

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 5/14/03
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
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Estimate Time: 5/27-30min, 6/3-45min.
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF CONTACT: Tom Franklin, Fire Marshal/Division Chief, Fire Prevention Division
x5525

SUBJECT: Adoption/Amendment of 2001 California Fire Code
and Adoption of Permit Fee Resolution

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider the introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code as follows:
 - a. Adopt the 2001 California Fire Code to replace the 1994 Uniform Fire Code as the enforcement Code for the Santa County Fire Department.
 - b. Delete Article V entitled "Fees" (it is recommended that the fees be updated and readopted by resolution).
2. On June 3rd, 2003 (second reading) consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code as set forth above.
3. On June 3rd, 2003 consider the adoption of a resolution setting Fire Code Permit Fees.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Board will consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Article I, of the Santa Barbara County Code by adopting the 2001 California Fire Code, which will supercede the 1994 Uniform Fire Code. Generally, the difference between the 1994 Uniform Fire Code and the 2001 California Fire Code is that the 2001 California Code presents a more concise format with clarifications of certain code sections.

The following are new additions to the 2001 California Fire Code:

- ARTICLE 40 – MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION STUDIO SOUND STAGES AND APPROVED PRODUCTION FACILITIES
- ARTICLE 41 – WINERY CAVES

- ARTICLE 86 – FIRE PROTECTION PLAN FOR URBAN-WILDLAND INTERFACE AREAS

The following are reference appendices found in the 2001 California Fire Code that were not previously regulated by Chapter 15:

- Appendix II-K “NONPROTECTED ABOVEGROUND STEEL TANKS FOR PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL DISPENSING STATIONS OUTSIDE BUILDINGS”
- Appendix III-D “FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS GUIDELINES”
- Appendix VI-B “GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING FIRE TESTING TO SUBSTANTIATE ALTERNATE MATERIALS”
- Appendix VI-C “HAZARD RANKING”
- Appendix VI-F “MODEL FEES AND CHARGES PROGRAM”
- Appendix VI-G “REFERENCE TABLES FROM THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE”
- Appendix VI-H “RECOMMENDED SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS”
- Appendix VI-I “CRYOGENIC FLUIDS WEIGHT AND VOLUME EQUIVALENTS”

The proposed ordinance also would amend Chapter 15, Article I, Section 15-10 of the Santa Barbara County Code by deleting the following subsections pertaining to the testing and maintenance of signaling devices (alarms): (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k), (l), (m), (q), (r), and (s). These same regulations are now found in the 2001 California Fire Code and are located in Article 10, Sections 1001 and 1006 entitled “Fire Protection Systems and Equipment”.

Chapter 15, Article I, Section 15-3 subsection (d) would also be amended by adding, “also known as Fire Warden” to the end of the sentence. This change is to maintain consistency with State law.

Finally, the Board will consider amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code by deleting Article V entitled “Fees”, and readopting the fees by resolution.

A copy of the 2001 California Fire Code is available for viewing at the office of the Clerk of the Board.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No changes in mandates or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The proposed fee increases have been incorporated in the Fire Department ’s FY 03/04 proposed budget.

Special Instructions:

- (a) Transmit a copy of the resolution to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department within 15 days of its adoption; transmit the Notices of Public Hearing – Proof of Publication to the Fire Department (attention Rose Pueschel) and County Counsel
- (b) Please send certified copy of the minute order to Santa Barbara County Fire Department
- (c) Upon ratification of the ordinance, instruct staff to forward a copy of the ratifying resolution and ordinance to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7

Concurrence: County Counsel/Auditor-Controller

Enc: Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code (as amended), Resolution, Fee Schedule

Resolution Establishing Fees for
Fire Department's Administration of
California Fire Code Permit Fees

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, The existing Uniform Fire Code permit fees have traditionally been a part of the triannual adoption of the Uniform Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, The Uniform Fire Code is now incorporated into the 2001 California Fire Code as adopted by Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 15

WHEREAS, Section 105 of the California Fire Code, as adopted by the Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 15 allows for issuance of Permits; and

WHEREAS, a permit constitutes permission to maintain, store, use or handle materials, or to conduct processes which produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities; and

WHEREAS, Such permission shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel or set aside any of the provisions of the California Fire Code as adopted by Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code; and

WHEREAS, Such permit shall not take the place of any license required by law; and

WHEREAS, The California Fire Code is traditionally adopted every three years which doesn't allow the fees to keep up with the cost of doing business; and

WHEREAS, All land use and permit fees are based on the actual time spent to perform the inspection; and

WHEREAS, Hourly rates were calculated for each position in the Fire Prevention Division (Planning and Engineering Section, Inspection Services Section), and Operations Division; and

WHEREAS, the fees may be revised as needed by the board of supervisors, and if the revision does not occur, the existing fees shall remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

- 1) The fees for the issuance of California Fire Code permits, which are set forth in the attached fee schedule, are hereby adopted and are to be effective on _____, 2003.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

By _____
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, C.P.A.

By _____

**Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Chapter 15 - California Fire Code
Fee Schedule**

Planning and Engineering Activity	Fee	Inspection Activity	Fee	Inspection Activity	Fee
Fire Protection Certificate	\$ 475	Aerosol products	\$ 73	Hazardous materials (see Grps 1-4 below)	
Plan Checks (based on square footage)		Aircraft refueling vehicles	\$ 73	Highly toxic pesticides (see Grps 1-4 below)	
Commercial		Aircraft repair hangar	\$ 110	Radioactive materials (see Grps 1-4 below)	
1 - 52,000	\$ 451	Asbestos removal	\$ 94	Group 1	\$ 73
52,001 - 104,000	\$ 615	Automobile wrecking yard	\$ 110	Group 2	\$ 146
104,001 - 156,000	\$ 779	Battery system	\$ 187	Group 3	\$ 183
156,001 - 208,000	\$ 943	Candles/open flames in assembly areas	\$ 73	Group 4	\$ 219
208,001 - 260,000	\$ 1,107	Carnivals and fairs		High-piled combustible storage	\$ 146
260,001 - Up	\$ 1,271	50-100 occupants	\$ 73	Hot work operations	\$ 73
Residential		101-300 occupants	\$ 110	Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal	\$ 73
Unlimited	\$ 205	over 300 occupants	\$ 219	Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal (install)	\$ 94
Tenant Improvements		Cellulose nitrate film	\$ 146	Liquid or gas fueled vehicles for equipment	\$ 73
1-30 Heads	\$ 82	Cellulose nitrate storage	\$ 146	in assembly buildings	
31 & Above	\$ 164	Combustible fiber storage	\$ 73	Lumber yards	\$ 110
Land Development		Combustible material storage	\$ 73	Magnesium working	\$ 146
Certificate of Compliance Condns	\$ 246	Compressed gases system	\$ 281	Mall, covered	\$ 110
Conditional Use Permit (major)	\$ 410	Compressed gases:	\$ 73	Motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations	\$ 73
Conditional Use Permit (major/revise/amended)	\$ 410	Commercial rubbish-handling operation	\$ 73	Oil & natural gas wells:	
Conditional Use Permit (minor)	\$ 82	Cryogenics system	\$ 281	To operate (per well)	\$ 73
Conditional Use Permit (2+ units)	\$ 246	Cryogen use	\$ 73	To drill/rework (per well)	\$ 292
Environmental Rww-mobilehome	\$ -	Dry cleaning plants	\$ 73	Open burning:	
Conditional Use Permit-mobilehome (one)	\$ 246	Dust producing operations	\$ 110	Agricultural	\$ 37
Development plans, rezone	\$ -	Explosives or blasting agents	\$ 94	Backyard	\$ 37
Environmental Review	\$ -	Film production	\$ 94	High fire hazard	\$ 37
Environmental Review (minor)	\$ -	Fire hydrants and control valves, use of	\$ 73	Organic coatings	\$ 73
Final map clear (tentative map, tentative parcel maps)	\$ 82	Fireworks displays	\$ 187	Ovens, industrial baking or drying	\$ 187
Lot line adjustment	\$ 164	Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (operation)	\$ 94	Parade floats	\$ 73
Oil & gas production plans	\$ -	Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (excavation)	\$ 94	Places of assembly	
Road naming/addressing	\$ 164	Flammable or combustible liquids-above ground/containers/permanent tanks, portable tanks, construction tanks, farm tanks & underground tank installation	\$ 935	50-100 occupants	\$ 73
Road naming (rezone)	\$ -	Flammable or combustible liquids-under ground/tank removal	\$ 468	101-300 occupants	\$ 110
Special use permit	\$ -	Fruit ripening	\$ 73	over 300 occupants	\$ 146
Tentative maps 5-49 lots	\$ 984	Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging	\$ 146	Pyrotechnic special effects material	\$ 187
Tentative maps 50-100 lots	\$ 3,280	Garages (motor vehicle repair)	\$ 73	Refrigeration equipment-installation	\$ 187
Tentative maps over 100 lots	\$ 3,280			Refrigeration equipment-operation	\$ 73
Time extension	\$ -			Spraying/dipping operations-installation	\$ 187
Tract map clearance	\$ 82			Spraying/dipping operations-annual	\$ 73
Tentative parcel map	\$ 984			Tank vehicles (not regulated by CHP)	\$ 73
Tentative parcel map/tentative map revised	\$ 492			Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies	\$ 94
				Tire storage	\$ 110
				Wood products	\$ 110

**Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Chapter 15 - California Fire Code
Inspection Services Section
Fee Schedule - Effective 7/1/03**

Activity	Old Fee	New Fee
Aerosol products	N/A	\$ 73
Aircraft refueling vehicles	\$ 55	\$ 73
Aircraft repair hangar	\$ 83	\$ 110
Asbestos removal	N/A	\$ 94
Automobile wrecking yard	\$ 83	\$ 110
Battery system	N/A	\$ 187
Candles/open flames in assembly areas	\$ 83	\$ 73
Carnivals and fairs		
50-100 occupants	\$ 55	\$ 73
101-300 occupants	N/A	\$ 110
over 300 occupants	N/A	\$ 219
Cellulose nitrate film	\$ 110	\$ 146
Cellulose nitrate storage	\$ 110	\$ 146
Combustible fiber storage	\$ 138	\$ 73
Combustible material storage	\$ 55	\$ 73
Compressed gases system	\$ 165	\$ 281
Compressed gases:	\$ 55	\$ 73
Commercial rubbish-handling operation	N/A	\$ 73
Cryogenics system	\$ 165	\$ 281
Cryogen use	\$ 55	\$ 73
Dry cleaning plants	\$ 55	\$ 73
Dust producing operations	\$ 83	\$ 110
Explosives or blasting agents	\$ 55	\$ 94
Film production	\$ 55	\$ 94
Fire hydrants and control valves, use of	\$ 55	\$ 73
Fireworks displays	\$ 110	\$ 187
Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (operation)	\$ 55	\$ 94
Flammable or combustible liquid pipeline (excavation)	\$ 55	\$ 94
Flammable or combustible liquids-above ground/containers/permanent tanks, portable tanks, construction tanks, farm tanks & underground tank installation	\$ 55	\$ 935
Flammable or combustible liquids-under ground/tank removal	\$ 330	\$ 468
Fruit ripening	\$ 55	\$ 73
Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging	\$ 110	\$ 146
Garages (motor vehicle repair)	\$ 55	\$ 73
Hazardous materials (see Grps 1-4 below)		
Highly toxic pesticides (see Grps 1-4 below)		

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Fee Schedule - Effective 7/1/03**

Activity	Old Fee	New Fee
Radioactive materials (see Grps 1-4 below)		
Group 1	\$ 55	\$ 73
Group 2	\$ 205	\$ 146
Group 3	\$ 235	\$ 183
Group 4	\$ 260	\$ 219
High-piled combustible storage	\$ 110	\$ 146
Hot work operations	\$ 55	\$ 73
Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal	\$ 83	\$ 73
Liquefied petroleum gases- over 120 gal (install)	\$ 55	\$ 94
Liquid or gas fueled vehicles for equipment in assembly buildings	\$ 55	\$ 73
Lumber yards	\$ 83	\$ 110
Magnesium working	\$ 110	\$ 146
Mall, covered	\$ 83	\$ 110
Motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations	N/A	\$ 73
Oil & natural gas wells:		
To operate (per well)	\$ 55	\$ 73
To drill/rework (per well)	\$ 220	\$ 292
Open burning:		
Agricultural	\$ 40	\$ 37
Backyard	\$ 20	\$ 37
High fire hazard	\$ 20	\$ 37
Organic coatings	\$ 55	\$ 73
Ovens, industrial baking or drying	\$ 110	\$ 187
Parade floats	\$ 55	\$ 73
Places of assembly		
50-100 occupants	\$ 55	\$ 73
101-300 occupants	\$ 83	\$ 110
over 300 occupants	\$ 110	\$ 146
Pyrotechnic special effects material	\$ 55	\$ 187
Refrigeration equipment-installation	\$ 55	\$ 187
Refrigeration equipment-operation	\$ 55	\$ 73
Spraying/dipping operations-installation	\$ 83	\$ 187
Spraying/dipping operations-annual	\$ 55	\$ 73
Tank vehicles (not regulated by CHP)	\$ 55	\$ 73
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