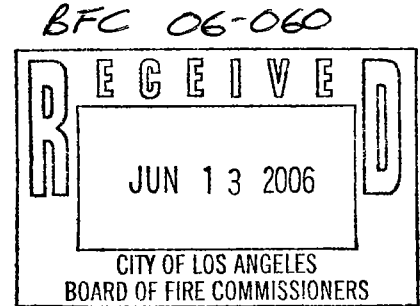


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
FIRE CHIEF



June 6, 2006

TO: The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

FROM: William R. Bamattre, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: 2005 NONCOMPLIANCE INSPECTION FEE WRITTEN APPEALS
REPORT, PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department, Brush Clearance Unit, received 132 Noncompliance Inspection Fee Written Appeals for the year 2005. Ms. Patricia Heyne and Mr. Dave Shapiro, Hearing Officers, have completed their Report, Proposed Decisions and Recommendations regarding the 2005 Noncompliance Inspection Fee Written Appeals. The Report is being submitted for final approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners:

1. Approve the Hearing Officers' 2005 Noncompliance Inspection Fee Written Appeals Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations (attached).
2. Direct the Department to mail property owner notification letters (granted/denied) to each appellant to inform them of the results of their appeal (attached).
3. Direct the Department to complete all accounting transactions.
4. Direct the Department to forward the unpaid Noncompliance Inspection Fees to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County Property Tax Rolls.



FINDINGS

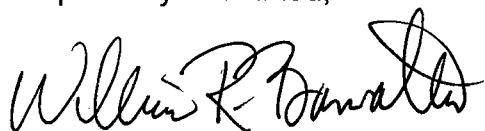
As established in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 57.03.05, once a property is inspected and found to be in noncompliance, a reinspection date is scheduled. Upon reinspection of the property, if the property remains in noncompliance, the property owner is responsible for a noncompliance fee for all subsequent inspections. Property owners assessed a noncompliance fee may appeal to the Board of Fire Commissioners in writing.

The Hearing Officers, designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners, were randomly assigned 132 written appeals. The Hearing Officers have returned their combined reports for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissioners for final approval.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the Hearing Officers Report, Proposed Decisions and Recommendations by the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners, the 2005 Noncompliance Fee Written Appeals process will be complete. The approved report will be forwarded to Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the October 2006 Los Angeles County Tax Rolls.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Bamattre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W" and a prominent loop at the end.

WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
Fire Chief

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Attachments