

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIRE PLAN CHECK FEE STUDY AND APPROVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN CHECK FEE ADJUSTMENTS

The Stockton Fire Department provides fire plan review and related fire prevention services to ensure compliance with the California Fire Code and other adopted building standards; and

The City's Fire plan review and related fire prevention service fees were last comprehensively updated in 2008 and no longer reflect the actual cost of providing these services; and

The Stockton Fire Department retained Matrix Consulting Group to conduct a comprehensive Fire Plan Check Fee Study to evaluate the full cost of providing fire plan review and related fire prevention services; and

The Stockton Fire Department will use a 2-year tiered approach to align individual service fees with the calculated cost of service delivery and to ensure that the fees do not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the associated services, consistent with California law; and

Fire Department staff and Matrix Consulting Group conducted public outreach meetings on December 2, 2025, and December 9, 2025, to inform stakeholders and provide an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed fee adjustments; and

On April 2, 2026, Fire Department staff and Matrix Consulting Group conducted a meeting with the Industry Working Group (IWG), to provide information about the fire plan check fee study, and to give them an opportunity to provide input regarding the proposed fee adjustments; and

On April 28, 2026, the City Council conducted a duly noticed Public Hearing and at the Public Hearing has been informed and considered all materials in relation to the Proposed Fire Plan Check Study; and

The City Council is authorized and has determined to approve the Proposed Fire Plan Check Study and act accordingly on the matter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby approves the Plan Check Fee Study Final Report dated November 2025 as prepared by Matrix Consulting Group, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

2. The City Council approves the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fee Schedule for the Fire Department's Plan Check Fees as shown in Exhibit 2.

3. The City Council approves Fire Department Plan Check fee adjustments, implemented over a 2-year tiered approach as identified in Exhibit 3, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference and the amended Fire Department Fee Schedule.

4. Following Fiscal Year 2025-26, the 2-year tier approach will be implemented as highlighted in Exhibit 3. Fees will be adjusted by the recommended Consumer Price Index (CPI) in both Year 1 and Year 2 through the City's annual budget development process. Year 1 Fees will be adjusted by the CPI as determined by the annual budget development process for FY 2026-27. Year 2 Fees will be adjusted by the combined CPI for Year 1 (FY 2026-27) and the CPI for Year 2 (FY 2027-28), as determined by the City's annual budget development and adoption process.

5. Each year thereafter, the Fees will be increased by the CPI as determined by the City's annual budget development and adoption process.

6. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take all appropriate and necessary actions to implement and administer the updated Fire Plan Check fees and amended Fire Department Fee Schedule in accordance with applicable law and City policy.

7. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

8. This Resolution shall be eligible to take effect 60 days after adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED April 28, 2026.

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton