



**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: Ross Valley Fire Department

GRAND JURY FINDINGS: F7 (Agree)

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS: R4 (Implemented)

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: Agree

Based on your findings, it appears fees vary and such fees could be a disincentive to homeowners considering ADU development, however Ross Valley Fire Department does not charge/impose “impact, connection, or capacity fees” for any projects, including ADUs. Ross Valley Fire Department currently has a fee schedule in place that imposes a minimum review fee of \$328.00, which covers the time and material for fire prevention staff to conduct the following; consult with property owners and design teams; process and review plans; property site visit to determine fire code compliance; including fire apparatus access, emergency fire flow and the removal of hazards.



Ross Valley Fire Department

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

(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.

Response: Implemented

This recommendation has been implemented. The Department does not assess or impose any impact or connection fees for any ADU's including those units smaller than 750 square feet.

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Dan Mahoney, Interim Fire Chief

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Stephanie Hellman, Board of Directors President