



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**DATE:** August 1, 2006

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING THE AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE (Districts: All)

### SUMMARY:

#### **Overview**

The County's automobile allowance rates have not been adjusted since 1991. During the past 15 years, the costs associated with automobile use have skyrocketed. These increased costs are especially the case with regard to the price of gasoline in San Diego County and the price of an automobile (see background section). The costs associated with insurance, as well as vehicle maintenance also have increased over the past 15 years, such as tire and brake replacement. Given these factors, it is appropriate to update the County's automobile allowance rates to reflect the increased costs associated with automobile use today.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

##### **VICE CHAIRMAN RON ROBERTS**

Approve the introduction (first reading) of an ordinance; read title and waive further reading of the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496 RELATING TO THE AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE

Submit the ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption (second reading) on September 19, 2006.

#### **Business Impact Statement**

N/A

#### **Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

### BACKGROUND:

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REGARDING AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE (Districts: All)**

The County's automobile allowance rates have not been adjusted since 1991. During the past 15 years, the costs associated with automobile use have skyrocketed, especially with regard to the price of gasoline in San Diego County. The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in 1991 was \$1.21. Today, that figure has jumped to \$3.23 per gallon, making our region one of the most expensive places in the nation to buy gasoline. This represents a 166% increase in gasoline over the past 15 years.

Also, the average purchase price of a car in 1991 was \$14,000. Today, the average price of a car is \$31,000. This represents a 121% increase in the price of a car over this 15 year period.

It is also safe to assume that costs associated with insurance, as well as vehicle maintenance have increased over the past 15 years, such as tire and brake replacement.

Given these factors, it is appropriate to update the County's automobile allowance rates to reflect the costs associated with automobile use today. The attached ordinance attempts to accomplish this by increasing the rate allowance for level A to \$1,000, level B to \$750, level C to \$675, and level D to \$600.

Respectfully submitted,

RON ROBERTS  
Vice Chairman

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Other Concurrence(s):** N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Office of Supervisor Ron Roberts

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

[Click **here** and type action(s), or type N/A if not applicable]

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

[Click **here** and type applicable policies, or type N/A if not applicable]

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

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**CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DEPARTMENT:** [Click [here](#) and type]

**PROGRAM:** [Click [here](#) and type]

**PROPOSAL:** [Click [here](#) and type]

			FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED BUDGET OF PROPOSAL IF ADOPTED	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	1st Subsequent Year	2nd Subsequent Year

Direct Cost

Revenue/Other Offset

**NET GENERAL  
FUND COST**

Staff Years

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Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

**Space-Related Impacts:** Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements?  Yes  N/A

**Support/Other Departmental Impacts:**  Yes  N/A

**Remarks:**  Yes  N/A

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