

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 08-092

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief *DLB*
SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2007
NONCOMPLIANCE FEE APPEALS

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board:

1. Approve the hearing officers' "Proposed Decision and Recommendations."
2. Direct the Fire Department to mail the notification letter to the property owner regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners' findings, conclusion and proposed assessment.
3. Direct the Fire Department to complete all accounting transactions.
4. Direct the Department to forward the unpaid Noncompliance Inspection Fee to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2008 Property Tax rolls.

SUMMARY:

The process in which the Fire Department enforces the Fire Code is through the inspection process. Properties found not in compliance with Fire Code during the initial inspection, a notice of noncompliance is issued indicating the violations found during the inspection.

A follow-up inspection is conducted and if the nuisance has not been abated, then a second notice is issued that is accompanied with a letter from the City Attorney. At this point, the property owner is subjected to a Noncompliance fee.

FINDINGS:

Each property owner is given an opportunity to challenge the Noncompliance fee by completing a questionnaire included with his or her Noncompliance fee invoice. The Board of Fire Commissioners' designees have reviewed the questionnaires and have prepared the "Proposed Decision and Recommendation." The Board of Fire Commissioners has the authority to modify or rescind the fees, or impose and require the owner to pay the fee. In regards to the Noncompliance Fee Appeals, the Board of Fire Commissioners' determination is final.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval of this report by the Board of Fire Commissioners, the 2007 Noncompliance Inspection Fee Appeals will be completed. Any unpaid invoices can be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the 2008 Property Tax rolls.

Board report prepared by Robert Knight, Captain II, Brush Clearance Unit.

Attachments