

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

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FROM: County Auditor-Controller

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Introduction and adoption of Ordinance 860.11 of the County of Riverside amending Ordinance 860.10 related to the establishing fees of the County Auditor-Controller. Exemption from CEQA. [Districts- All] [-0-- Taxing Agencies, Special Districts, Employees and County Departments]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce and set for hearing adoption of Ordinance 860.11 of the County of Riverside pertaining to an amendment of Ordinance 860.10 adopted July 17, 2012, for fees charged for services provided by the County Auditor-Controller.
2. Upon the close of the hearing, adopt Ordinance 860.11.
3. Find that the adoption of Ordinance 860.11 is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting.

Paul Angulo

Paul Angulo, CPA, MA
County Auditor-Controller

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Dale A. Gardner* 7/1/14
DATE
DALE A. GARDNER
Departmental Conference

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
RAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
BY: *Frankie Ezzat*
FRANKIE EZZAT

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 2014/15	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Samuel Wong*
Samuel Wong

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 9.1 of 7/17/12 | District: All | Agenda Number:

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FORM 11: Introduction and adoption of Ordinance 860.11 of the County of Riverside amending
Ordinance 860.10 related to the establishing fees of the County Auditor-Controller. Exemption
from CEQA.**

DATE: June 19, 2014

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 54985, this amendment revises the current fees for the issuance of warrants, journal processing and services provided by the County Auditor-Controller (see Attachment A).

Ordinance 860.11 includes the rates the Auditor-Controller will be charging in Fiscal Year 2014/15 for 15 services provided to county departments, taxing agencies outside the county (example cities), special districts (example water districts), employees and the general public (for garnishments and similar services) as follows:

<u>Affected Agencies</u>	<u>Number of Rates</u>
Taxing Agencies (excludes county)	5
Employees and general public	6
Special Districts	3
County Departments	1

The property tax general services fee is intended to recover costs associated with researching and providing significant amounts of information requested by consulting agencies. The rate will not be charged to taxing agencies or requests that fall under the California Public Records Act.

This amendment to Ordinance No. 860 is exempt from CEQA. The amendment to Ordinance No. 860 merely authorizes the Auditor/Controller to charge amended fees to recover its costs of providing certain services to County departments, taxing entities, special districts, employees, and the public as otherwise authorized by law. The adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the change in the Auditor/Controller's fees will have a significant effect on the environment, the adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 is exempt from CEQA.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The only fee charged to residence is the \$3.32 property tax timeshare fee which is added together with the Tax Collector and Assessor costs and recovered through the property tax bill.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

None.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

Attachment "A"

Fees Charged for Services

	Proposed		
	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 12-13</u>	<u>Change</u>
Special District County B Warrant (each)	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.42	-\$ 0.32
Special District Processing of Journal Vouchers (per line)	0.17	0.85	- 0.68
Special District Payroll Warrant (non-County) (each)	17.96	12.48	5.48
Child Support Garnishment (each)	1.50	1.50	0.00
Medical Support Garnishment (each)	1.50	1.50	0.00
Spousal Support Garnishment (each)	1.50	1.50	0.00
Earnings Withholding Orders (each)	1.50	1.50	0.00
Sheriff Writs (each)	1.50	1.50	0.00
Property Tax Time-Share Fee (per assessment)	3.32	2.95	0.37
Property Tax Fixed Charge Transaction (per parcel)	0.08	0.12	- 0.04
Property Tax Fixed Charge Correction (each)	49.50	41.69	7.81
Property Tax Fixed Charge Correction (per batch)	148.51	125.07	23.44
Property Tax Fixed Charge Enrollment/ Correction (per batch)	129.66	103.67	25.99
Property Tax General Service Fee (per hour)	106.75	108.32	- 1.57
ACO Sales Tax Recovery Rate (% of recovery)	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

By: _____
Deputy

(SEAL)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

June 30, 2014

To: County Clerk
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

From: Riverside County
c/o Clerk of the Board
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Project Title: Ordinance No. 860.11 – Amending the fees charged by the Auditor/Controller to recover its costs associated with providing certain services.

Project Location: Not site specific.

Description of Project: Ordinance No. 860.11 amends the fees charged by the Auditor/Controller for providing certain services to County departments, taxing entities, special districts, employees, and the public in order to recover its costs of such services as authorized by law.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Name of person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Auditor/Controller

Exempt Status: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3). Adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 merely authorizes the Auditor/Controller to charge amended fees to recover its costs of providing certain services to County departments, taxing entities, special districts, employees, and the public as otherwise authorized by law. The adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the change in the Auditor/Controller's fees will have a significant effect on the environment, the adoption of Ordinance No. 860.11 is exempt from CEQA.

Signed: 

Dale A. Gardner
Deputy County Counsel
Office of County Counsel, County of Riverside

Date: 7/11/14