

**COUNTY OF MADERA
BUDGET UNIT DETAIL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

Department: **BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY
INSPECTIONS (01370)**
Function: **Public Protection**
Activity: **Protective Inspection**
Fund: **General**

	ACTUAL 2023-24	BOARD APPROVED 2024-25	DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2025-26	CAO RECOMMENDED 2025-26
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FRANCHISES				
620300 Construction Permits	3,637,339	3,753,224	3,903,224	3,903,224
620700 Other Licenses & Permits	3,778	256,180	256,180	256,180
TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS & FRANCHISES	3,641,118	4,009,404	4,159,404	4,159,404
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES				
630200 Other Court Fines	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
630227 RMA Code Enforce	18,224	20,000	0	0
TOTAL FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	18,224	20,000	20,000	20,000
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES				
660800 Planning & Engineering SVCS	1,139,980	900,000	1,216,976	1,216,976
TOTAL CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	1,139,980	900,000	1,216,976	1,216,976
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
673000 Miscellaneous Revenue	75	0	0	0
673800 PY Cancel Warrants	1,469	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,544	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>4,800,866</u>	<u>4,929,404</u>	<u>5,396,380</u>	<u>5,396,380</u>

EXPENDITURES:

SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
710102 Permanent Salaries	1,316,459	2,026,600	2,211,657	2,211,657
710103 Extra Help	69,653	134,572	94,518	94,518
710105 Overtime	48,251	50,000	50,000	50,000
SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)				
710110 Uniforms	1,900	3,000	3,000	3,000
710200 Retirement	559,483	912,663	923,853	923,853
710300 Health Insurance	185,432	502,161	556,172	556,172
710400 Workers' Compensation Insurance	45,000	15,775	23,325	23,325

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TOTAL SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,226,178	3,644,771	3,862,525	3,862,525
SERVICES & SUPPLIES				
720200 Clothing & Personal Supplies	1,426	3,000	3,000	3,000
720300 Communications	7953.62	12,000	12,000	12,000
720600 Insurance	66,615	67,165	61,195	61,195
720800 Maintenance - Equipment	0	500	500	500
721100 Memberships	1,954	2,500	2,500	2,500
721300 Office Expense	21,657	23,000	33,000	33,000
721400 Professional & Specialized Services	986,486	1,100,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
721500 Publications & Legal Notices	195	500	500	500
721601 Rents & Leases - Co Vehicles	135,406	187,500	232,692	232,692
721800 Small Tools & Instruments	545	1,500	1,500	1,500
721900 Special Departmental Expense	1,658	2,000	2,000	2,000
722000 Transportation & Travel	23,093	39,550	39,550	39,550
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	1,246,988	1,439,215	1,688,437	1,688,437
OTHER CHARGES				
730330 Leases - Principal	8,026	8,500	8,500	8,500
770100 Intrafund Expense/Revenues	9,124	12,000	12,000	12,000
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	17,150	20,500	20,500	20,500
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	3,490,317	5,104,486	5,571,462	5,571,462
<u>NET COUNTY COST (EXP - REV)</u>	<u>(1,310,550)</u>	<u>175,082</u>	<u>175,082</u>	<u>175,082</u>

CED - BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY

COMMENTS

Under the jurisdiction of the Community and Economic Development Department (CED), the Building and Fire Safety Division is responsible for assuring the construction in Madera County adheres to the California Building and Standards Commission adopted codes. This division is a combination of the Fire Prevention for Land Development and Building Divisions and was established to provide services, including plan reviews for new development and remodels, building inspections, and other necessary duties to complete the function of fire prevention for development. The Division provides minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and public welfare by regulating and controlling the structural design, construction, materials, occupancy, and location of all buildings and structures within the unincorporated area of the county.

As mandated by the State of California, Madera County has adopted the California Building Code, Title 24 which is part of the 12-part California Code of Regulations. Along with enforcing the California Building Code, the Building and Fire Safety Division enforces Madera County Ordinances and the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings. The provisions of this Code shall be administered by the Building and Fire Safety Division.

These codes shall apply to the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, relocation, conversion, occupancy, and maintenance of buildings, structures, swimming pools, solar systems, the installation of electrical wiring and appliances, plumbing, heating and cooling facilities and appurtenances necessary within the unincorporated area of the county.

The following descriptions provide a general overview of the most common permits the Division issues:

Plumbing Permits

The provisions of the California Plumbing Code apply to new construction, relocated buildings and to any alterations, repairs or reconstruction. Plumbing systems are designed and installed to the minimum standard of the California Plumbing Code. Plumbing permits vary greatly; the piping and fixtures within a single-family dwelling and pools fall under Plumbing permits, as do gas lines for propane and other fuel sources.

Mechanical Permits

The provisions of the California Mechanical Code apply to all new construction, any alterations, repairs or reconstruction. Mechanical permits are required for new or replacement systems such as heating, ventilation, refrigeration systems and components. Mechanical systems are to be designed and installed to the minimum standards of the California Mechanical Code.

Electrical Permits

The provisions of the California Electrical Code apply to all new construction, relocated buildings, solar photovoltaic systems, and to alterations, repairs or reconstruction. Electrical permits are required for new or alterations to existing electrical systems. Types of electrical permits include the wiring in a new single-family dwelling, an electric gate installation or a new well pump.

COMMENTS (continued)

Mobile Home Permits

Mobile homes and temporary or permanent mobile offices installed within the Madera County require a building permit for the installation of such structure, regardless of the type of installation being performed. Mobile homes will typically have several additional permits as part of the overall project. Mobile home placements usually require multiple permits, engineered foundations, exterior electrical, and exterior plumbing. All interior inspections and permitting is done through California Housing and Community Development.

Demolition Permits

A Demolition Permit is required for the removal of any structure, in excess of 120 square feet, located within Madera County. Demolition permits are issued in conjunction and with the approval of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD).

Reroof Permits

Reroof permits are required for alteration, repairs or reconstruction of a building's roof system. Reroof permits shall meet minimum design, installation and construction standards of the California Building Code and California Residential Code.

Sprinkler System Permits

Provisions within the California Fire, Building and Residential Code require certain structures and occupancies to provide additional safety and protections through the installation of commercial or residential Automatic Engineered Fire Sprinkler Systems. These systems are designed and installed to the minimum standard of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). These permits require staff to provide a minimum of two (2) separate inspections per permit.

Fire Alarm Permits

Provisions within the California Fire and Building Code require certain structures and occupancies to provide additional safety and protections through the installation of Automatic Engineered Fire Alarm Systems. These systems are designed to alert occupants and emergency responders to fire or safety hazards within a structure and must meet the minimum design standards of NFPA 72. These permits normally require two (2) separate inspections.

Fire Pump Permit

Provisions within the California Fire Code (CFC) require dedicated and consistent fire hydrant flow rates be available. Rated Fire Pumps are designed and installed to meet these minimum NFPA and CFC standards. Fire Pump permits normally require two (2) separate inspections.

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Underground Fire Main Permit

Provisions within California Fire Code and NFPA require hydrant systems to be designed and installed with the capabilities to deliver the required fire flow. A minimum of three (3) inspections are required to inspect several phases of construction on this permit.

Fireworks Booth Permit

Safe and Sane Fireworks are permitted in Madera County in areas that fall within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). LRA's are predominantly South and East of the Madera Canal. Fireworks booths require coordination with a non-profit entity, Madera County Fire Prevention and the State Fire Marshal's Office for licensing, permitting and inspection. Normally two (2) inspections are standard with a firework booth permit.

Fireworks Display Permit

Large diameter fireworks are permitted to be moved, stored and handled only by California State Fire Marshal licensed individuals. Public Fireworks displays are done several times a year within the unincorporated area of Madera County. Firing sites range from Bass Lake to Children's Hospital. These are special occasion displays usually in conjunction with 4th of July, or New Year's Eve celebrations. Each public display requires eight (8)+ hours of set up and inspection by CED-Fire staff. Emergency stand-by of Law Enforcement and/or fire station personnel is also required.

The second half of the building/fire safety/construction process is the inspection of the work. Inspections are made during certain points in the project, depending on the work that is being performed. For example, retaining walls require inspections of the footing, after block is laid and steel placed but before grouting, after backfilling has been placed, and when all work is finished.

ESTIMATED REVENUES

- 620300** **Construction Permits** (\$3,903,224) are recommended to be increased by \$150,000 for residential and commercial building permits. This increase is due to new development in Madera County.
- 620700** **Other Licenses & Permits** (\$256,180) is recommended unchanged for fire prevention projects and sprinkler permits.
- 632000** **Other Court Fines** (\$20,000) is recommended unchanged for fees collected for life safety violations and citations.
- 660800** **Planning & Engineer Service** (\$1,216,976) is recommended to be increased by \$276,976 for fees collected from commercial and residential plans.

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SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- 710102** Permanent Salaries (\$2,211,657) are recommended to be increased by \$185,057 based on the cost of recommended salaries with the proposed staffing levels.
- 710103** Extra Help (\$94,518) is recommended to decrease by \$40,054 to fund one Fire Prevention Inspector and one Program Assistant I to assist with project processing permit extensions, building violations, building inspections, short-term rental inspections, and school inspections.
- 710105** Overtime (\$50,000) is recommended unchanged to allow personnel to meet the periodic demands of the development community.
- 710200** Retirement (\$923,853) reflects the County's anticipated contribution to Social Security and the Public Employees' Retirement System.
- 710300** Health Insurance (\$556,172) is based on the employer's share of health insurance premiums.
- 710400** Workers' Compensation (\$23,325) reflects the Division's contribution to the County's Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund.
- 710700** Uniforms (\$3,000) is recommended unchanged to provide new uniforms to new inspection staff and compensate for staff's laundering/maintenance of required uniforms.

SERVICES & SUPPLIES

- 720200** Clothing & Personal Supplies (\$3,000) is recommended unchanged to fund uniform shirts, rain gear, gloves, boot purchase reimbursement of 50%, and hard hats for protection worn by field staff at inspection sites.
- 720300** Communications (\$12,000) is recommended unchanged. This line item purchases cellular phones to improve the division's effectiveness and efficiency and customer service. Additionally, data plans for tablet PCs are utilized to allow building inspectors to access building codes more effectively in the field and electronic communication with the public from any Wi-Fi-supported zone.
- 720600** Insurance (\$61,195) reflects the Division's contribution to the County's Self-Insured Liability Program.

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SERVICES & SUPPLIES (continued)

- 720800** **Maintenance-Equipment** (\$500) is recommended unchanged for maintaining equipment, printers, and computers.
- 721000** **Medical, Dental & Laboratory Supplies** (\$0) are recommended unchanged for the purchase of first-aid supplies for each of the Building and Fire Inspector's vehicles.
- 721100** **Memberships** (\$2,500) is recommended unchanged for membership dues for the International Code Council, the California Building Officials, the California Building Officials Association of California, and the Yosemite Chapter of the International Code Council, and for additional estimated membership requirements needed for Division's personnel to attend state-mandated code training.
- 721300** **Office Expense** (\$33,000) are recommended to be increased by \$10,000 for the purchase of new code books and training manuals, printed forms, office supplies, computer supplies, printer paper, and office equipment.
- 721400** **Professional & Specialized Services** (\$1,300,000) is recommended to be increased \$200,000 for the use of outside contractors for specialized plan checking and inspectors when the workload exceeds staffing, (Wildan and BPR Consulting Group), as well as the technical support services from Computronix for the maintenance of the POSSE database.
- 721500** **Publications and Legal Notices** (\$500) is recommended unchanged for public notices of Fee Increases and Relocation Hearings, which are required per state law.
- 721601** **Rents & Leases – Co Vehicles** (\$232,692) is recommended to be increased by \$45,192 to lease vehicles from the Central Garage. The division has eleven vehicles at an average of 16,025.64 miles per year x \$1.32 per mile.
- 721800** **Small Tools & Instruments** (\$1,500) is recommended unchanged to provide for the Division's need for equipment such as ladders, toolboxes, flashlights, and tools needed to carry out inspections.
- 721900** **Special Departmental Expense** (\$2,000) is recommended unchanged to purchase batteries for GPS units, cameras, and other minor special needs expenses.

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SERVICES & SUPPLIES (continued)

722000 **Transportation & Travel** (\$39,550) is recommended unchanged for Code training and certification (mandated training for the permit and inspection staff). When possible, staff will utilize electronic technology and local training to minimize County costs. In addition, per Health & Safety Code Section 18949.29, 45 hours of continuing education (CE) are required every three years for Building Officials, Plans Examiners, Permit Technicians, and Building Inspectors. The Department estimates \$4,900 for CE online class registrations for fourteen staff. \$4,500 registration for three staff first-time online certification classes and online tests. We estimate that we will need eleven Out of County training trips (CALBO), (SVBO) and State Fire Marshal training with registration at \$10,900, lodging at \$9,800, meals at \$4,800, and \$4,650 in personal mileage.

OTHER CHARGES

730330 **Leases – Principal** (\$8,500) is recommended unchanged for the business machine lease.

770100 **Interfund Expense/Revenues** (\$12,000) is recommended unchanged for the office phone system.

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<u>JCN</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2024-25 Authorized Positions</u>		<u>2025-26 Proposed Positions</u>		<u>Y-O-Y Changes in Positions</u>		<u>Notes</u>
		<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	
							-	
3601	Account Clerk I or						-	
3602	Account Clerk II					-	-	
3353	Senior Accounting Technician	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
3205	Administrative Analyst I or					-	-	
3206	Administrative Analyst II or					-	-	
3209	Administrative Analyst III or					-	-	
3911	Administrative Services Officer	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
	Administrative Services Manager	-	-	1.0	-			A
3151	Building Inspector I or					-	-	
3152	Building Inspector II or					-	-	
4119	Building Inspector III	7.0	1.0	7.0	1.0	-	-	
4134	Building Permit Services Manager	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
3377	Business Systems Information Analyst I or							
3378	Business Systems Information Analyst II or							
3379	Senior Business Systems Information Analyst	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
4103	Deputy Director of CED-Building and Fire Safety	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
3154	Fire Prevention Inspector I or					-	-	
4136	Fire Prevention Inspector II or					-	-	
4137	Fire Prevention Inspector III	4.0	-	4.0	-	-	-	
4211	Plan Checker I or					-	-	
4212	Plan Checker II or					-	-	
4213	Plan Checker III	4.0	-	4.0	-	-	-	

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		<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	
3636	Program Assistant I or					-	-	
3637	Program Assistant II	2.0	-	2.0	-	-	-	
3418	Permit Technician I or					-	-	
4133	Permit Technician II or					-	-	
3418	Permit Technician III	5.0	-	5.0	-	-	-	
3150	Supervising Building Inspector	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
4214	Supervising Plan Checker	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
3513	Senior Permit Technician	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	
TOTAL		30.0	1.0	31.0	1.0	-	-	

NOTES:

A New position created based on current need of the department. The total number of FTE's should not increase with this new addition