



## TIBURON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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August 17, 2023

Pat Shepherd, Foreperson  
Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: 2022–2023 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: ***Build More ADUs - An Rx for Increasing Marin's Housing Supply***

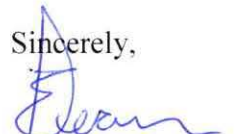
Dear Foreperson Shepherd,

I have been directed by the Board of Directors of the Tiburon Fire Protection District to respond to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report titled, ***Build More ADUs - An Rx for Increasing Marin's Housing Supply*** dated June 15, 2023. Attached please find our response.

The Tiburon Fire Protection District conducted this response in accordance with Penal Code section 933 (c) and was subjected to the notice, agenda, and open meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Pearce  
Fire Chief

**AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: 2022–2023 *Build More ADUs - An Rx for Increasing Marin’s Housing Supply*

Report Date: June 15, 2023

Response Date: August 16, 2023

Agency Name: Tiburon Fire Protection District

Agenda Date: August 9, 2023

Response by: Richard Pearce

Title: Fire Chief

**FINDINGS (F1-F22)**

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: **F7** \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

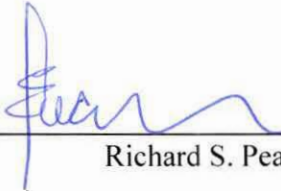
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.  
(Attached an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the grand jury report.)

Recommendations numbered **R4** \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/17/2023 Signed:   
Richard S. Pearce, Fire Chief

**FINDINGS –**

**F7.**

Impact, connection, and capacity fees vary considerably throughout the County and such fees can be a disincentive to homeowners considering ADU development.

**Partially disagree.**

Tiburon Fire District does not have specific ADU fees and all projects receive equal staff time for reviews for minimal requirements to access, water and fire protection (if applicable by Office of the State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 17-001). No permit fees are associated with the construction of ADUs other than initial review and automatic fire protection, if applicable, both of which average \$195 per hour of review time, as well as, \$195-\$269 for an NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system review for the ADU's new sprinkler heads to be added to a home's existing sprinkler system.

**RECOMMENDATIONS –**

**R4.**

By December 1, 2023, begin feasibility assessment of waiving or significantly lowering impact and connection fees for units smaller than 750 square feet.

**Will not be implemented.**

Not warranted, as the Tiburon Fire Protection District has traditionally been the lowest in fees for permits and reviews of all of Marin County fire jurisdictions.