



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 5, 2026

Present: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Lavagnino
Absent 2 - Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00388

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a First Reading for Amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code with Ordinance and Fee Updates, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code to adopt amendments and the recommendations of the “Santa Barbara County Fire Department User Fee Study: April 10, 2026” with the resulting fee updates as the enforcement Code in all areas within the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and all other unincorporated areas of the County where the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ), unless otherwise specified by the ordinance;

b) Read the title of the Ordinance and waive full reading of the Ordinance;

c) Continue the hearing to May 12, 2026, on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:

i) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code; and/or

ii) Direct the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to conduct a subsequent fee study after a period of twelve (12) months to propose adoption of a cost neutral policy and develop a cost neutral rate for land development, operational permit, occupancy inspection and miscellaneous inspection fees; and

iii) Consider and approve adoption of a Resolution of Legislative Findings Supporting Amendments to the California Fire Code; and

d) Determine that the adoption of an ordinance amending fees for Santa Barbara County Fire Department is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15273(a)(1) and 15378(b)(5).

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 2:00 PM - 2:29 PM (29 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Introduction (First Reading) approved;
- b) Read title; waived further reading of the Ordinance;
- c) i) through iii) Set for May 12, 2026 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinance; and
- d) Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Absent: 2 - Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson