

RESPONSE FORM: 2022-2023 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report

Report Title: Build More ADU's - An Rx to Increase Marin's Housing Supply

Respondent/Agency Name: Kentfield Fire Protection District

Submitter Name: Barry Evergettis Title: Board Chairman

FINDINGS

- Agree with the findings numbered: _____
- Disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: # F7
- Disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a **statement** specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a **summary** describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a **timeframe** for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an **explanation** and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a **timeframe** for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This **timeframe shall not exceed six months** from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered # R4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an **explanation**.)

Date: 8/9/23

Signed: _____



Number of pages attached: 2



August 9, 2023

Pat Shepherd, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Marin Civil Grand Jury Report responses: **“Build More ADUs - An Rx to Increase Marin’s Housing Supply.”**

This is the official response of the Kentfield Fire Protection District to the recommendations of the Grand Jury’s report titled, “Build More ADUs - An Rx to Increase Marin’s Housing Supply.” The Kentfield Fire Protection District Board of Directors at their meeting on August 9, 2023 approved this response.

The Kentfield Fire Protection District is required to respond to Finding #7 and recommendation #4.

The Fire District appreciates the attention that the Grand Jury has given to the important issues and concerns facing Marin’s citizens. We fully support the processes. The Kentfield Fire Protection District seeks to remain a financially stable and fiscally responsible public service agency.

Findings:

F7. Impact, connection, and capacity fees vary considerably throughout the County and such fees can be a disincentive to homeowners considering ADU development.

Response: Partially Disagree.

We cannot agree with this finding because Kentfield Fire Protection District does not charge/impose “impact, connection, or capacity fees” for any projects, including ADUs. We charge a Ministerial Plan Review fee of \$285.00 for all construction projects and if Fire Sprinklers and/or a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) is required, we have a fee of \$340.00 for sprinklers and a fee of \$214.00 for the VMP.

Recommendation:

R4. By December 1, 2023, begin a feasibility assessment of waiving or significantly lowering impact and connection fees for units smaller than 750 square feet.

This recommendation has not been implemented.

The Finding (*F7*), regarding charges for ADU units for impact, connection, or capacity fees does not apply to the Kentfield Fire Protection District. We do not impose these types of fees on ADU dwellings or other projects. Therefore, the Recommendation (*R4*) to begin a feasibility assessment of waiving or significantly lowering the impact and connection fees for units smaller than 750 square feet is not applicable to our department.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Evergettis, Chairman
Kentfield Fire Protection District Board of Directors