



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-72

MEETING: February 10, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Kinslow, Building Director

RE: Authorize the Building Director, or Designee, to Conduct Fire Code Construction Inspections

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Building Director, or his designee, to conduct Fire Code construction inspections for new and remodeled residential and commercial construction within Mariposa County as the designated Fire Code Official for Mariposa County, effective immediately. This excludes the area within the Mariposa Public Utilities District with which the Mariposa County Building Department has a similar but separate agreement per Resolution 2013-147.

The Fire Code Official shall possess and maintain the International Code Council (ICC) certification of Certified Fire Code Official as certified by the ICC. The Fire Code Official shall perform the duties in the capacity of Certified Fire Code Official, as referenced by the 2013 California Fire Code section (A) 104.2 Applications and Permits.

The Fire Code Official shall have the authority to charge a fee for fire code construction review and inspection services to cover the actual fire code review and inspection expenses of the Mariposa County Building Department per the requirement as an enterprise fund department.

The Fire Code Official shall have the authority to present to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors for adoption, the current California Fire Code and any other associated Fire Codes that the Fire Code Official deems necessary to implement for Mariposa County.

The above responsibility of the Fire Code Official shall pertain to new and existing fire code construction reviews and inspections only and does not presume to include any responsibility for Fire Department management, Fire Department membership, firefighting, fire cause investigation, yearly building/business fire code inspections or investigating fire related complaints.

In the recent past, the Mariposa Fire Department has been providing fire code construction inspections which have proven to be problematic. The Building Department already provides building inspection services and by adding this additional duty, will actually speed up the inspection process for home construction and make the inspections more efficient.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has adopted a similar resolution for Fire Code construction inspection services within the Mariposa Public Utilities District per Resolution 2013-147.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Continue with Mariposa County Fire providing fire code construction inspections with non-certified inspection personnel, possibly conflicting with the intent of the California Code of Regulations Title 24 parts 1-12.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None. Fees for fire code inspection services will be incorporated with existing building inspection services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Fire Code Official Resolution 2015 (DOCX)

Letter from John Mock regarding Fire Code Construction Inspections (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson

Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 2/5/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 15-72

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BUILDING DIRECTOR
AS FIRE CODE OFFICIAL**

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa is required to be compliant with the California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 9, "California Fire Codes"; and

WHEREAS, the Building Director is currently the only International Code Council (ICC) Certified Fire Code Official employed by Mariposa County; and

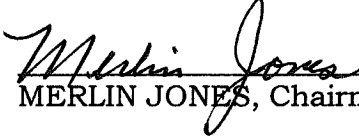
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the Building Director, or his designee, to conduct Fire Code construction inspections for new and remodeled residential and commercial construction within Mariposa County as the designated Fire Code Official for Mariposa County. This excludes the area within the Mariposa Public Utilities District with which the Mariposa County Building Department has a similar but separate agreement per resolution 2013-147;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County authorize the Building Director, or his designee, to conduct Fire Code construction inspections for new and remodeled residential and commercial construction within Mariposa County, excluding the area within the Mariposa Public Utilities District, as the designated Fire Code Official for Mariposa County with the following requirements, authority and responsibility:

1. The Fire Code Official shall possess and maintain the International Code Council (ICC) certification of Certified Fire Code Official as certified by the ICC. The Fire Code Official shall perform the duties in the capacity of Certified Fire Code Official, as referenced by the 2013 California Fire Code section (A) 104.2 Applications and Permits.
2. The Fire Code Official shall have the authority to charge a fee for fire code construction review and inspection services to cover the actual fire code review and inspection expenses of the Mariposa County Building Department per the requirement as an enterprise fund department.
3. The Fire Code Official shall have the authority to present to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors for adoption, the current California Fire Code and any other associated Fire Codes that the Fire Code Official deems necessary to implement for Mariposa County.
4. The above responsibility of the Fire Code Official shall pertain to new and existing fire code construction reviews and inspections only and does not presume to include any responsibility for Fire Department management, Fire Department membership, firefighting, fire cause investigation, yearly building/business fire code inspections or investigating fire related complaints.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 10th day of February 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, CARRIER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE


MERLIN JONES, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board


STEVEN W. DAHLEM, County Counsel