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SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROVIDE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RELIEF TO SMALL BUSSINESS OWNERS

Annual Operating Permit Fee Collections Suspended for One Year

SAN RAMON, CA – The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 has brought rapid change to communities across the globe and has adversely impacted local economies. The small business owners within the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District are not immune to these events and the resulting negative influences imposed upon their lifestyles and livelihoods.

In an effort to grant immediate economic relief to the District's *small* business owners, the Board of Directors of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District took action at their Board meeting on June 24, 2020, to suspend the collection of fees and charges associated with the issuance of Annual Operating Permits. The suspension goes into effect immediately and will continue through June 30, 2021. It is important to note that the fire inspections will still happen, but the businesses will not be billed for the inspection services. The suspension does not apply to governmental agencies, utilities or large commercial establishments such as big-box or national retailers, nor does it apply to fees for development related services.

Vice President Matt Stamey stated, "We recognize that many of our small businesses are really struggling to stay afloat as a result of the shutdown, and we as a Fire District do not want to add to that struggle. We hope that suspending the annual fire operating permit fee for the next year will provide a little economic relief and help with their recovery."

If you would like more information about fee suspension, please contact Battalion Chief John Duggan: JDuggan@srvfire.ca.gov

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