

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

[DATE]

WHEREAS, a 2025 Inventory Fee Study conducted by the County of Orange (“County”) Auditor-Controller revealed that the General Fund subsidizes about 73.7 % of the program costs for administering the lobbyist registration and reporting ordinance; and

WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2025-26, an estimated \$11,000 from the General Fund subsidized the administration of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-1-83 of the Orange County Codified ordinances provides that each County lobbyist, County lobbying firm, and/or lobbyist employer shall pay a filing fee when filing or renewing a Registration Form pursuant to Section 1-1-81 according to the schedule of fees as set forth by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, by revising the lobbyist registration filing and renewal fees, the County could achieve greater cost recovery as it pertains to administering the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the County cost study reflects that the current cost of administering the ordinance exceeds \$270 for each initial registration filing and \$187 for each renewal; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing with respect to the proposed fee revision was provided according to law; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing pertaining to the proposed fee was held on [DATE].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Find that adoption of this Resolution approving updated lobbying registration fees is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines as the establishment or modification of rates, fees and charges which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, and purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials.

2. Find that the fees meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (e)(3) to Section 1 of Article XIIC of the California Constitution and are therefore exempt from the definition of a tax as used therein.
3. Find that the revenue resulting from the fees established pursuant to this Resolution will not exceed the County's reasonable program costs to administer the lobbying registration and reporting ordinance.
4. Approve the following fee schedule to maintain fees effective since January 1, 2012:

	Initial Registration	Annual Renewal of Registration
County Lobbyist	\$75.00	\$50.00
County Lobbying Firm	N/A	N/A
County Lobbyist Employer	N/A	N/A

5. Approve the following fee schedule effective January 1, 2027:

	Initial Registration	Annual Renewal of Registration
County Lobbyist	\$270.00	\$187.00
County Lobbying Firm	N/A	N/A
County Lobbyist Employer	N/A	N/A