Road in the Isla Vista area; and
- C. Find that the recommended action is not a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as defined at 14 CCR 15273(a), because the proceeds of the recommended fees will be used for the purpose of meeting departmental operating expenses incurred as a result of the permitted activities.

Summary Text:

The County of Santa Barbara Road Commissioner has the authority to issue permits and allow road closures for Public Right-of-Way Special Events (Events) under California Vehicle Code section 21101, California Streets and Highway Code section 942.6, and Santa Barbara County Code section 28-121. In 2011, the County received 60 requests to hold events in the public right-of-way. County staff spent 297 hours reviewing, processing, and approving these Public Right-of-Way Special Event Permits (Permit(s)). Public Works does not currently charge a fee to issue these Permits, and receives no reimbursement for any of the work required to issue Permits or follow up during and after Events.

Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisor adopt the attached Ordinance to define the process for issuing Public Right-of-Way Special Events Permits, enable Public Works to collect fees to recoup costs for processing, reviewing, and approving Permit applications, and to enable Public Works to levee fines in certain circumstances as defined in the Ordinance.

Public Works also recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve Administrative Procedures specifically for Special Events on Pardall Road in the Isla Vista Area. Procedures specific to Pardall Road are necessary due to the frequency in which Pardall Road is used for Special Events, and the number of residents and businesses affected with each Event. The attached procedures outline the requirements for the Event Sponsors to hold an Event on Pardall Road.

Background:

Event organizers must obtain a permit whenever they plan an activity in the public right-of-way that will use the travel way in a manner other than for its intended use, or which may prevent, obstruct, or delay other members of the public from using the public right-of-way in a manner for which it is intended to be used.

The Public Works Department issues permits for use of the public right-of-way for activities such as block parties, festivals, marathons, bike races, parades, farmers markets, and car shows. The Department supports use of the right-of-way for these social and recreational events because they promote health and wellness, a sense of community, and encourage tourism, all of which benefit and have a positive effect on the community.

Public Works currently does not charge a fee for these Permits. Staff resources are required for all Permits, from small, short-lived events to larger events such as the Santa Barbara International Marathon and Half Marathon and the Amgen Tour of California. These larger events have grown in recent years, and require a large amount of staff resources for processing and follow up. To achieve the goal of full cost recovery for services, Public Works requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Fee Schedule. Fees are based on data collected by staff over a period of one year to determine the amount of time it takes to process these permits. The Road Commissioner will review and adjust fees annually. The fees are broken down into five categories:

1. Category A – Includes events that do not require traffic control plans, public notification, field review, or assistance from emergency services. Examples of these events include, but are not limited to sidewalk sales, small sporting events with an open course, and temporary parking. These events typically require less than an hour of staff time to process and issue a permit.
2. Category B – Includes events that require road closures, assistance from emergency services, traffic control plans, field review, and/or public notification. Examples of these events include, but are not limited to parades, block parties, celebrations, sporting events with one block of road closures, and car shows. These events typically require two to three hours of staff time to process and issue a permit.
3. Category C – Includes events that require one to three blocks of road closures, assistance from emergency services, public notification, field review, meetings involving the Public Works Department and other County employees, and/or traffic control plans. Examples for these events

include, but are not limited to sporting events and festivals. These events typically require four to five hours of staff time to process and review a permit.

4. Category D - Includes large events that require multiple road closures, assistance from emergency services, public notification, field review, meetings involving the Public Works Department and other County employees, and/or traffic control plans. Examples for these events include, but are not limited to large sporting events and large celebrations. These events require a large amount of staff time to process a permit.
5. Category E – Includes recurring events requiring an annual Public Right-of-Way Special Event Permit, such as farmers’ markets. These events require three to four hours of staff time to review and process a permit.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Narrative:

Costs for issuing Permits are to be reimbursed from the collection of fees for processing, reviewing, and issuing of the Permits. Fees will be adjusted yearly based on the cost from the prior year.

Special Instructions:

- 1) Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the Ordinance which will include the amount of cost as stated in the attached schedule of fees, fees will recover costs incurred by the Transportation Division of Public Works, and fees have no impact on the County’s General Fund, in the Santa Barbara News Press, 10 days prior to the hearing.
- 2) Notice of the public meeting/hearing shall be mailed to any interested party who has filed a written request with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for mailed notice of the meeting on new or increased fees or changes at least 14 days prior to the hearing.
- 3) Please return one copy of the signed Ordinance, and two certified, stamped minute orders to Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Department, Transportation Division, ext. 3064

Attachments:

None (Refer to January 10, 2012 for attachments)

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