

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 23

SUBJECT: 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

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 4, 2021 (18).

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 83 HHSA fees and their associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, deletions, 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 2022-23.

Today's request requires two steps: on May 24, 2022, 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 June 14, 2022, the proposed Ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and 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 in support of a healthy, safe and thriving region.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On May 24, 2022:

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance:

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

If on May 24, 2022, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on June 14, 2022

1. 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.
2. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grant, Revenue Contracts-Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full-cost recovery of 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 (Board) 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 public health laboratory 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, a new fee is being added to help reduce tobacco use initiation, foster health equity, and reduce access to nicotine and tobacco through improved compliance with current laws and regulations. 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 economically disadvantaged.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2021-23 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will have no impact in Fiscal Year 2021-22 and will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$299,552 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. A waiver of B-29 is requested for the new Tobacco Retail License fee because not all costs will be recovered as a result of the proposed three-year phased-in approach. The B-29 cost for Fiscal Year 2022-23 is estimated at \$240,900 and will be funded with Realignment. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 14, 2022.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

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