

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On May 2, 2023 (24), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees charged for services by the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health Services and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA's fees and rates on May 24, 2022 (23).

The proposed Ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and equitable for customers and the public. In accordance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts-Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), HHSA recently conducted a review of their fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 85 HHSA fees and their associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and the methodology for establishing the fees in this proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Today's request requires two steps: on May 2, 2023, it is requested that the Board consider an Ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to HHSA fees. If the Board takes the action as recommended, then on May 23, 2023, the proposed Ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption. If the proposed Ordinance is amended on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring that the County has optimized its health and social services delivery system to ensure efficiency, integration and innovation while maintaining fiscal stability.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Consider and adopt (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

As part of standard practice, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) performs an annual review of fees and rates charged in order to ensure that charges do not exceed the County's actual cost for the service provided. Additionally, HHSA reviews fees annually to ensure that costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals, in alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors standards and that they are updated to reflect applicable laws and regulations.

To develop the cost recovery proposal, HHSA performed an analysis of all services provided to customers to examine the tasks and functions performed, including the direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks in relation to the specific services. Criteria were established to determine a fair and equitable fee for direct services provided.

The proposed Ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and equitable for customers and the public. Updates include County HHSA, Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) fees that are either tied to environmental testing, such as testing of drinking water or foodborne illness investigations, or clinical fees such as tests for communicable disease outbreaks, among others. Additionally, five existing fees for the Non-Diagnostic General Health Assessments are being added to the County Administrative Code Article XV-B, Section 244 to consolidate all PHL fees in the same Admin Code. Lastly, the proposed Ordinance includes a revision to a fee for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility to align with updated full cost recovery information.

Today's action would update fees for services provided by the County that help to promote health and safety and have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and other underserved groups.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long term solvency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$97,192 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10844(N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter