

ORDINANCE NO. 9442 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 810.309
OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES
RELATING TO FIRE MITIGATION FEES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the current Fire Mitigation Fee ceiling in San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances section 810.309(b) are not sufficient to finance the actual or estimated costs of additional fire protection facilities and equipment necessitated by new development. The amendments made by this Ordinance are intended to increase the Fire Mitigation Fee ceilings to finance the actual or estimated costs of additional fire protection facilities and equipment necessary to serve the new development that generated the fees. The amendments are based on the increase in the costs of construction in 2001 as determined by the Engineering News Record, Cost of Construction Index.

Section 2. Section 810.309 of the San Diego Code of Regulatory Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

[(a) No Change.]

(b) The Fire Mitigation Fee amount requested by the agency shall be equal to or less than the current fee ceiling amount set by this chapter. The current fee ceiling is 30¢ per square foot of floor area for buildings that are non-fire rated. For buildings constructed of heavy timber, fire resistive and one-hour type construction as defined in the Uniform Building Code, the ceiling fee is 22¢ per square foot of floor area. For buildings that install a fire sprinkler system, the ceiling fee is 16¢ per

square foot of floor area. The ceiling fee for agricultural buildings, as defined in the Uniform Building Code, is 8¢ per square foot of floor area except as follows: (1) for agricultural buildings that install a fire sprinkler system, the ceiling fee is 2¢ per square foot of floor area, (2) the ceiling fee for poultry houses and greenhouses is 1¢ per square foot.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2002, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, a summary shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board voting for and against it in the San Diego Commerce, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2002.