

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AMENDING THE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES FEES

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Board of Directors (“the Board”) of the Sonoma County Fire District of Sonoma County, State of California (“the District”) adopted District Ordinance 2020-03, establishing a District schedule of Fire Prevention Services Fees, consistent with Proposition 26 and California Health and Safety Code section 13916 et seq., including an annual inflation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, August 19, 2025 the District Board adopted District Ordinance 2023-02, to amend the District schedule of Fire Prevention Service Fees, consistent with Proposition 26 and California Health and Safety Code section 13916 et seq., including an annual inflation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the District Board intends this further amendment of the Fire Prevention Services Fees Ordinance to ensure full cost recovery for District services effective September 18, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Fire District of Sonoma County, State of California do ordain as follows:

Section I. Purpose and Intent: Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 13916 et seq., the District is authorized to charge and collect fees to cover the costs of any service which the District provides or the costs of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to establish and impose District-wide fees and issue permits for fire prevention services, including, but not limited to, plan reviews, field inspections for new and remodeled buildings and fire protection systems, based on public safety requirements and community needs. The District has conducted a fee study to determine that the fee schedule in this Ordinance reflects the reasonable costs, including staff time, for providing these fire prevention services throughout the District.

Section II Fee Schedule: The District hereby adopts the following fee schedule, which is attached as Attachment “A” and incorporated herein by reference: The Sonoma County Fire District Schedule of Fire Prevention Services Fees represents a 2.4% cost of living increase effective September 18, 2025. The fees incorporated herein shall be adjusted annually for inflation. This amended Ordinance shall supersede any prior schedule of fire prevention services fees within the District, including, but not limited to, District Ordinances 2020-03 and 2023-02,

Section IV. Limited Amendment: If any section or attachment of this Ordinance or portion thereof is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by the District's Board by a majority vote to conform to the judgement of such court, provided such amendment is consistent with purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

Section V. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect thirty days from and after the date its adoption, and shall be published once, before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of the same, with the name of the Directors voting for and against the same, in The Press Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published within the County of Sonoma, State of California.

THE FOREGOING DISTRICT ORDINANCE 2025-03 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board on August 19, 2025, by Director Humann, who moved its adoption, seconded by Director SD, and ordered adopted by the following vote:

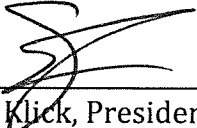
President Klick aye, Vice President Briare aye; Director Treanor aye

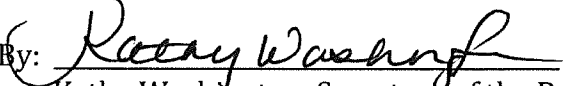
Director Hamann aye; Director So aye; Director Tognozzi absent;

Secretary Weaver absent

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT/NOT VOTING: 2

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the foregoing Resolution adopted, and **SO ORDERED**.

By: 
Steve Klick, President of the Board

By: 
Kathy Washington, Secretary of the Board