

Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: May 21, 2024

- To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors
- From: Susan Parker, County Administrative Officer
- Subject: PUBLIC HEARING (a) Consideration and Presentation of the Fire Mitigation Fee Nexus Studies; and (b) Consideration of Ordinance Amending Article I of Chapter 27 of the Lake County Code - Fire Mitigation Fees

Executive Summary:

The Mitigation Fee Act (California Government Code sections 66000, et seq.) provides authority for local governments to impose fees to offset the impacts of development on public facilities or services. The statute regulates how public agencies may collect, maintain, and spend development impact fees, including reporting requirements.

California fire departments can use fire mitigation fees, also known as development impact fees, as an effective tool to raise funds for expanding their fire protection and emergency medical response systems. These fees can fund construction and expansion of fire stations, training centers, administrative buildings, and other public services.

The purpose of Article 1 is to implement the Lake County General Plan policy providing for the adoption of fire mitigation fees and the collection of fees at the time of the issuance of building permits, said fees to be allocated to the affected Fire Agency for the acquisition of capital facilities in order to ensure the provision of the capital facilities necessary to maintain current levels of fire protection services necessitated by new development.

The consultant for the Lake County Fire Districts, Dmitry Semenov from Ridgeline Municipal Strategies will be providing a presentation of the Nexus studies for this public hearing. An Ordinance is also provided for your Board's consideration for adoption of the proposed fee increase.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Purchasing Considerations (check all that apply):

Fully <u>Article X. <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI>-</u> and/or <u>Consultant Selection Policy <http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+\$!</u>

<u>26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf></u>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in "Executive Summary")

Section 2-38 <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-

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38EXCOBI> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in "Executive Summary," attach documentation, as needed) □ For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the Technology Governance Committee <http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf> ("Yes," if checked) □ Other (*Please describe in Executive Summary*)

Consistency with Vision 2028 http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm

- (check all that apply):
- □ Not applicable ⊠ Public Safety
- □ Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery

- \boxtimes Well-being of Residents ⊠ Economic Development □ Community Collaboration
- □ Infrastructure □ Business Process Efficiency
- □ County Workforce Clear Lake

- **Recommended Action:**
 - (a) Approve the Fire Mitigation Fee Nexus Studies for each County of Lake Fire District.
 - (b) Waive the reading of the Ordinance and read in title only.
 - (c) Advance the Ordinance to the next available agenda for the second reading.