

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 18

SUBJECT: 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

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is an integrated health, housing, and social service organization with a robust service network that spans across the San Diego County region and contributes to making people's lives healthier, safer, and self-sufficient. Services provided by HHSA provide vital resources and care to some of the most vulnerable San Diego County residents. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees and rates established for services delivered in two HHSA departments, Public Health Services and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA fees and rates on May 21, 2024 (5).

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable 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 HHSA fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 127 HHSA fees and associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees.

Today's action requires two steps. On April 22, 2025, 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 6, 2025, the proposed ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

This item supports the County 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

On April 22, 2025:

Approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading):

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

If on April 22, 2025, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on May 6, 2025

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

To develop the cost recovery proposal, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (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 fair and reasonable fees 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 reasonable for customers and the public. Updates include County 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. The proposed ordinance will also include a revised rate 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 action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning available County 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 (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no additional costs and an estimated increase in revenue of \$281,936 in FY 2025-26. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 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