

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

Prepared on: December 10, 2002
Department: General Services
Budget Unit: 063
Agenda Date: January 7, 2003
Placement: Departmental
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: Yes, December 10, 2002
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ronald S. Cortez, Director
General Services Department

STAFF CONTACTS: Ronn Carlentine, SR/WA
Real Property Manager (568-3078)

SUBJECT: Amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article XI Granting and Regulation of Franchises, Section 2-82 of the Santa Barbara County Code
All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article XI Granting and Regulation of Franchises, Section 2-82 of the Santa Barbara County Code. This amendment revises the County Code and will permit among other things the increase of franchise fees, insurance, bond, payment schedule, and application process for gas, oil, electric, and water utilities, or to any person, firm or corporation within the unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County.
- B. Set the date of January 21, 2003 for adoption of the ordinance.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with actions required by law or business necessity.

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Executive Summary and Discussion:

In years past, the State of California has amended its franchise provisions, which imposed such terms and conditions, whether governmental or contractual in character, that a legislative body might in its judgment enact. The Real Property Section of the General Services Department is currently revising the County's procedure for granting franchises as set for in Chapter 2 Article XI Granting and Regulation of Franchises of the Santa Barbara County Code. This amendment to the current Code provisions and consistent with State law, is different from the existing and will result in updated provisions, steam line application process, and increased franchise fees to the County.

Returning to your Board with additional revisions to Article XI Granting and Regulation of Franchises of the Santa Barbara County Code was a commitment made to your Board by the General Services Department.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts with this action. The General Fund cost of Real Property staff hours associated with this project are not reimbursable, but will be absorbed in the General Services budget.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute as follows:

1. Ordinance
2. Copy of Ordinance& Minute Order

Board's Official File
Attn: Ronn Carlentine, Facilities Services,
Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor/Controller
General Services, Real Property Office