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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403
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Proposed Processing Fee Schedule for FY 2007-08

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission direct the staff to distribute the Proposed Fee Schedule to the County, local agencies, land use consultants and engineers, and schedule a public hearing on June 7 to consider revising the Processing Fee Schedule.

DISCUSSION

LAFCO Processing Fees - The Commission generates revenue from fees paid by applicants for boundary changes, sphere modifications and out-of-agency service approvals. It is recommended that fees be increased by about 3% due to incremental inflationary changes. The current and proposed fee schedules are shown on the enclosure.

County Surveyor Deposit - The County Surveyor checks the sufficiency of legal descriptions and maps for boundary changes. The enclosed letter from County Surveyor Michael Emmons requests the deposit we collect for checking these materials be increased from \$1,100 to \$1,750. The staff supports this request.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF PROCESSING FEES
To be effective July 1, 2007

Annexations and Detachments

<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Less than 5	\$ 590	\$ 610
5 to 10	825	850
10 to 25	1,170	1,200
25 +	2,400	2,500

Reorganizations:

Annexation or detachment fee plus a 20% surcharge for each additional change of organization in the application, except for detachments from the County Fire Protection District.

Formations and Incorporations	\$2,300	\$2,400
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In addition to the processing fee, the cost of preparing the comprehensive fiscal analysis shall be borne by the applicant, proponents or supporters of the incorporation.

Sphere of Influence Amendment	\$900	\$925
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Out-of-Agency Service Agreements The same fee as for an annexation.

Copies of documents 1-50 pages is \$0.25 a page; 50+ is \$0.10 page

Fee Policies:

1. Fees are not charged for proposals that result from LAFCO orders or recommendations.
2. Fees must be received before proceeding are completed.
3. A supplemental fee shall be charged for proposals that require LAFCO to conduct public hearings, including conducting authority hearings. The fee shall recover actual costs to publish notices and mail notices to landowners and registered voters as required by law.
4. Additional fees may be charged for preparing environmental documents when LAFCO is the lead agency.

5. A \$1,750 deposit payable to “County of Santa Barbara” for reviewing maps and legal descriptions must be submitted with proposals that include maps and legals. Boundary changes will be recorded only when obligations to the County Surveyor are satisfied.
6. The fee for filing a request for reconsideration shall be 50% of the original processing fee amount. The fee shall be returned to the applicant if the Commission determines that the reconsideration is required to correct a procedural defect in its earlier action.
7. The cost for the State to review the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for an incorporation shall be the responsibility of those requesting the review.