

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 20, 2015

SUBJECT: AB 203 (Oberholte) regarding Fire Prevention Fee – Support

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

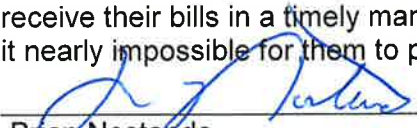
1. Support AB 203 (Oberholte) which would extend the payment date for the Fire Prevention Fee from 30 – 60 days from the date of assessment.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

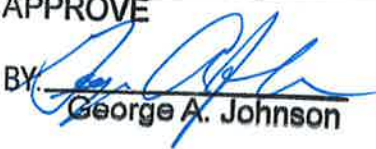
Created by the Legislature and Governor as part of the 2011 Budget, the Fire Prevention Fee charges property owners \$152.33 for each habitable structure located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA), with a \$35 reduction if they live within the boundaries of a local fire protection district. About 700,000 rural Californians receive a yearly Fire Prevention Fee bill, due 30 days from the date on the notice. In fact, Riverside County has the 5th highest number of SRAs in the state, approximately 32,000 homes.

Due to the rural nature of those being billed, many individuals do not receive their bills in a timely manner. Additionally, many of these individuals are on fixed incomes, making it nearly impossible for them to pay their Fire Prevention Fee by the 30-day deadline.


Brian Nestande
Deputy County Executive Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment:
	For Fiscal Year:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
BY: 
George A. Johnson
County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

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Departmental Concurrence

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Summary (continued)

Extending the payment due date of the Fire Prevention Fee from 30 to 60 days will ensure greater compliance with the law by giving all owners of habitable structures in an SRA more time to receive their bills. AB 203 will also give those taxpayers on fixed incomes more time to adjust their budgets.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

It is anticipated increasing the payment time from 30 to 60 days will improve the timely payment from affected residents.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Contract History and Price Reasonableness