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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Ordinance will amend the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, Charges and Recovered Costs, by amending Section 2600, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, Subsection 2605, Gun Permits

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:

OCTOBER 21, 2025 AT 9:30AM

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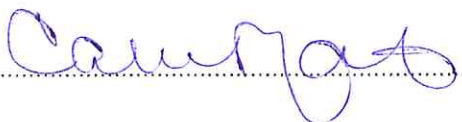
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No.14315; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

ON



PUBLICATION OF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is giving notice that at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Fresno County Hall of Records, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 3rd Floor, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, they will consider adoption of the ordinance summarized below.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Ordinance will amend the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, Charges and Recovered Costs, by amending Section 2600, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, Subsection 2605, Gun Permits, to update the fees charged to recover the full cost of services provided by Sheriff's Office personnel. The full text of this Ordinance will be available online at the Board of Supervisors webpage, <https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> under the Agenda and Supporting Documents link at the October 21, 2025, meeting date or at the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors' office at 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, California.

Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
09/26/2025

Item 8
9/23/2025 Bos meeting

From: atlarge@lpfresno.org
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Letter of Opposition to Item 8, 9/23/25
Attachments: Opposition Letter to Item 8.gdoc

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Hi,

I am Francisco S. Alanis. Attached you will find my letter of opposition to Item 8 of the agenda for today's Board of Supervisors meeting. Please submit this letter as a public comment for today's meeting.

Thank you,

Francisco S. Alanis
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Letter of Opposition to Proposed Amendment to Subsection 2605 - Gun Permits of Section 2600

Date: September 18, 2025

To: Fresno County Board of Supervisors

From: Francisco S. Alanis

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Amendment to Master Schedule of Fees, Subsection 2605 - Gun Permits of Section 2600

Dear Members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed amendment to Subsection 2605 - Gun Permits of Section 2600 of the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, as presented in Board Agenda Item 8 for September 23, 2025, submitted by Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator John Zaroni. This proposal seeks to increase fees for issuing and renewing gun permits to achieve full cost recovery for FY 2025-26, with specific increases from \$115 to \$190 for new permits (65%), \$25 to \$75 for renewals (200%), including a 10.48% indirect cost rate. Hearings are scheduled for September 23 and October 21, 2025. These changes violate core libertarian principles—individual freedom, free markets, limited government, self-ownership, and the non-aggression principle—and burden the constitutional right to bear arms under the Second Amendment. I urge the Board to reject this proposal and eliminate or minimize fees to protect liberty and reduce government overreach.

1. Violation of Individual Freedom

The proposed fee increases—\$190 for a new gun permit, \$75 for a renewal—impose significant financial barriers to exercising Second Amendment rights. These hikes, representing 65% and 200% increases, disproportionately affect low-income citizens seeking to own or maintain firearms for self-defense or sport. Libertarians hold that individuals should freely exercise their constitutional rights without state-imposed costs, and this proposal's steep fees undermine personal autonomy by gatekeeping lawful gun ownership.

2. Undermining Free Markets

The fee increases, including the 200% jump to \$75 for renewals and a 10.48% indirect cost rate, add artificial costs to gun ownership, potentially reducing demand for firearms, training, or customization services. This distorts the firearms market by penalizing legal activity with government fees rather than market-driven pricing. Libertarians advocate for voluntary, market-based solutions, such as private certification, over state-imposed burdens that skew economic dynamics and deter lawful commerce.

3. Expansion of Government Overreach

The proposal expands government authority by raising fees to recover Sheriff's Office costs, including salaries, benefits, and a 10.48% indirect cost rate, through a bureaucratic ordinance process with hearings. This prioritizes County revenue over citizens' rights, contradicting limited government principles. The indirect cost rate, inflating fees without clear justification, suggests administrative bloat with the increase appearing to be disproportionate to direct costs. Libertarians argue government should not profit from or complicate access to constitutional protections.

4. Infringement on Self-Ownership

Self-ownership includes the right to bear arms for self-defense without financial barriers. The proposed \$190 new permit fee and \$75 renewal fee, reduce individuals' control over their safety by making gun ownership costlier. This assumes the County can dictate access to self-defense through financial means, violating personal autonomy. Libertarians assert that such decisions belong to individuals, not burdened by state fees.

5. Breach of the Non-Aggression Principle

The increased fees, enforced through the permit process, coerce citizens into paying for their Second Amendment rights, with non-payment risking legal consequences (e.g., permit denial or fines). The 10.48% indirect cost rate adds a bureaucratic surcharge, constituting initiated coercion against peaceful gun owners. Libertarians see this as state aggression, as any fee for a fundamental right breaches the non-aggression principle.

Additional Concerns

The focus on "full cost recovery" prioritizes revenue over rights, with the 65% and 200% increases suggesting disproportionate burdening. The indirect cost rate's purpose is unclear, potentially funding unrelated costs, raising fairness issues. Alternatives (e.g., maintaining current fees) are inadequate, as they still uphold a fee-based system libertarians would reject for a constitutional right, disproportionately affecting low-income residents and limiting Second Amendment access.

The proposed amendment to Subsection 2605 - Gun Permits violates libertarian principles of individual freedom, free markets, limited government, self-ownership, and the non-aggression principle. It imposes financial barriers to exercising Second Amendment rights, distorts markets, expands County oversight, undermines personal autonomy, and uses coercive fees against peaceful citizens. I urge the Board to reject this amendment and consider eliminating or minimizing permit fees to respect Californians' constitutional and natural rights. Liberty, not revenue, should guide our approach to gun permits.

Thank you for considering my opposition to this proposal. I respectfully request that you vote against the recommended actions and prioritize freedom and limited government.

Sincerely,

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