

AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: Amador County Land Use & Community Development Committee
FROM: Patrick Chew, Deputy Fire Marshal
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SUBJECT: Proposed Impact Fee Increase

Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) was formed in 1990 with an initial budget to maintained operational use as a fire department. With the increased in population of over 25% the past 30 years, the demand for services within AFPD district has also increased. In order to provide such operational services, it is imperative to maintained adequate apparatuses, equipment and facilities.

A small portion of the funds is to maintain such operational use have come from Development Impact Fees (DIF). The legal requirements for enactment of a DIF program are set forth in the Government Code §66000-66025 (the "Mitigation Fee Act"), with the bulk of which was adopted as 1987's Assembly Bill 1600 and thus commonly referred to as "AB 1600 requirements". Development Impact Fees are charged by local governmental agencies in connection with approval of development projects, which includes only new construction of homes and commercial businesses. It is important to note that this fee has zero financial impact on existing homes and businesses but yet AFPD continues to provide quality service to our growing population.

In 1990, AFPD collected \$250 per new homes for DIF through the County's permitting process and has not increased this amount since it conception. In comparison to our neighboring fire departments as noted in the table below, AFPD is well below the average fee collected from DIF while the cost to maintained services has increased exponentially in the past 30 years. Maintaining essential services is imperative especially for AFPD since our service area is 491 square miles. In comparison with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, which was formed in the year 2000, they have a service area of 359 square miles.

Ione FD	\$1,302
Sutter Creek FD	\$2,304
City of Jackson FD	\$2,832.91
Jackson Valley FD	\$500
AFPD	\$250

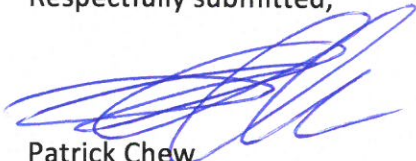
Comparison Rate of the Development Impact Fees
of Neighboring Jurisdictions.

The purpose of the fee is to ensure that new development within the District pays a proportionate share of the capital investments made by the District, which are necessary in providing fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other emergency services adequate to accommodate a growing population.

A request was made to our Board of Directors this past Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 for permission to conduct a Nexus Study. The purpose of this study is to determine AFPD's DIF rate moving forward. If the study finds our DIF is well below the cost needed to maintain our operations, AFPD will proposed a phasing schedule over a period of a few years. At the board meeting, AFPD received approval to move forward with a Nexus Study.

The purpose of providing this information to the Amador County Land Use & Community Development Committee is to ensure transparency. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Chew
Deputy Fire Marshal