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September 04, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PROPOSED FEE AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE AND CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors' approval to amend certain provisions of Title 32, of the Los Angeles County Code (Fire Code), to increase certain fire prevention fees. In addition, it establishes various new fees to Appendix Q of the Fire Code, including fees for cannabis processing operations, and makes other technical non-substantive changes.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Introduce, waive reading, and schedule a public hearing for September 25, 2018, regarding the attached ordinance, amending certain provisions of the Fire Code, to increase certain fire prevention fees and establish various new fees to Appendix Q of the Fire Code.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,

1. Adopt revisions to the Fire Code that adjust and amend certain fire prevention fees, establishes new permits and fees for cannabis processing operations, and make other technical non-substantive

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changes.

2. Adopt the ordinance and establish the operative date 30 days after its adoption.
3. Find that the amendments to the Fire Code in the attached ordinance are exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b) (8) and Sections 15273 and 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The attached ordinance, when adopted, will update and set forth provisions and regulations for the enforcement of the Fire Code within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and in the cities served by the District.

Effective, July 1, 2018, the California Fire Code was amended to include the regulation of cannabis processing operations. These new regulations provide the authority for the District to recover cost related to processing, plan review, and inspection of cannabis facilities. This ordinance amends Appendix Q of the Fire Code by making administrative changes with the addition of two new fees related to cannabis processing and other activities as approved by the California Fire Code. The ordinance also makes other technical non-substantive changes to the Fire Code.

New fees are proposed in Appendix Q 101.2 of the Fire Code for fire sprinkler inspections in single family residences having the same configuration as a model home. There are six additional operational permits that are included in the body of the Fire Code but were not included in the 2017 fee amendments to Appendix Q. These permits and fees are now included in Appendix Q so that the appropriate fees can be collected. Unless deleted or modified herein, the previously enacted provisions of the Fire Code continue in full effect.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. III, Strategy III.3: Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability by continually assessing our efficiency and effectiveness, maximizing and leveraging resources, and holding ourselves accountable.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Existing prevention fees generated approximately \$5.6 million in FY 2017-18. The increased fees are projected to generate \$6.1 million in FY 2018-19, an increase of \$0.5 million.

There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The ordinance amending the Fire Code has been approved as to form by County Counsel; an analysis is attached.

The proposed ordinance introduces eight additional fees for activities and permits to provide

improved customer service and appropriate cost recovery. All fees have been reviewed and approved by the County Auditor-Controller. The proposed ordinance is a mid-cycle adjustment ordinance to the previously adopted 2017 Fire Code.

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 50022.3, your Board must schedule a public hearing after the first reading of the title of the adopting ordinance. Notices of the hearing shall be published pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. Per California Health and Safety Code, Section 13869.7, a copy of the proposed ordinance amending the Fire Code to be adopted must be on file with the Executive Office of the Board at least 15 days preceding the public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The fee adjustments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15273 and 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because they involve fees to recover operating costs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Other city departments will be required to comply with the provisions of the ordinance once it is adopted. The revisions to the Fire Code contain additional fees to Appendix Q. The proposed ordinance will not be retroactive and will have no impact on current services or projects. An informational letter, summary of primary changes, and a copy of the proposed ordinance were sent to all of the cities served by the District for their review and comment more than 30 days prior to Board Hearing date.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please electronically submit a single Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office - Business Operations
Attention: Zuleyda Reyes-Santana Administrative Services Manager II
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Zuleyda.Reyes@fire.lacounty.gov

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Prevention Services Bureau – Business Operations
Attention: Bill Jones, Acting Deputy Fire Chief
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Bill.Jones@fire.lacounty.gov

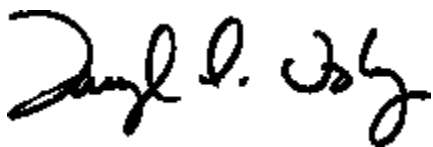
The District's contact may be reached at (323) 881-2461.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/4/2018

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl L. Osby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DARYL L. OSBY

FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel