

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE DISTRICT
TO COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING SERVICES, ISSUING PERMITS,
AND ENFORCING REGULATIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley Fire District ordains as follows:

SECTION I. Schedule of Fees

The Sonoma Valley Fire District's Schedule of Fees, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby adopted to cover the costs of providing services, issuing permits, and enforcing regulations within the District.

SECTION II. Automatic Inflationary Adjustments

Fees established pursuant to this Ordinance shall be adjusted automatically without any further action by the Sonoma Valley Fire District Board on the first day of each fiscal year by an amount equal to the annual adjustment factor determined pursuant to Section 7902 of the California Government Code and rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

SECTION III. Collection of Fees

The fees provided for in this ordinance may be collected by employees of the District.

SECTION IV. Fire Permit Fee Program Application Policy

Details as determined and decided in the Public Hearing include adoption of the full Fire Prevention Fee and Permit program. The Board further determined and decided that due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and other adverse impacts to local businesses, that the new Operational Fire Permits - Annual program is approved, but will not be implemented at this time.

SECTION V. Ambulance/EMS Fee Write-off Policy

The SVFD will adopt a write-off policy that allows the District to accept insurance payments for ambulance/EMS services for those persons residing in the District as payment in full. This accomplishes the goal of allowing a discounted rate for local residents, as CMS allows this practice for patients who reside and pay taxes within the District.

SECTION VI. Repeal of conflicting ordinances and resolutions

All former Fire Prevention & Ambulance EMS Fee ordinances and resolutions of the District or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, including, but not limited to Ordinance 2019/2020-01 & 2021/2022-01 are hereby repealed

SECTION VII. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IX. Effective date

This ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after the date of its passage and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after said passage, with the name of the directors voting for and against the same, in the *Press Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation published within the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In regular session of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley Fire District, introduced on the 12th day of September 2023, and finally adopted this 12th day of September 2023, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

President Norton	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____
Vice President Atkinson	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____
Treasurer Johnson	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____
Director Brady	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____
Director Greben	Aye _____	No _____	Absent <u>X</u>
Director Emery	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____
Director Leen	Aye <u>X</u>	No _____	Absent _____

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above and foregoing ordinance duly adopted, and

SO ORDERED:



William Norton, President

ATTEST:



Maci Bettencourt, Clerk