

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOUTH LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26 18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS
AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LAKE TO IMPLEMENT
FIRE MITIGATION FEES WITH THE AUTOMATIC INFLATION PURSUANT TO THE
LAKE COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE ORDINANCE FOR FY 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, the South Lake County Fire Protection District (District) is anticipating that new development will occur within the District which will cause the need for the expansion of existing fire protection facilities and additional equipment; and

WHEREAS, the District does not have sufficient funds available to construct additional facilities and purchase additional equipment from fund balances, capital facility funds, property tax sources, fire suppression assessments, or any other appropriate sources necessitated by new development; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the residents of the District, it is necessary to request the County of Lake to implement the Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted a nexus study in accordance with the California Mitigation Fee Act determining a need to increase the fire mitigation fee amount at a regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 16, 2024.

WHEREAS, the County of Lake adopted Ordinance No. 3139 adopting Fire Mitigation Fees and authorizes the Fire Mitigation Fees to be automatically adjusted for inflation each year on July by an amount equal to the percentage change of the Engineering News Record Building Cost Index (20-Cities Average) for the 12-month period ending in March.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Lake County Fire Protection District does hereby make the following findings:

- (1) The District does not have existing fire protection facilities and equipment, which could be used to provide an adequate level of services to new development within the District's boundaries;
- (2) The District does not have sufficient funds available to construct additional facilities and purchase additional equipment from fund balances, capital facility funds, property tax sources, fire suppression assessments, or any other appropriate sources;
- (3) The lack of fire protection facilities and equipment to serve new development would create a situation perilous to public health and safety if fire mitigation fees are not levied within the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- (1) The District requests that the County of Lake make the Fire Mitigation Fee automatic annual inflation adjustment as follows to be effective July 1, 2026, and to collect the fee for all buildings and covered areas required to have a permit upon application for building permits or other permits for development.

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Nonresidential</u>
FY 2025-2026 Base Fee per sq. ft.	\$1.99	\$2.60
Auto Annual Inflation 4.3376%	\$0.09	\$0.11
<i>FY 2026-2027 Base Fee per sq. ft.</i>	<i>\$2.08</i>	<i>\$2.71</i>
Administrative Surcharge 2%	\$0.04	\$0.05
Total Fee Amount FY 2026-2027	\$2.12	\$2.76

- (2) Mitigation fees paid pursuant to the Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance shall only be used to expand the availability of capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.
- (3) The District shall place all funds received by the County under this Article, and all interest subsequently accrued by the District on these funds, in a separate budget accounting category to be known as the "Lake County Fire Mitigation Fee".
- (4) The District shall expend funds from said "Lake County Fire Mitigation Fee" budget accounting category only for those purposes of expanding its capital facilities and equipment.
- (5) The District shall submit a Fire Mitigation Fee Annual Report no later than October 31 of each year to the County Administrator. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the balance in the account at the end of the previous fiscal year, the fee revenue received, the amount and type of expenditures made, and the ending balance in the fund. In addition, the report shall specify the actions the District plans to take to alleviate the facility and equipment needs caused by new development in a capital fire facilities and equipment plan, adopted at a noticed public hearing. The District shall make available, upon request by the County Administrator, a copy of its annual audit report.
- (6) The District shall make its records available to the public on request which justify the basis for the fee amount.
- (7) The District shall make findings, with respect to any portion of the fee remaining unexpended or uncommitted in its account, for five or more years after deposit of the fee, to identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put and to demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged. The District shall refund to the then current record owner or owners of the development project or projects, on a prorated basis, the unexpended or uncommitted portion of the fee and any interest accrued thereon, for which need cannot be demonstrated.


A certified copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the County Administrator of the County of Lake.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced and adopted by the Board of Directors of the South Lake County Fire Protection District at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli, Stephenson, Cline

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

BY:  **SOUTH LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
STEPHANIE CLINE, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:  **Gloria Fong, Clerk to the Board of Directors**