

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number: 07/06/06
Prepared on: 07/06/06
Department Name: Planning & Development
Department No.: 053
Agenda Date: 07/18/06
Placement: Administrative
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June 16, 2006
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dianne Meester, Assistant Director
Planning and Development

STAFF CONTACT: Steve Mason, Deputy Director, 568-2070
Administration Division

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment for Planning Commission Compensation

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for July 25, 2006 to consider revising compensation for the County Planning Commission as follows:

- A. Find that this project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA;
- B. Consider the first reading (introduction) of an ordinance (Case No. 06ORD-00000-00011) amending the text of Section 2 of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code revising compensation and reimbursement for the County Planning Commission;
- C. Set the second reading of the ordinance (Case No. 06ORD-00000-00011) for August 8, 2006.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, and Goal No. 6: A County Government that is Accessible, Open and Citizen Friendly, and is required by law or routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On May 16, 2006 your Board received a report to consider changes to Planning Commission compensation. Action regarding changing the compensation and mileage reimbursement was deferred to budget hearings. At the hearing of June 16, 2006, your Board approved a budget expansion to increase Planning Commissioner compensation by fifty dollars for each regular or special meeting, and to compensate Commissioners in the amount of fifty dollars for each Planning Commission sub-committee meeting attended. The budget expansion also provided for mileage reimbursement for all Commission related work. Reimbursement for mileage will be effective July 1, 2006, and the other increases will be effective January 1, 2007.

Compensation for the Planning Commission is authorized as part of the County Code and therefore requires an amendment to the Code to make changes. Attachment A is an amendment to Chapter 2, Article V of the County Code reflecting changes described above.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The estimated cost of these changes is \$18,000 per year. These funds are included in the Commission/Board Support program on page D-286 of the 2006-07 adopted budget.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the Minute Order, together with any pertinent documents (i.e., signed ordinance) to Planning and Development.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

Attachments: A: Draft Ordinance
 B: Board of Supervisors Ordinance
 C: Notice of Exemption

ATTACHMENT A
DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER II OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 2-26.3 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER.

Case No. 06ORD-00000-00011

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1:

Section 2-26.3, Compensation; Reimbursement for Mileage.

(a) The appointive members of the County Planning Commission shall receive as compensation for attendance at meetings of such commission the sum of ~~two hundred and fifty~~ three hundred dollars for each meeting attended, whether regular or special, as compensation. Members shall receive additional compensation in the amount of fifty dollars per meeting for review of materials and preparation. Additionally, members will be compensated fifty dollars for attendance of each meeting designated as a sub-committee of the County Planning Commission. Members shall be reimbursed by the County of Santa Barbara for their round-trip mileage from their places of business within this county to the place of the meeting of the planning commission at the rate per mile allowed to county officers and employees. Round-trip mileage for site visits shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile allowed to county officers and employees.

SECTION 2:

Except as amended by this Ordinance, Article V of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the County of Santa Barbara, California, shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3:

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from its passage and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it, or a summary of it, shall be published

once, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the Santa Barbara News-Press, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, the 18th day of July, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

JONI GRAY
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEPHEN SHANE STARK
County Counsel

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ATTACHMENT C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Development

The project or activity identified below 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.

Case No.: 06ORD-00000-00011

Location: Countywide except Montecito Planning Area

Project Title: Planning Commission Increase of Compensation

Project Description: Amending of the existing ordinance of Section V of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code to increase compensation and reimbursement for the County Planning Commission.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b) (5)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5) states that “organizational or administrative activities of governments which are political or which are not physical changes in the environment (such as the reorganization of a school district or detachment of park land” are not considered to be projects under CEQA. This project qualifies as an administrative activity and therefore is not subject to CEQA.

Department/Division Representative Date

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff
Project file

Date Filed by County