

ORDINANCE NO. 9636 (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 located in San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances section 810.309 is not currently 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 current Fire Mitigation Fee ceilings in order to finance the actual or estimated costs of additional fire protection facilities and equipment necessitated by new development.

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

(a) The Fire Mitigation Fee ceiling for non-rated construction was determined by dividing the average cost of constructing a fully equipped fire station within the unincorporated portion of the County of San Diego by the average square footage of structures served by this average fire station. In order to account for those types of construction that do not require as high a level of fire protection facilities, separate reduced fee ceilings were determined for buildings constructed of heavy timber, fire resistive and one hour type construction as defined in the Uniform Building Code; buildings that install fire sprinkler systems; agricultural buildings, except greenhouses and poultry houses; and greenhouses and poultry houses.

(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 32¢ 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 24¢ per square foot of floor area. For buildings that install a fire sprinkler system, the ceiling fee is 17¢ 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 operative on July 1, 2004, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its final passage, a summary shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.