



**Agricultural
Commissioner/Sealer
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Tom Tucker PHONE: 684-3350				

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider changes to the fee schedule of the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Conduct a public Hearing for the proposed fee changes for the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer.
2. Approve the attached proposed fee schedule, effective July 1, 2018, for the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer.

SUMMARY:
The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer performs certain functions for which fees may be charged to recover incurred costs. These functions include charges for inspection, and certification fees to recover costs associated with issuing Phytosanitary Certificates for citrus, stone fruit, and other exportable commodities. Legal authority for assessing these is found in the California Food and Agricultural Code sections 5202-5204. The County Auditor has reviewed the proposed fees and believes the methodology used appears reasonable. The attached fee schedule includes these changes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:
The approval of this action will result in an estimated fiscal impact of \$144,456.64 of increased revenue in the 2018/2019 budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:
The County's Five year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to provide for the stability of County operations through periods of

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economic fluctuations and changing priorities and service demands.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Tom Tucker
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)
A-Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Summary of Proposed Fee Changes
B-Notice of Public Hearing

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)
TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE FEE) **Resolution No.** _____
SCHEDULE OF THE TULARE COUNTY) **Agreement No.** _____
AGRICULTURAL)
COMMISSIONER/SEALER)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

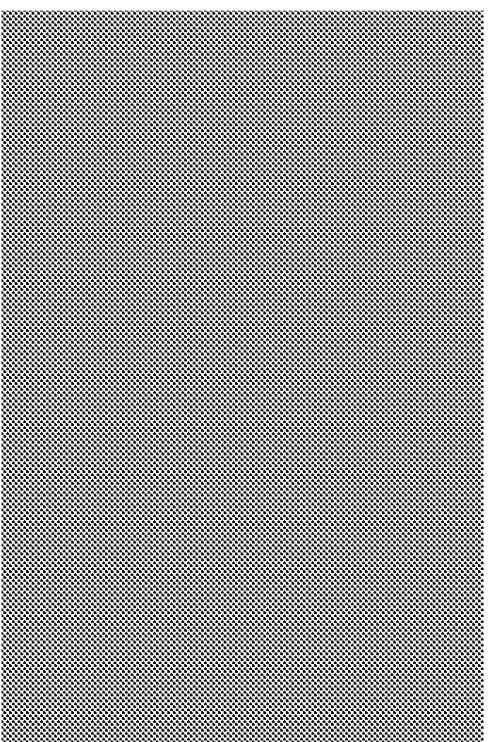
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

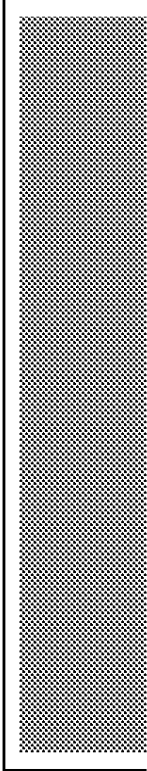
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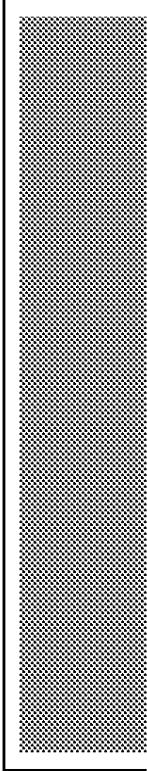
Summary of Proposed Fees



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Type Of Service	Current Fee	Proposed Fee		
Phytosanitary Certificate Regular Inspection	\$40.00	\$45.00		
Phytosanitary Certificate High Intensity Inspection	\$83.00	\$85.00		
Overtime Rates: All hourly fees will be 135% after 5:00 p.m., on weekends, or holidays unless the maximum fee is set by law, regulation, ordinance, etc. "Double" is proposed.			60.08	89.00



Who did we contact?

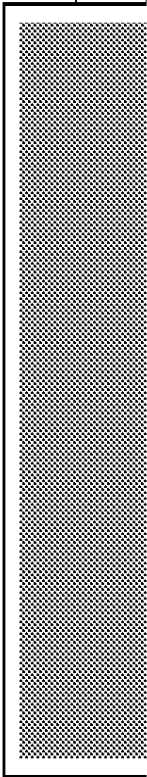
Industry Groups	Commercial Nurseries
Cold Storages	Packing Sheds
Fruit Brokers	Department Homepage
Department Facebook Page	

Phytosanitary Inspections

\$118,660 increase:

	Total Documents	Costs per type	Cost per Certificate	Current Fees	FY2019 Proposed fee
Regular	17,748	\$1,006,541.78	\$ 56.71	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
High Intensity	14,960	\$1,286,215.93	\$ 85.98	\$ 83.00	\$ 85.00

Total \$2,292,757.71



Phytosanitary Inspections

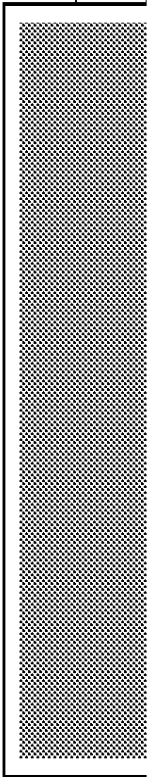
Change Hourly Overtime Charge from 135% to "Double", matching our non-hourly Certification fees

Phytosanitary Inspections

Type Of Service	Tulare		Madera	Stanislaus	Kern	Fresno	Merced	Kings	San Joaquin	
	Current	Proposed								
Phytosanitary Certificates	\$40/phyto	\$45/phyto	\$30/phyto +	WAHR (1/2 Hr Min.)	\$40/phyto +	\$40/phyto	\$30/phyto +	WAHR	135% of hrly cost +	WAHR + Mileage
	-high intensity inspection	for long inspection **	\$71.61 hrly rate	WAHR	\$40/phyto	(\$80.98) + mileage	WAHR	135% of hrly cost + mileage	WAHR + Mileage	

**Doubled after 5:00 p.m., on weekends, or holidays unless the maximum is set by law, regulation, ordinance, etc.

WAHR : Weighted Average Hourly Rate: Tulare rate is \$46.97.



Phytosanitary Inspections

Questions ?