



MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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September 13, 2023

Honorable James T. Chou
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Marin County Superior Court
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Dear Judge Chou:

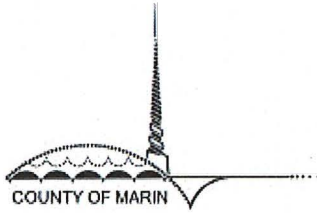
The Marin County Fire Departments' response to the FY 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Report "June 15, 2023" (report date) is attached. The attached document responds to all the requests made for responses from Marin County Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Weber
Fire Chief

CC: Marin County Civil Grand Jury

Attachment: Response to Grand Jury Report Findings and Recommendations



RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: "Build More ADUs – An Rx to Increase Marin's Housing Supply"
REPORT DATE: June 15, 2023
RESPONSE BY: Marin County Fire Department

GRAND JURY FINDINGS

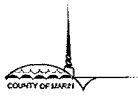
- We disagree wholly or partially with finding numbered: **F7**

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered **R4** will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

Date: 7/20/23

Signed: 
Jason Weber, Marin County Fire Chief



County of Marin Response to Grand Jury Report Findings and Recommendations
"Build More ADUs – An Rx to Increase Marin's Housing Supply"
June 15, 2023

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY 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 Marin County Fire Department does not charge/impose "impact, connection, or capacity fees" for any projects, including ADUs. We charge a Ministerial Plan Review fee of \$342.00 for all construction projects and *if* fire sprinklers and/or Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) is required, we have a permit fee of \$411.00 for each of those.

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

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 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

The *Finding (F7)*, regarding charges for ADU units for impact, connection, or capacity fees does not apply to Marin County Fire Department. 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.