



Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

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## **Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures**

### **Proposed Fee Changes Effective July 1, 2025**

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors are conducting consolidated fee hearings on March 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 575 Administration Drive in Santa Rosa. The Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures is proposing fee increases for the Agriculture, Land Stewardship, and Weights & Measures divisions.

The County of Sonoma engaged with a consultant, NBS to perform a User Fee Study in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20. The goal of the Study was to present findings regarding maximum allowable cost recovery amounts from the various fee analyses performed as part of the Study, and to provide the County with the information needed to update and establish user and regulatory fees for services. During the FY 2022-23 consolidated fee hearings, the Board directed staff to implement a 3-year phased approach to reaching full cost recovery. The Consolidated Fee Hearings for FY 2024-25 was the third and final year of that phased approach. The Department is requesting a three percent increase for fiscal year 2025-26 for most fees to cover increased salaries and benefits costs.

Additionally, the Agriculture Division is requesting a \$2 increase to the technical fees paid for the Digital Health Department (DHD) software used for recording hazardous materials projects, from \$11 to \$13, an increase of 18%. The DHD program serves as an inventory for hazardous materials stored on agricultural properties. Current costs associated with the DHD program are \$4,700.50 for 350 facilities, equating to \$13.43 per facility. This increase will bring the cost recovery for the DHD program to near 97%.

The proposed fee schedule is attached. Should the Board of Supervisors adopt these proposed fees, they would become effective July 1, 2025.

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**Proposed Fee Schedule  
Effective July 1, 2025**

AGRICULTURE DIVISION			
		<b>Fee Amount Current</b>	<b>Fee Amount Proposed</b>
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$	261	\$ 269
<b>Direct Marketing</b>			
Certified Producer's Certificate	\$	81	\$ 83
Certified Producer's Certificate Amendment	\$	42	\$ 43
Certified Farmers' Market Application/Certificate	\$	116	\$ 119
<b>Farm Labor Contractor</b>			
Registration	\$	45	\$ 46
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>			
Hazardous Materials Range 6	\$	231	\$ 238
Hazardous Materials Range 7	\$	379	\$ 390
Hazardous Waste (<325 gals waste/year)	\$	220	\$ 227
Hazardous Waste (>325 gals waste/year)	\$	303	\$ 312
Hazardous Materials Technology Enhancement Fee	\$	11	\$ 13
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Grower Workshop: Pre-Registration	\$	19	\$ 20
Grower Workshop: At the Door	\$	26	\$ 27
<b>Pest Control Operators</b>			
Pest Control Operator Registration	\$	96	\$ 99
<b>Phytosanitary Certificate/Certificate of Quarantine Compliance</b>			
State Phyto Certificate - Individual	\$	19	\$ 20
Federal Phyto Certificate (Individual)	\$	71	\$ 73
Federal Phyto Certificate (Individual) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$	35	\$ 36
Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (Individual)	\$	19	\$ 20
<b>Cannabis</b>			
Cottage Outdoor	\$	2,173	\$ 2,238
Specialty Outdoor	\$	2,173	\$ 2,238
Small Outdoor	\$	2,975	\$ 3,064
Renewals <sup>1</sup>	\$	261	\$ 269
Monitoring - Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation, Indoor Nursery <sup>2</sup>	\$	782	\$ 805
Monitoring - Outdoor Cultivation: Cottage and Specialty <sup>2</sup>	\$	782	\$ 805
Monitoring - Outdoor Cultivation: Small/Medium <sup>2</sup>	\$	1,043	\$ 1,074
<b>Hemp</b>			
Registration	\$	1,170	\$ 1,205

**Agriculture:**

<sup>1</sup> Cannabis Monitoring fee charged in addition to hourly rate

<sup>2</sup> Cannabis Monitoring fee charged annually for multi-tenant and multi-year sits

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<b>LAND STEWARDSHIP DIVISION</b>				
	<b>Fee Amount</b>		<b>Fee Amount</b>	
	<b>Current</b>		<b>Proposed</b>	
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$	339	\$	349
<b>Project Review Advisory Committee / Environmental Review Committee</b>				
Review of Permit Sonoma Projects - Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum	\$	339	\$	349
<b>Frost Protection Ordinance</b>				
Frost Protection	\$	102	\$	105
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level I / No Grading or Drainage</b>				
<10 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,256	\$	1,294
10 - <50 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	2,373	\$	2,444
50 - <100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	3,079	\$	3,171
>100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	3,967	\$	4,086
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level I / With Grading or Drainage</b>				
<10 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$	1,844	\$	1,899
10 - <50 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$	2,950	\$	3,039
50 - <100 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$	3,742	\$	3,854
>100 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$	4,771	\$	4,914
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level II / No Grading or Drainage</b>				
<10 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	7,820	\$	8,055
10 < 50 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	8,778	\$	9,041
50 < 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	10,099	\$	10,402
>100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	11,496	\$	11,841
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level II / With Grading or Drainage</b>				
<10 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	7,675	\$	7,905
10 < 50 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	11,383	\$	11,724
50 < 100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	13,239	\$	13,636
> 100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	13,860	\$	14,276
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level II / No Grading or Drainage w/Tree Removal</b>				
<10 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	7,745	\$	7,977
10 < 50 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	10,793	\$	11,117
50 < 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	11,808	\$	12,162
> 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$	12,034	\$	12,395

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<b>LAND STEWARDSHIP DIVISION Continued</b>			
		<b>Fee Amount Current</b>	<b>Fee Amount Proposed</b>
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - Level II / With Grading or Drainage w/Tree Removal</b>			
<10 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	9,583	\$ 9,870
10 < 50 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	9,902	\$ 10,199
50 - <100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	13,326	\$ 13,726
>100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$	16,298	\$ 16,787
<b>Vineyard Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (VESCO) - With Grading and/or Drainage Only</b>			
<10 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,361	\$ 1,402
10 - <50 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,537	\$ 1,583
50 - <100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,797	\$ 1,851
>100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$	2,060	\$ 2,122

**Land Stewardship:**

<sup>1</sup> Includes 1 plan review and 1 site visit

<sup>2</sup> Includes 1 plan review and 2 site visits

<sup>3</sup> Includes 2 plan reviews and 2 site visits

<sup>4</sup> Includes 2 plan reviews and 3 site visits

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES DIVISION</b>			
		<b>Fee Amount Current</b>	<b>Fee Amount Proposed</b>
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$	264	\$ 272
<b>Automated Point of Sale</b>			
1 - 3 Point of Sale Scanners	\$	264	\$ 272
4 - 9 Point of Sale Scanners	\$	458	\$ 472
10 or greater	\$	631	\$ 650
Reinspecton - Point of Sale Scanners - Equal to annual POS Registration			
Reinspection - All Other (Device, POS Display, Out of County) Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum			

**Weights & Measures:**

<sup>1</sup> State Admin Fee of \$0.50 to be added to fee

<sup>2</sup> State Admin Fee of \$2.20 to be added to fee

<sup>3</sup> State Admin Fee of \$16.00 to be added to fee

<sup>4</sup> State Admin Fee of \$24.00 to be added to fee

<sup>5</sup> State Business Location Fee of \$120.00 to be added to fee