

THE PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

STATEMENT OF FACTS The roads, parks and buildings owned by the County are not being maintained to nationally accepted standards. A core function of County government is to prevent deterioration of the facilities that the County owns and recent Boards have failed to do so. The health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens require that County facilities not deteriorate any further.

THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The heads of County Departments responsible for Public Works, Parks, and General Services shall inform the County Executive Officer annually of the condition of roads, parks and buildings and the actions that they recommend to keep all County roads, parks and buildings used by the public in the condition that existed at the time of passage of this Ordinance. The County Executive Officer shall present those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Board) along with any additional recommendations that the County Executive Officer may wish to make.

The Board shall maintain all County roads, parks and buildings used by the public in the same or better condition than existed at the time of passage of this Ordinance. The Board shall implement the legislative intent of this Ordinance using whatever powers the Board decides to invoke except that the Board may not implement this Ordinance by issuing debt unless the debt is approved by the voters.

The Board will document its compliance with this Ordinance by adopting a resolution stating the actions taken to comply and the statistical measurements of the level of maintenance that were used.

If the condition of County roads, parks and buildings described herein improves above the level that existed at the time of the passage of this Ordinance, the higher level of maintenance shall be maintained or further improved.

If any part of this Ordinance is held legally invalid, the remaining parts shall remain in force.