

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/24-35 (April 24, 2024, Regular Meeting)
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA ROSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995 (b) 3

WHEREAS, Statute AB 2926 (Chapter 887/Statutes of 1986) authorizes the governing board of any school district to levy a fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement against any development project for the reconstruction of school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65995 establishes a maximum amount of fee that may be charged against such development projects and authorizes the maximum amount set forth in said section to be adjusted for inflation every two years as set forth in the state-wide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board at its January meeting; and,

WHEREAS, at its January 24, 2024, meeting, the State Allocation Board approved the maximum fee authorized by Education Code Section 17620 to \$5.17 per square foot of residential construction described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(1) and \$0.84 per square foot against commercial/industrial construction described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(2); and,

WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Elementary School District shares developer fees with Santa Rosa High School District. The High School District collects 30 percent of the Level I Fee and the Santa Rosa Elementary School District collects 70 percent of the Level I Fee; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Elementary School District's portion of the current Level I residential statutory fee is \$3.62 (70% of \$5.17) per square foot of construction. However, the Level I fee calculations justify a residential fee of \$2.74. Therefore, the District is justified to collect \$2.74 per square foot of residential construction; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on residential projects in the amount of \$2.74 per square foot as authorized by Education Code Section 17620; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on commercial/industrial development projects ranging from \$0.02 to \$0.59 (70 percent of \$0.84) per square foot depending on the category of construction as described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa Elementary School District as follows:

1. Procedure. This Board hereby finds that prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the Board conducted a public hearing at which oral and written presentations were made, as part of the Board's regularly scheduled February 28, 2024, meeting. Notice of the time and place of the meeting, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered, has been published twice in a newspaper in accordance with Government Code Section 66016, and a notice, including a statement that the data required by Government Code Section 66016 was available, was mailed at least 14 days prior to the meeting to any interested party who had filed a written request with the District for mailed notice of the meeting on new fees or service charges within the period specified by law. Additionally, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, the District made available to the public, data indicating the amount of the cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is to be adjusted pursuant to this Resolution, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide this service. By way of such public meeting, the Board received oral and written presentations by District staff which are summarized and contained in the District's Developer Fee Implementation Study dated January 31, 2024, (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") and which formed the basis for the action taken pursuant to this Resolution.

2. Findings. The Board has reviewed the Plan as it relates to proposed and potential development, the resulting school facilities needs, the cost thereof, and the available sources of revenue including the fees provided by this Resolution, and based thereon and upon all other written and oral presentations to the Board, hereby makes the following findings:
 - A. Additional development projects within the District, whether new residential construction or residential reconstruction involving increases in assessable area greater than 500 square feet, or new commercial or industrial construction will increase the need for reconstruction of school facilities.
 - B. Without reconstruction of present school facilities, any further residential development projects or commercial or industrial development projects within the District will result in a significant decrease in the quality of education presently offered by the District;
 - C. The fees proposed in the Plan and the fees implemented pursuant to this Resolution are for the purposes of providing adequate school facilities to maintain the quality of education offered by the District;
 - D. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution will be used for the reconstruction of school facilities as identified in the Plan;
 - E. The uses of the fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution are reasonably related to the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;
 - F. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution bear a reasonable relationship to the need for reconstructed school facilities created by the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;
 - G. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide funding for the reconstruction of school facilities for which the fees are levied; and in making this finding, the Board declares that it has considered the availability of revenue sources anticipated to provide such facilities, including general fund revenues;
 - H. The fees imposed on commercial or industrial development bear a reasonable relationship and are limited to the needs of the community for schools and are reasonably related and limited to the need for reconstructed school facilities caused by the development;
 - I. The fees will be collected for school facilities for which an account has been established and funds appropriated and for which the district has adopted a reconstruction schedule and/or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made.
3. Fee. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board hereby adjusts the previously levied fee to the amount of \$2.74 per square foot for assessable space for new residential construction and for residential reconstruction to the extent of the resulting increase in assessable areas; and to the amount ranging from \$0.02 to \$0.59 (70 percent of \$0.84) per square foot depending on the category of construction for new commercial/industrial construction.
4. Fee Adjustments and Limitation. The fees adjusted herewith shall be subject to the following:
 - A. The amount of the District's fees as authorized by Education Code Section 17620 shall be reviewed every two years to determine if a fee increase according to the adjustment for inflation set forth in the statewide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board is justified.

- B. Any development project for which a final map was approved, and construction had commenced on or before September 1, 1986, is subject only to the fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement in existence on that date and applicable to the project.
 - C. The term "development project" as used herein is as defined by Section 65928 of the Government Code.
5. Additional Mitigation Methods. The policies set forth in this Resolution are not exclusive and the Board reserves the authority to undertake other or additional methods to finance school facilities including but not limited to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Government Code Section 53311, et seq.) and such other funding mechanisms. This Board reserves the authority to substitute the dedication of land or other property or other form of requirement in lieu of the fees levied by way of this Resolution at its discretion, so long as the reasonable value of land to be dedicated does not exceed the maximum fee amounts contained herein or modified pursuant hereto.
 6. Implementation. For residential and commercial/industrial projects within the District, the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is authorized to issue Certificates of Compliance upon the payment of any fee levied under the authority of this Resolution.
 7. California Environmental Quality Act. The Board hereby finds that the implementation of Developer Fees is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 8. Commencement Date. The effective date of this Resolution shall be June 24, 2024, which is 60 days following its adoption by the Board.
 9. Notification of Local Agencies. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution and a Map of the District to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County and to the Planning Commission and City Council of the City of Santa Rosa.
 10. Severability. If any portion of this Resolution is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board hereby declares its intent to adopt this Resolution irrespective of the fact that one or more of its provisions may be declared invalid subsequent hereto.

APPROVED, PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa Elementary School District this 24 day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST

 President, Governing Board
 Santa Rosa Elementary School District

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 Secretary, Governing Board
 Santa Rosa Elementary School District