

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2006-107 Governing the Issuance of Badges to Non-Elected Officials

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisor approve Resolution No. 2006-107.

BACKGROUND: That the Board of Supervisors join me in directing that a County badge may be issued to and possessed by only those persons who meet one or more of the criteria, or are approved by a majority of the Board, as outlined in the attached resolution.



Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-107

3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
4 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF
5 BADGES TO NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS
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7 WHEREAS, public safety officials nationwide have been given a badge of trust to protect the
8 citizens of this great nation; and

9 WHEREAS, in times of emergency, local, state, or federal badges are often utilized as a quick,
10 time-sensitive source of identification; and

11 WHEREAS, badges can be given to members of the public by public safety officials who have
12 gone through rigorous training programs granting them "reserve status"; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is authorized by Government Code section 26690 to
14 furnish the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs with suitable badges of office; and

15 WHEREAS, Penal Code section 538d, subdivision (c) provides that it is a misdemeanor for any
16 person to willfully use or transfer to another any badge, which so resembles the authorized badge of a
17 peace officer as would deceive an ordinary reasonable person into believing that it is authorized for the
18 use of one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer; and

19 WHEREAS, badges have been given to members of the public that resemble or confuse people
20 with real law enforcement badges; and

21 WHEREAS, members of the public receiving badges have inappropriately utilized these badges to
22 gain access to restricted areas at local police stations and airports jeopardizing homeland security; now
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,
25 State of California, in regular session assembled on March 21, 2006 as follows:

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1 1. The Board hereby directs that a county badge may be issued to and possessed by only
2 those persons who meet one or more of the following criteria, or are approved by a majority of the Board
3 of Supervisors:

4 A. County officers and employees who are required to wear a uniform and whose
5 duties include the enforcement of California Penal Code, statutes and ordinances a substantial
6 portion of the time, or Sheriff's personnel as designated by the Sheriff and approved by the Board
7 of Supervisors;

8 B. County officers and employees who are peace officers pursuant to the provisions of
9 sections 830.1 et seq. of the California Penal Code;

10 C. Persons who retire from a position described in sections A or B of this section;

11 D. County personnel involved in public safety, investigations and inspections;

12 E. Elected Officials; or

13 F. Employee identification badges issued by the County Human Resources
14 Department.

15 2. No badge may be issued to any civilian in exchange for receiving any political financial
16 contributions or endorsements.

17 3. This resolution shall not affect those county employees issued badges in the performance
18 of their jobs prior to the date of adoption of this resolution.

19 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

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