

RESOLUTION NO. 24-168

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WAIVING CERTAIN FEES RELATED TO THE REBUILDING OF STRUCTURES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE 2024 MOUNTAIN FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2024, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency existed in Ventura County due to the Mountain Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2024, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors determined that a local emergency existed in Ventura County and ratified the proclamation of local emergency by the Sheriff of Ventura County, acting as the County Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2024, the Ventura County Health Officer and the Ventura County Environmental Health Director declared a local health emergency related to the Mountain Fire and associated fire debris, which the Ventura County Board of Supervisors subsequently ratified; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200 dwellings have been destroyed or substantially damaged in the unincorporated area of Ventura County, displacing hundreds of county residents from their properties and homes and impacting businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of those residents displaced by the Mountain Fire as well as the greater community of Ventura County to begin the disaster recovery process in a timely and efficient manner;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District hereby directs that until December 31, 2026, the following fees be waived for the first two plan checks and first two inspections for permits for rebuilding structures destroyed or substantially damaged by the Mountain Fire that were previously permitted or legally non-conforming and for fuel modification zone and landscape plan reviews needed as a result of the fire for rebuilds or other properties within the Mountain Fire perimeter area that were affected by the fire:

Fire Prevention Fees

- Expedited Plan Check Review Fees: \$640
- Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Review – R-3 Single Family Dwelling (Per Lot -501) sq ft and above of landscape area: \$400
- Fuel Modification Zone and Landscape Plan Review – Multi-Family, Tract Development, Commercial and Industrial: \$640

Additional reviews or inspections may be charged at the hourly rate for inspections or plan reviews as per the current fee schedule.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gorell, seconded by Supervisor LaVere, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the 17 day of December, 2024.

Kelly Long  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Ventura County Fire Protection District

ATTEST: DR. SEVET JOHNSON  
Clerk of the Board of Directors  
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Don Key  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

