



CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES

On December 11, 2018 (effective February 11, 2019) the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) 725 (Agenda Item 9.3). RCO 725 sets forth the penalties for violating the County’s land use ordinances and establishes the administrative hearing process for the administrative abatement of such violations and public nuisances. The amendment establishes a flat-fee system that allows for the reasonable distribution of the costs related to responding to, processing and resolving code violations, and streamlines administrative abatement enforcement activities and time frames.

A summary of the current fees set by the Board of Supervisors and when each is imposed is detailed below:

FEE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FEE
Code Violation Fee	Imposed when the Enforcement Officer conducts an inspection and issues a “Notice of Violation and Order to Abate Public Nuisance” after verification of violation(s) of a provision(s) of the Land Use Ordinances, codes or State law enforced by the Department. Covers reasonable costs incurred by the Department for activities from the initial inspection and issuance of the “Notice of Violation and Order to Abate Public Nuisance”.	\$450.04
Noncompliance Fee	Imposed upon issuance of a Notice of Pendency of Administrative Proceedings (NOP) or a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) for failure of a Property Owner or any other Responsible Party to correct a violation after receipt of a Notice of Violation and Order to Abate Public Nuisance”. Covers reasonable costs incurred by the Department for activities completed by the Department after a subsequent inspection to confirm a remaining violation(s), as well as to cover the reasonable cost of preparing the NOP or NONC and then releasing it when the violation has been resolved.	\$630.24
Extension Fee	Imposed against a property whenever additional time beyond the compliance period is requested by a Property Owner or any other Responsible Party to complete corrective actions. An application for an extension and payment of the Extension Fee is required, as well as the Enforcement Officer’s approval of the application. Covers reasonable costs incurred by the Department for activities conducted to provide an extension and conduct a subsequent inspection to assess the status of the violation and confirm if a violation has been resolved.	\$247.40
Abatement Fee	Imposed as a result of either: the application for a warrant from a court of competent jurisdiction or the physical abatement of the nuisance by County personnel, or by a private contractor under the direction of an enforcement officer, or; The commencement of a civil action to redress, enjoin and abate the public nuisance.	\$1,665.86
Hearing Fee	Imposed for the filing, processing and handling of the Administrative Hearings under this ordinance.	\$878.50

Additional abatement costs, as defined in RCO 725, may apply in some cases.