

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING  
ORDINANCE RELATED TO EQUINE USES AND AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
TO ADD A PERMIT FEE RELATING TO ZONING VERIFICATION  
PERMIT, POD 11-011(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW:**

Today's actions propose an amendment to the San Diego County Zoning Ordinance for equine uses. The amendment consists of clarifications, deletions, and revisions to provide an updated set of definitions, procedures, and standards for review and permitting of equine uses; primarily the commercial use of horses in certain areas of the unincorporated county. The amendment will implement a new tiered system of permitting for commercial horse stables with both ministerial and discretionary tiers of permitting. Today's actions also propose an ordinance amending the County Administrative Code to add a permit fee related to zoning verification permit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Horse stables in the project area currently require a standard Major Use Permit. Under the proposed ordinance there will be four permitting tiers with different fees. There are no fees associated with Tier 1. Tier 2 is with a Zoning Verification Permit with a new fee of \$1,023. Tier 3 and Tier 4 will use existing fees and deposits for a standard Administrative Permit or Major Use Permit and therefore will not change. Under Tier 2, the new fee for a Zoning Verification Permit is required for review of a plot plan for compliance with Zoning Ordinance standards and best management practices for stables using a checklist. An amendment to the Administrative Code is proposed as part of this action to implement a \$1,023 fee for the Zoning Verification Permit. Collection of this fee is expected to result in revenue of \$20,460 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and revenue of \$7,161 for Fiscal Year 2014-15. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The proposed project will further County and State goals to support, protect and promote the Equine industry in California. The proposed ordinance clarifies and streamlines permitting with revised regulations that ensure new or expanded stables will not adversely impact the environment, the livability or the health and safety of the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) dated August 2013 on file with the Department of Planning & Development Services Environmental Review Number 2012-00-005 and SCH No. 2012011052 prepared for the Tiered Equine Ordinance Amendment POD 11-011 has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines; that the EIR was presented to the Board of Supervisors and that the Board reviewed and considered the information contained therein before approving the project; and that the EIR reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis (Attachment E).
2. Adopt the CEQA findings regarding significant effects of the project, the mitigation and monitoring program and the Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15091, 15097 and 15093 (Attachment D).
3. Adopt the Ordinance entitled:  

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO EQUINE USES (Attachment C).
4. Adopt the Ordinance entitled:  

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ADD A PERMIT FEE RELATING TO ZONING VERIFICATION PERMIT (Attachment G).

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that an Errata sheet has been submitted; ON MOTION of Supervisor Horn, seconded by Supervisor Jacob, the Board closed the Hearing, directed that the Zoning Ordinance allow for riding lessons in Tier 1; and took action as recommended, adopting Ordinance No. 10285 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO EQUINE USES; and adopting Ordinance No. 10286 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ADD A PERMIT FEE RELATING TO ZONING VERIFICATION PERMIT.

AYES: Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn  
ABSENT: Cox

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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.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By   
Andrew Potter, Chief Deputy