Resolution approving increase in authorized fee for the First Offender Prostitution Program to \$1,000.

[Increasing fee charged to participants in First Offender Prostitution Program.]

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.193-1 allows the District Attorney to collect an administrative fee from persons arrested for violating Penal Code Section 647(b) who are determined by the District Attorney to be eligible for the District Attorney's First Offender Prostitution Program and who elect to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the First Offender Prostitution Program is a highly effective collaboration among the District Attorney's Office, Police Department and SAGE Project, Inc. that has reduced the recidivism rates for program participants to a remarkable 3.6 percent;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Program received the 1998 Innovations in American Government Awards Program, selected from more than 1,800 projects around the country by the Ford Foundation, Council on Excellence in Government and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.193-1 current sets a maximum fee at \$500; and WHEREAS, Section 10.193-1 requires that the District Attorney examine the fee annually to ensure that it continues to reflect the costs of the services provided by the program; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.193-1 requires the District Attorney to prepare and submit a resolution for approval by the Board of Supervisors to modify the maximum fee if the authorized fee does not cover the costs of the services provided or that the minimum authorized fee exceeds the costs of the services provided.

WHEREAS, Section 10:193-1 states that the District Attorney may establish reduced fee rates for individuals who lack the financial capability to pay the full fee, but in no event shall the reduced fee be less than \$100 for any individual participant;

WHEREAS, the program has been operating at a deficit for five years, with the program participants, including the District Attorney's Office, the Police Department and SAGE Project, absorbing the overages;

WHEREAS, the program participants can no longer absorb those overages;

WHEREAS, the District Attorney proposes to set fees for participation in the program as follows:

Annual Income	Fee
\$0-8,999	\$100
\$9,000-15,999	\$350
\$16,000-29,999	\$650
\$30,000 and above	\$1,000

WHEREAS, Section 10.193-1 states that the newly authorized fee will be effective beginning the next fiscal year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the maximum authorized fee for the First Offender Prostitution Program participants shall be \$1,000 beginning July 1, 2002.