



Cameron Park Community Services District Fire Department

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To: EDC Building Department

Re: Fee Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Poirier,

The Cameron Park Community Services District Fire Department has received approval from the EDC Planning Department to begin the building permit application process for a fire training drill tower, located at 3200 Country Club Drive, APN: 082-024-100.

We are requesting a fee waiver, from your Department, based on the substantial benefit that the public will gain through the addition of a training tower in Cameron Park.

The importance of training cannot be overstated in the world of emergency services. Where life safety is at risk, competence of the responders should be paramount. When the citizens in our community call for help, they expect and deserve the very best from us when we respond.

This training tower will allow us to provide effective modern live-fire behavior training for firefighter and rescue crews that can involve multi-floor buildings with various fire scenarios and smoke, to create safe, yet realistic and repeatable conditions. Fires in high rise towers are a particular modern-day challenge for fire crews due to the sheer height of some structures, the time factor involved in getting up to the fire floor affected, and to residents or workers likely to be trapped above the outbreak and its toxic smoke. This training facility/tower will enable us to train on multi-floors, in the attic space, and high angle rescue of patients from upper story windows.

- Training enables firefighters to learn new skills and techniques, to make their jobs safer. Firefighters risk their lives to save others. However, with the right training, some of the risk to fire personnel can be managed.
- Training enables firefighters to respond more efficiently, reducing the property damage caused by fires.
- Training provides firefighters with needed experience.

- Training permits mistakes to be made and corrected in a non-emergency setting. The company officer can take the time to stop a training exercise and point out correct procedures.

This training facility/tower will enable our firefighters to train with the surrounding agencies who will be part of the initial response to structure fires and other emergencies in Cameron Park, just as the Cameron Park Fire Department aids other Fire Departments, countywide. These multi-agency hands-on training drills permit firefighters, from each agency, the opportunity to better understand how the various fire engines function, where their equipment is located, strategy and tactics, and allowing an emergency scene to operate smoothly. It is critical that we train with our partners, because we cannot protect our community alone, just like the surrounding agencies cannot protect their communities without our help.

The proposed project will construct a 4 level fire training facility and tower that will enable our firefighters to train, in all the ways discussed above. The fire and rescue training facility will be utilized to advance training in many areas including, but not limited to, large area search and rescue, fire control training, multistory and commercial structure firefighting tactics, firefighter survival and escape tactics, and high angle rescue training. The training facility will allow the fire department to engage in different scenarios that we would not have the opportunity to on similar private properties or businesses. The realistic training of conducting building searches for victims in hot, smoky conditions, is critical. Firefighters will also be able to cut ventilation holes in the "chop-out" on the roof, which will provide experience and training that can't be replicated on any other structure.

The tower will be located on the Fire Station 89 parcel, just east of the station.

We are requesting a Building Department fee waiver in the amount of \$3,871.88. The fee is broken down as follows:

Building Dept. fee - \$3,160.55
Technology fee - \$80.95
General plan fee - \$60.71
Planning review fee - \$496
SMIP fee - \$63.67
Green fee - \$10

Thank you for your time,



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