



AMERICAN CANYON FIRE SERVICE FEE BOARD
OF REVIEW AGENDA
AUGUST 6, 2025

STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC HEARING
ITEM NUMBER: 1.

TITLE

Property owner appeals of the Annual Fire Service Fee calculations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding property owner appeals of the annual Fire Service Fee calculations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as may be raised during the Public Hearing at the initiation of this meeting.

CONTACT

Geoff Belyea, Fire Chief

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

In the June 1980 General Election, a ballot measure designated “Measure B” was approved by 76% of the registered voters in the American Canyon Fire Protection District (“District”) as a means of preserving adequate levels of all risk fire and life safety services to District residents and businesses through the establishment of an annual Fire Service Fee. The revenue derived from the fee is used to supplement funding for general operations of the District, such as firefighter staffing and operational costs. This supplemental revenue source is needed to ensure ongoing funding keeps pace with the ongoing cost of providing emergency response services and to mitigate the limitations on property tax growth stemming from the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. All property owners in the District have been paying the annual Fire Service Fee since 1980.

The current Fire Service Fee for all single-family residential units is \$119.28. The Fire Service Fee for non-residential property is charged based on the required fire flow of the property, calculated from the fire flow formula originally established as part of the voter initiative in 1980.

The measure also called for the creation of a Board of Review tasked with hearing, reviewing and making recommendations related to the implementation of the Fire Service Fee Ordinance. Property owners who believe that the Fire Service Fee charged to their parcel was calculated incorrectly may file an appeal with the Board of Review and provide the necessary information to support their appeal. This information will be evaluated by staff and brought back to the Board of Review for their further consideration and recommendation.

The District did not receive any appeals.

FISCAL IMPACT

Financial impact depends on the number and amount of re-calculated fees.

BOARD PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Public Safety: "Ensure American Canyon remains a safe community"

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None