



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Treasurer-Tax Collector
Department No.: 065
For Agenda Of: 2/19/08
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on 3/4/08
5 minutes on 3/11/08
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bernice James, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kim Tesoro, Treasury Finance Chief, x2153

SUBJECT: Adoption of Treasurer-Tax Collector Proposed Fees

Recommended Actions:

- A. i. Set a public hearing on the departmental agenda for March 4, 2008 to introduce the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 2-10.8 of the Santa Barbara County Code revising the fees for the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office;
- ii. Adopt a report on costs related to certain fees charged by the Treasurer-Tax Collector (available for public inspection at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 110, Santa Barbara, CA; week days 8:00 am – 5:00 pm);
- B. i. Set a public hearing on the departmental agenda for March 11, 2008 as the second reading to adopt the attached ordinance amending Section 2-10.8 of the Santa Barbara County Code revising the fees for the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office.
- ii. Approve the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Treasurer-Tax Collector is requesting a hearing to consider revisions to fees for services provided by our office for secured property tax delinquencies, unsecured tax roll delinquencies, installment plans for payments of delinquent property taxes, and the splitting or combining of parcels and lot line adjustments.. These fees were last updated in 2004 based on an analysis that aligned fees with the costs of providing services. In the four years since the last fee adjustment, the cost to provide these services has increased due to changes in operating costs such as salaries and benefits. Thus, the proposed fee revisions would bring revenues closer in line with the increased cost of providing services.

Background: Government Code 54985 provides the County with the authority to increase or decrease a fee or charge in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board to publish notice in the Santa Barbara News Press five and ten days prior to the first reading.

Authored by:

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Auditor-Controller
County Counsel