

**FEE SCHEDULE
(Effective May 1, 2009)**

Deposits: Where indicated in the Fee Schedule, deposits toward the actual cost of processing proposals must be paid when applications are submitted. Applicants must sign an At-Cost Fee Agreement, consenting to reimburse LAFCO for costs incurred in processing. Staff and legal counsel work time on applications, including overhead costs, is tracked and billed on an hourly basis. Periodic accounting of costs is provided. If actual costs exceed the deposit amount, LAFCO bills the applicant; any portion of the deposit not used for processing is refunded.

Waiver of Fees: The Commission may waive a fee in special circumstances or if it finds that payment would be detrimental to the public interest. Fees may be waived or reduced for applications filed in response to a condition imposed by or a recommendation made by the Commission. A request for waiver must be submitted in writing to the Commission and must include an explanation for the request. Staff will present the request to the Commission, along with analysis and recommendation, for its determination.

Outside Agency Fees: Applicants are responsible for any fees or charges which may be incurred by LAFCO or required by other agencies in the course of processing an application. If the processing of an application requires that LAFCO contract with another agency or with a private firm or individual for services that are beyond the normal scope of LAFCO staff work (e.g., drafting an Environmental Impact Report or Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis), the applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with that contract. The applicant shall provide LAFCO with a deposit sufficient to cover the cost of the contract.

Legal Counsel Fees: Applications submitted under At-Cost Fee Agreements are charged the actual costs of fees associated with legal consultation or review. While most applications submitted under a flat fee do not require legal review, occasionally a proposal will develop significant legal issues that require considerable legal counsel involvement. In the event the Executive Officer identifies significant legal issues, the applicant will be assessed, from that point forward, an additional minimum fee of \$410 (two hours of legal counsel time) and any additional cost accrued above the minimum fee amount.

Refunds of Fees: Except for unused portions of deposits, all fees paid to Sonoma LAFCO are non-refundable. Payment of fees is not a guarantee of approval of the submitted proposal.

PROPOSALS INVOLVING ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, OR COMBINATION

Note: If any modifications are made to the annexation boundary after the Certificate of Filing is completed, a 20% re-submittal fee may be assessed on the projects listed below.

With 100% landowner consent - all owners within the affected territory have provided written consent to the proposed action	\$4,150 + Environmental document review fee + State Board of Equalization (BOE) fees + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Without 100% landowner consent and with	\$7,790

fewer than 50 registered voters - all owners within the affected territory have not provided written consent to the proposed action	+ Environmental document review fee + State Board of Equalization (BOE) fees + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Without 100% landowner consent and with more than 50 registered voters	\$5,000 deposit towards actual costs + BOE fees + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Complex proposal, as determined by EO, including but not limited to, an EIR, the potential for substantial development with 50 or more units, significant effect on the community or amendment to the sphere of influence	\$5,000 deposit towards actual costs + BOE fees + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Island Annexation initiated by a city utilizing Government Code Section §56375.3	\$1,750 + Environmental document review fee + State Board of Equalization (BOE) fees + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials + Cost of legal notice

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES OR AMENDMENTS

Standard Update or Amendment (with or without a Municipal Service Review)	\$5,000 deposit towards actual costs
Sphere Amendment concurrent with annexation, detachment, or reorganization	\$775

PROPOSALS INVOLVING

District Formations, Dissolutions, Consolidations	\$5,000 deposit towards actual costs
Incorporation	\$10,000 deposit towards actual costs

OUTSIDE SERVICE AREA AGREEMENTS (OSAA)

Application Fee - Administrative Determination	\$1,575 + Environmental document review + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Application Fee - Commission Determination	\$3,200 + Environmental document review + Legal Counsel's Time and Materials
Appeal Fee	\$1,500

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT RELATED TO PROPOSAL

Categorically Exempt	\$310
Initial Study and Negative Declaration/ Mitigated Negative Declaration	\$1,000
Initial Study and Environmental Impact Report	\$1,600
Preparation of environmental documents when LAFCO is the Lead Agency	\$4,000 deposit towards actual costs

OTHER FEES

Pre-application Review	Actual cost charged as deposit toward fee after first 2 hours of staff time for applications using the actual costs.
Request for Reconsideration	\$1,500
Special or Supplemental Studies	Actual cost of staff or consultant services
Request for Activation or Expansion of District Latent Powers	\$1,000 deposit towards actual costs
Special Meeting or Hearing	\$1,000 deposit towards actual cost
Municipal Service Review (not initiated by Commission)	\$2,000 deposit towards actual cost of staff or consultant
Proposal Referral to Legal Counsel	\$410 (minimum fee for first two hours) plus actual costs above the minimum

MISCELLANEOUS

Petition Signature Verification	Costs assessed by Registrar of Voters
Copies of documents	\$.10 per page (after 10 pages)
Copy of audio recording of meeting	\$20
Annual Agenda Mailing Fee	\$25

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME FEES

Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration*	\$ 1,993.00
Environmental Impact Report*	\$ 2,768.25
County Clerk Fee -all applications**	\$50.00

* A California Department of Fish and Game fee, as indicated above, may be charged when LAFCO is the lead agency for environmental review or when LAFCO determines that such a fee has not been paid during or after lead agency consideration of the proposal.

** A check in the amount of \$50.00 (payable to the County Clerk) must be submitted to LAFCO with the application for payment of County Clerk environmental document processing fees. If the proposal is denied, the check will be returned to the applicant.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FEES

If a proposal contains more than one area, applicant will be charged a fee for each area based on the total number of acres within that area.

Less than 1 acre	\$300
At least 1 acre up to including 5 acres	\$350
At least 6 acres up to including 10 acres	\$500
At least 11 acres up to including 20 acres	\$800
At least 21 acres up to including 50 acres	\$1,200
At least 51 acres up to including 100 acres	\$1,500
At least 101 acres up to including 500 acres	\$2,000
At least 501 acres up to including 1000 acres	\$2,500
At least 1001 acres up to including 2000 acres	\$3,000
At least 2001 acres and above	\$3,500