

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



**ITEM: 3.22  
(ID # 30476)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 09, 2026

**FROM :** TLMA-BUILDING AND SAFETY

**SUBJECT:** TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 457.108 amending Ordinance No. 457 to update Appendix A and amend the fee schedule for Building and Safety user and service fees; Not a Project under CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and/or CEQA Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3) – All Districts [\$5,000 Total Cost - Building and Safety Department Funds 100% ]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that Ordinance No. 457.108 is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3);
2. Introduce, waive further reading of, and adopt on successive weeks Ordinance No. 457.108, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 457 Appendix A fee schedule;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of approval by the Board; and,
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to set a public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance No. 457.108 for June 23, 2026, and to make any necessary publications pursuant to Government Code Section 25124 and provide any notice required pursuant to Government Code Section 66016.


**ACTION:**

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended; the above Ordinance is approved as introduced with a waiver of reading, and is set for public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 9, 2026  
xc: Building & Safety, COB/AG

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$5,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>				
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Building and Safety Department Budget</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	25/26

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

Propositions 4 (1979) and 13 (1978) reduced the ability for California's local jurisdictions to generate revenue from property and other taxes and seek alternative revenue sources. One alternative was to shift the burden of paying for specific governmental services from the general population to the specific recipients who benefit from the service through user fees. The assumption is that those individuals and businesses that specifically benefit from municipal services should pay for the costs of some or all of the services being provided. These fees are intended to be updated periodically to reflect changes in the cost of providing such services.

As fiscal limitations are imposed on local governments, user fees have become an important source of revenue to jurisdictions in California. A user fee, or service fee, is a payment made by an individual for a service that primarily benefits the individual.

By law, user fees may not exceed the reasonable cost of the service for which they are collected. The intent of user fees is to cover 100-percent of the costs of providing the service associated with the fee. Included in the costs of the service are three components:

1. Direct Labor Cost: Labor hours spent directly on the fee-related service. This rate includes the employee's salary and benefits.
2. Indirect Labor Cost. employees not directly working on the fee-related service, but responsible for supervision and administrative activities. This cost layer includes some clerical support and a portion of the department head's time.
3. General Overhead. This includes portions of costs of departments that provide general government support functions.

The increase in fees is mainly due to increases in employee salaries/benefits, an overall increase to ISF rates, and increase in consultants' fees. The department has completed a cost study in accordance with Board of Supervisor's Policy B-4, *Rates Charged for Current Services*, to support the recommended FY26/27 budget.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The proposed revised Building and Safety fees are necessary for the on-going operational costs to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services for the benefit of Riverside County residents and businesses.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Department of Building and Safety established a cost model to support its FY26/27 fees. The cost model allows the department to measure the level of effort of providing services, allocate indirect costs on an equitable basis, and ensure fees are fairly charged. The cost model also ensures revenues are properly applied to offset the department's operating costs.

The Department of Building and Safety certifies that the updated fees produce sufficient revenue to support the proposed costs of providing the services in the upcoming fiscal year for which fees are being charged. Due to increased operating costs, the Department of Building and Safety is requesting adjustment of fees and deposits as shown in Appendix A of ordinance 457.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Ordinance 457.108 including Appendix A  
FY 25-26 B & S Rates - Executive Summary**

  
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Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel      5/27/2026



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ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy  
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
BRADEN J. HOLLY  
Deputy County Counsel

## APPENDIX A

Permit Type	Description	Work Class	Description	Deposit (D) or Fixed Fee (F)	Current per ORD 457.107	Proposed Deposit for FY25/26	Proposed Fixed Fee FY25/26	Proposed Deposit Eff 2/4/27	Proposed Fixed Fee Eff 2/4/27
BAR	Additions, Rehab.	ADFNL	ADDITION FINAL INSPECTION	F	\$465.53		\$370.90		\$380.50
		AGST	ADDITION TO GUEST QUARTERS	D	\$2,389.34	\$2,888.71		\$2,960.93	
		AMFR	ADDITION MULTI-FAM DWELLING	D	\$740.82	\$895.65		\$918.04	
		ASFR	ADDITION SINGLE FAM DWELLING	D	\$2,978.80	\$3,601.37		\$3,691.40	
		JADU	JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	D	NEW	\$3,601.37		\$3,691.40	
		RGST	REHAB GUEST HOUSE	D	\$2,044.58	\$2,471.90		\$2,533.69	
		RMFR	REHAB MULTI FAMILY DWELLING	D	\$684.82	\$827.95		\$848.65	
		RSFR	REHAB SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	D	\$3,060.20	\$3,699.78		\$3,792.28	
BAS	Accessory Structure	ACFNL	ACCESSORY BUILDING FINAL INSPECTION	F	\$349.15		\$370.90		\$380.50
		ACB1	ACCESSORY BUILDING 1,000 SQ FT	D	\$1,347.21	\$1,628.78		\$1,669.50	
		ACB3	ACCESSORY BUILDING 1,001-3,000 SQ FT	D	\$1,585.79	\$1,917.22		\$1,965.15	
		ACBBL	ACCESSORY BUILDING OVER 3,000 SQFT	D	\$1,689.32	\$2,042.39		\$2,093.45	
BDE	Demo	DEMO	DEMOLITION PERMIT	F	\$216.14		\$229.90		\$235.80
BEL	Electrical	RELE	RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL	F	\$221.14		\$448.20		\$460.30
		RSET	METER RESET RESIDENTIAL	F	\$304.27		\$317.60		\$325.90
		EWEL	ELECTRIC TO WELL	F	\$407.80		\$523.90		\$537.90
		TPWR	TEMPORARY POWER	F	\$221.14		\$218.10		\$223.70
		EUPG	SERVICE UP-GRADE - RESIDENTIAL	F	\$304.27		\$429.10		\$440.70
		RSLRR	ROOF MOUNT SOLAR RESIDENTIAL - Mandated by AB 1132 - \$450 UP TO 15 KW \$15 per kW for each kW above 15 Kw	F	\$441.05		\$450.00		\$450.00
		GSLRR	GROUND MOUNT SOLAR RESIDENTIAL - Mandated by AB 1132 - \$450 UP TO 15 KW \$15 per kW for each kW above 15 Kw	F	\$574.06		\$450.00		\$450.00
		CELE	COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL	D	\$432.64	\$523.06		\$536.14	
		SLRC	SOLAR COMMERCIAL-Roof top and qualified ground mount per Gov. Code 66015 0-50 kW: Maximum fee = \$1,000 51-250 kW: Fee = \$1,000 + \$7 per kW for each kW above 50 Over 250 kW: Fee = \$1,000 + \$7 per kW (51-250 kW) + \$5 per kW for each kW above 250 Commercial Solar Energy System – Solar Thermal: 0-30 kWth: Maximum fee = \$1,000 31-260 kWth: Fee = \$1,000 + \$7 per kWth for each kWth above 30 Over 260 kWth: Fee = \$1,000 + \$7 per kWth (31-260 kWth) + \$5 per kWth for each kWth above 260	F	\$2,763.92		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
		ERSO	EXPRESS RESIDENTIAL SOLAR APP. ONLY \$450 UP TO 15 KW \$15 per kW for each kW above 15 Kw	F	NEW		\$450.00		\$450.00
BFE	FEE ONLY	AREG	AGRICULTURAL REGISTRATION	F	\$30.00		\$62.50		\$64.00
		AGEI	AGRICULTURAL GRADE EXEMP INSP REQ	F	\$253.00		\$62.50		\$64.00
		AGEX	AGRICULTURAL GRADE EXEMP NO INSP	F	\$111.11		\$62.50		\$64.00
BGR	Grading	GCOM	GRADING COMMERCIAL	D	\$5,372.02	\$6,494.77		\$6,657.14	
		GOTH	GRADING OTHER	D	\$2,256.28	\$2,727.84		\$2,796.04	
		GPRE	GRADING PRECISE	D	\$454.72	\$549.76		\$563.50	
		GRUF	TRACTS GRADING ROUGH OR ROUGH/ PRECISE	D	\$5,196.39	\$6,282.44		\$6,439.50	
		GSFR	GRADING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	D	\$2,113.13	\$2,554.77		\$2,618.64	
		GSFE	GRADING SINGLE FAMILY EXPANSION	D	\$2,113.13	\$2,554.77		\$2,618.64	
		GSPIL	GRADING STOCKPILE	D	\$4,798.39	\$5,801.25		\$5,946.28	
		GAG	AGRICULTURAL (GRUBBING/CLEARING)	D	\$689.21	\$833.25		\$854.09	
BGRT	GRADING RESTORATION	RRES	RESIDENTIAL GRADING RESTORATION	D	\$2,510.53	\$3,035.23		\$3,111.11	
		CRES	COMMERCIAL GRADING RESTORATION	D	\$6,797.76	\$8,218.49		\$8,423.95	
		REST	RESTORATION	D	\$311.51	\$376.62		\$386.03	
BHR	Hourly	GRDV	GRADING VERIFICATION INSPECTION	F	\$332.52		\$377.50		\$387.30
		TCO	TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	F	NEW		\$377.50		\$387.30
		DAI	DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INSPECTION	D	\$748.17	\$904.54		\$927.15	
		MHI	MISCELLANEOUS HOURLY INSPECTION	D	\$311.51	\$376.62		\$386.03	

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		TEVN	SPECIAL TEMPORARY EVENT	D	\$448.90	\$542.72		\$556.29	
BME	Mechanical	RMEC	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL	F	\$187.89		\$274.30		\$281.80
		CMEC	COMMERCIAL MECHANICAL	D	\$434.72	\$525.58		\$538.72	
BMK	Manufactured Home	AGEH	AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING	F	\$629.34		\$275.40		\$282.50
	Park	PARK	MANUFACTURED HOME PARK	F	\$629.34		\$275.40		\$282.50
		ACMHP	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PARK (each structure)	F	\$230.63		\$275.40		\$282.50
BMN	Manufactured Buildings	LPC	LOW PROFILE COMMERCIAL	F	\$345.28		\$712.40		\$731.00
		MCC	MANUFACTURED COMMERCIAL COACH	F	\$249.44		\$337.90		\$346.50
	Commercial	ACC	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (each structure)	F	\$235.15		\$550.80		\$565.00
		PFC	PERMANENT FOUNDATION COMMERCIAL	F	\$251.38		\$1,209.50		\$1,241.50
		REPLC	REPLACEMENT MANUFACTURED BLDG COMMERCIAL	F	\$249.44		\$337.90		\$346.50
		FBC	FACTORY BUILT COMMERCIAL WITH FOUNDATION	D	\$781.40	\$944.71		\$968.33	
		SPC	SITE PREPARATION COMMERCIAL	D	\$861.22	\$1,041.21		\$1,067.25	
BMR	Manufactured Residential	LPR	LOW PROFILE RESIDENTIAL	F	\$282.64		\$611.60		\$627.50
		MHR	MANUFACTURED HOME RESIDENTIAL	F	\$240.72		\$299.70		\$307.30
		PFR	PERMANENT FOUNDATION RESIDENTIAL	F	\$246.55		\$1,172.00		\$1,203.10
		REPR	REPLACEMENT MANUFACTURED HOME RESIDENTIAL	F	\$240.72		\$299.70		\$307.30
		ERBR	EARTHQUAKE BRACING SYSTEM	F	\$258.88		\$342.70		\$351.80
		ADR	NEW ACCESSORY DETACHED RESIDENTIAL	F	\$324.36		\$880.70		\$903.60
BNR	Commercial Buildings	ACOM	ADDITION TO COMMERCIAL BUILDING	D	\$6,815.10	\$8,239.46		\$8,445.44	
		AGRC	AGRICULTURAL BUILDING	D	\$4,865.32	\$5,882.17		\$6,029.23	
		AIND	ADDITION TO INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	D	\$13,985.38	\$16,908.32		\$17,331.03	
		COM	COMMERCIAL BUILDING	D	\$11,567.28	\$13,984.84		\$14,334.46	
		IND	INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	D	\$16,174.38	\$19,554.83		\$20,043.70	
BPL	Plumbing	RPLU	RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING	F	\$187.89		\$274.30		\$281.80
		CPLU	COMMERCIAL PLUMBING	D	\$434.72	\$525.58		\$538.72	
BPT	Patio	DEKCS	DECK COUNTY STANDARD	F	\$464.10		\$586.60		\$601.90
		LPAT	LATTICE PATIO COVER COUNTY STANDARD	F	\$258.47		\$411.90		\$422.60
		SPAT	SOLID PATIO COVER COUNTY STANDARD	F	\$324.97		\$586.60		\$601.90
		PTFNL	PATIO COVER FINAL INSPECTION	F	\$182.89		\$237.20		\$243.30
		DEKE	DECK ENGINEERED	D	\$596.80	\$721.53		\$739.57	
		PATE	PATIO COVER ENGINEERED	D	\$679.93	\$822.04		\$842.59	
BRR		CREP	INSTALLATION/ REPLACEMENT - COMMERCIAL	F	\$191.48		\$262.90		\$269.70
		RROO	ROOFING AND/OR DECK REPLACEMENT	F	\$301.40		\$335.50		\$344.20
		CALT	STRUCTURE ALTERATION - COMMERCIAL	F	\$432.64		\$686.80		\$705.20
BRS	New Residential	DFNL	DWELLING FINAL INSPECTION	F	\$482.15		\$574.40		\$589.30
		MODL	MODEL TRACT DWELLING	D	\$2,017.25	\$2,438.86		\$2,499.83	
		GST	GUEST QUARTERS	D	\$3,001.85	\$3,629.24		\$3,719.97	
		MFD	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	D	\$4,788.69	\$5,789.53		\$5,934.26	
		SFA	SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED DWELLING	D	\$6,263.00	\$7,571.97		\$7,761.27	
		SFD	SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING	D	\$5,353.56	\$6,472.45		\$6,634.27	
		PTD	PRODUCTION TRACT DWELLING	D	\$1,453.70	\$1,757.52		\$1,801.46	
		SUP	SECOND UNIT SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	D	\$5,353.56	\$6,472.45		\$6,634.27	
		ADU	ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT	D	NEW	\$6,472.45		\$6,634.27	
	PRADU	PERMIT READY ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	D	NEW	\$6,472.45		\$6,634.27		
BSD	Standard Plan	STSP	STANDARD PLAN TRACT DWELLING	D	\$3,128.65	\$3,782.54		\$3,877.10	
		WALL	STANDARD PLAN TRACT WALL	D	\$1,012.66	\$1,224.31		\$1,254.91	
BSN	Sign	BSIGN	SIGN	F	\$455.64		\$594.40		\$610.30
BSP	Pool	COMP	COMMERCIAL POOL	F	\$714.60		\$1,541.00		\$1,582.10
		RES	RESIDENTIAL POOL/SPA	F	\$537.03		\$999.30		\$1,026.10
		SPAF	PORTABLE SPA/ FOUNTAIN	F	\$187.89		\$470.10		\$482.80
		PLFNL	POOL/SPA FINAL INSPECTION	F	\$332.52		\$338.60		\$347.30
BTI	Tenant	TI	TENANT IMPROVEMENT	D	\$2,743.30	\$3,316.65		\$3,399.57	
		TIREST	Interior Restaurant Tenant Improvement (BTI-TIREST)	D	NEW	\$3,316.65		\$3,399.57	
	Improvement	COT	CHANGE OF TENANT	D	\$1,034.16	\$1,250.30		\$1,281.56	
BTW	Tower	CTWR	CELL TOWERS	D	\$2,413.84	\$2,918.33		\$2,991.29	
		EQCS	EQUIP FOR CELL SITES	D	\$813.60	\$983.64		\$1,008.23	

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BWE	Wind Energy Conservation	WECR	REPEAT WECS (each additional Wecs)	F	\$1,398.92		\$1,762.50		\$1,809.80
		WECS	MASTER WECS	D	\$3,477.04	\$4,203.74		\$4,308.83	
		FBR	FACTORY BUILT RESIDENTIAL WITH FOUNDATION	D	\$762.45	\$921.80		\$944.85	
		SPR	SITE PREPARATION RESIDENTIAL	D	\$583.64	\$705.62		\$723.26	
BWL	Walls	GWAL	GARDEN WALL, COUNTY STANDARD	F	\$291.72		\$586.60		\$601.90
			Up to 100 linear feet + \$ 1hr inspection for each additional 100'	F			\$191.00		\$196.00
		WALT	REPEAT GARDEN WALLS	F	\$254.39		\$586.60		\$601.90
			Up to 100 linear feet + \$ 1hr inspection for each additional 100'	F			\$191.00		\$196.00
		RETCS	RETAINING WALL - COUNTY STANDARD	D	\$391.48	\$473.30		\$485.13	
		RETE	RETAINING WALL - ENGINEERED	D	\$634.14	\$766.68		\$785.84	
		SRETE	SUBDIVISION RETAINING WALL - ENGINEERED	D	NEW	\$766.68		\$785.84	
		GWALE	GARDEN WALL, ENGINEERED	D	\$457.68	\$553.34		\$567.17	
BXX	Miscellaneous Permits	FENC	FENCES OVER 7'	F	\$518.06		\$635.40		\$652.40
		CTAN	COM WATER TANK	F	\$690.78		\$827.30		\$849.80
		RTNK	RES WATER TANK	F	\$677.59		\$616.30		\$632.80
		BBQI	BBQ ISLAND	F	\$343.64		\$517.40		\$531.10
		BBQP	BBQ PORTABLE	F	\$208.59		\$411.90		\$422.60
		OTHCN	OTHER CONSTRUCTION	D	\$798.05	\$964.84		\$988.96	
		LIST	LIGHT STANDARD UP TO 5	F	\$729.04		\$804.00		\$825.40

**Fixed Fee Permit – notes**

- 1-Intake Review: Includes one (1) initial completeness review (application intake); additional fees shall be charged hourly per the adopted fee schedule for corrections related to incomplete submittals.
- 2-Plan Review: Includes up to two (2) plan review cycles; additional reviews shall be charged hourly per the adopted fee schedule.
- 3-Inspections: Fee includes one (1) inspection per trade/phase; any failed inspection, incomplete work, or site not ready shall be subject to a re-inspection fee. Additional inspection time shall be charged on an hourly basis (minimum one (1) hour) in accordance with the adopted fee schedule.
- 4-Permit Extension: \$100 fee shall apply to extend an active permit prior to expiration.



# Attachment B - Executive Summary

## TLMA Building & Safety Rates



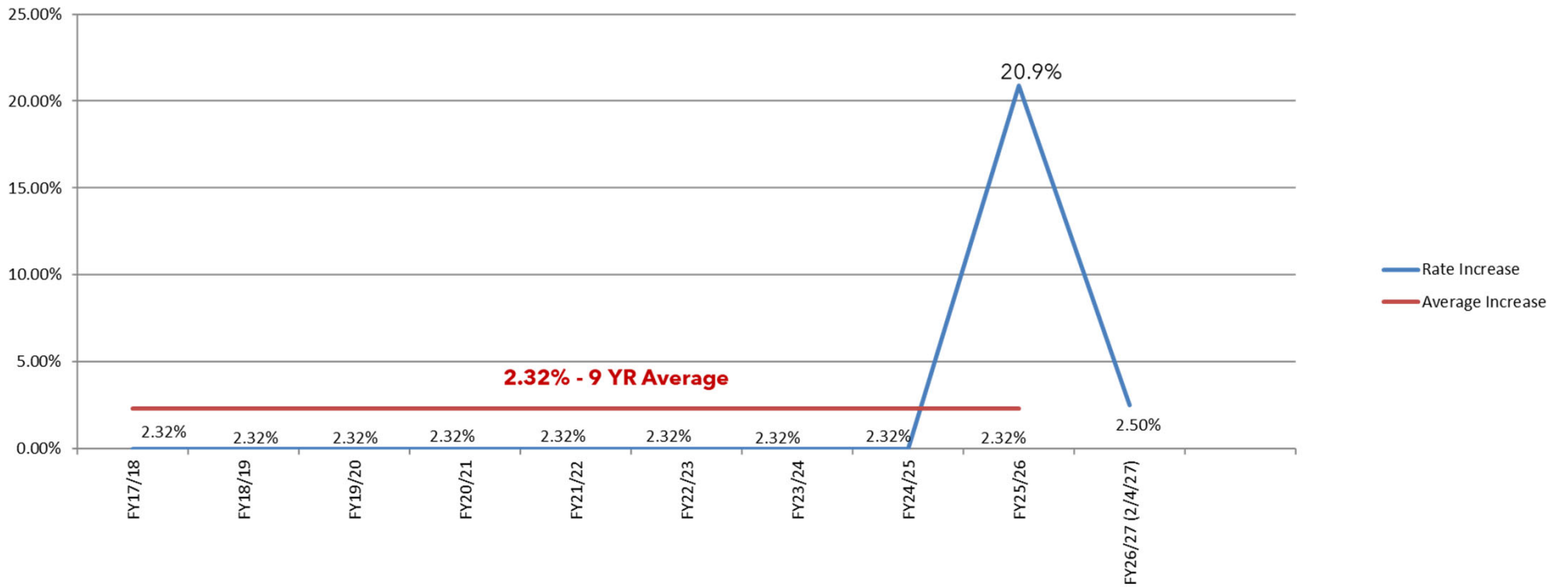
- First rates adjustment proposed in nine (9) years
- Last rates increase was in March 2017 (FY 16/17)

<b>FY 25/26 - Proposed</b>	<b>20.90%</b>
<b>FY 26/27 - Proposed 2/4/27</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
FY 16/17 - Approved	5.80%
FY 12/13 - Approved	2.00%

**In the past nine (9) years:**

- The inflation rate has increased by 8.7%, the highest increase in 40 years
- 57.3% increase in Salaries
- 55% increase in Internal service providers (ISF)
- The consultant costs for Inspection, Plan Examiner and Permit Technician services have increased over time

### Year to Year Rate Change from FY 16/17 to FY 26/27



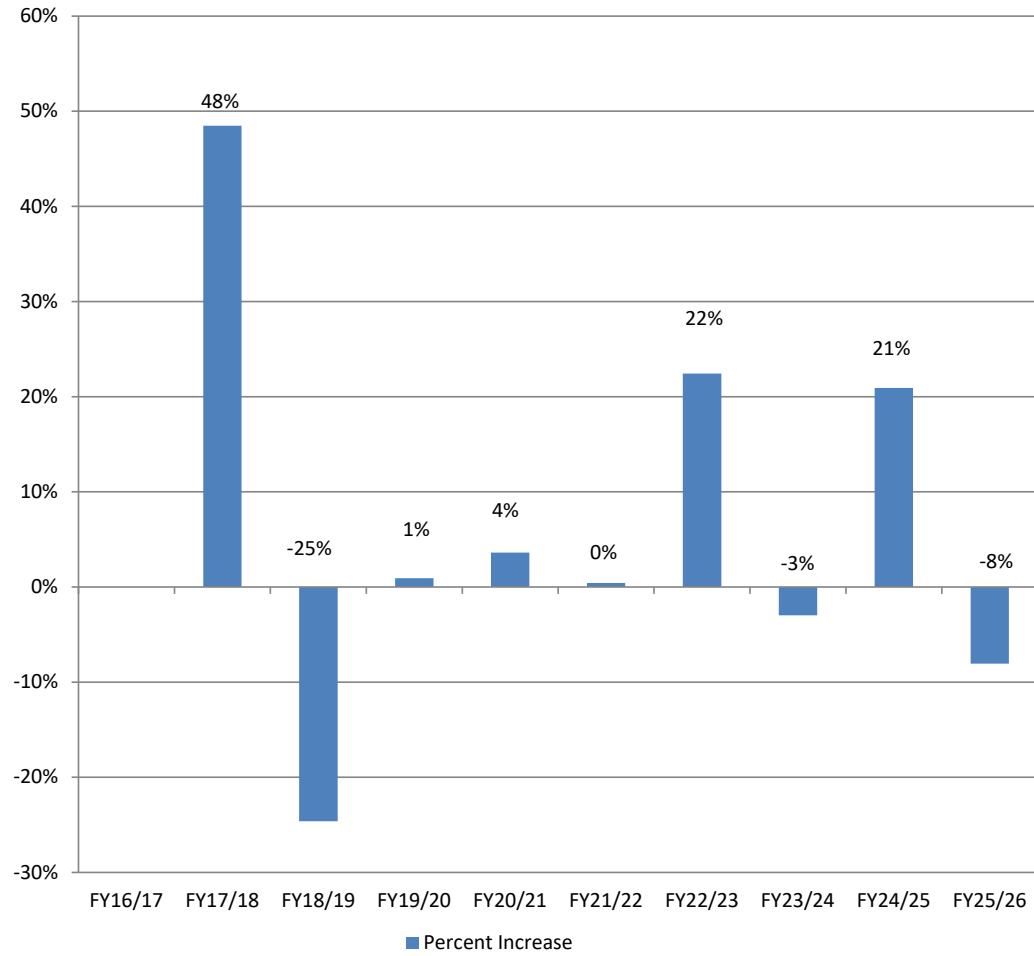
## Wage Increases from FY 16/17 to FY 26/27

Total increase for LIUNA, SEIU, and MGMT is **57.3%** each.



## Year to Year ISF Rates Increase from FY 16/17 to FY 25/26

*Total increase from FY16/17 to FY 25/26 is 55%.*





# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Sam Shahrouri  
Building Official

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research (OPR) P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: Riverside County Building and Safety Department  
 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor P. O. Box 1440 Riverside, CA 92502-1409

38686 El Cerrito Road Palm Desert, CA 92201

Project Title/Case No.: Ordinance No. 457.108

Project Location: The unincorporated area of Riverside County

Project Description: Ordinance No. 457.108 amends Ordinance No. 457, the Ordinance of the County of Riverside Relating to Building Requirements, in its entirety and replaces it with new language, as follows: adopts the current building requirements of the 2025 Building Standards Code, including the California Existing Building Code; adopts more restrictive building standards based on Riverside County’s local climatic, geological and topographical conditions in the following circumstances: construction without a permit, work exempt from permit, exemption to submittal documents prepared by registered design professionals, fees, refunds, ponds, agricultural registration certificates, and grading; adopts in its entirety the following appendices of the 2025 California Building Code: Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings, Appendix I – Patio Covers, Appendix J - Grading, Appendix P – Emergency Housing; and adopts in its entirety the following appendices of the 2025 California Residential Code: Appendix AH – Patio Covers, Appendix AJ – Existing Buildings and Structures, Appendix AQ – Tiny Houses, Appendix AZ – Emergency Housing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside

Project Applicant & Address: County of Riverside

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption
- Other: 15061(b)(3), not a project under 15378

Reasons why project is exempt: The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) does not apply to Ordinance No. 457.108 or Ordinance No. 457.108 is exempt from CEQA for multiple reasons. First, ordinances that merely incorporate existing law do not constitute a project under CEQA. (Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of Upland (2016) 245 Cal.App.4th 1265, 1273.) In addition, organizational or administrative activities of government entities, such as the reorganization, formatting, addition of introductory explanation to the ordinance, and changes to administrative processing and application requirements do not constitute a project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Finally, Ordinance No. 457.108 is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendment to Ordinance No. 457 may have a significant effect on the environment. The vast majority of the changes to Ordinance No. 457 are merely incorporating existing state law pursuant to the various changes in the 2025 California Building Standards Code, just as the County did with the previous adoption of Ordinance 457.105 adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code. The other changes to Ordinance No. 457 are related to imposing more restrictive building standards for permit applicants based on express findings of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Ordinance No. 457.108 does not lead to any direct improvements, developments, or any other projects and no building or grading permits are being issued with its adoption. Furthermore, the issuance of any future grading permits are discretionary and are each subject to CEQA pursuant to Ordinance No. 457. Additionally, the remaining changes in Ordinance No. 457.108 are merely administrative and organizational which streamline administration and processing requirements. As a result, adoption of Ordinance No. 457.108 is exempt from CEQA and there is no possibility that this amendment will cause a significant impact on the environment.

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