



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Planning and Development  
**Department No.:**  
**For Agenda Of:**  
**Placement:** Set hearing on March 15, 2016, Administrative; Departmental on April 5, 2016  
**Estimated Time:** 5 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Glenn Russell PhD., 568-2085  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Amendment of Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 10, Building Regulations

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

On March 15, 2016 set a hearing for April 5, 2016 to consider the introduction (First Reading) of an ordinance that amends Chapter 10, Article I, entitled "Administration Organization and Enforcement", Section 10-1.6 - Building Regulations of the Santa Barbara County Code.

On April 5, 2015, the Board of Supervisors should consider the following actions:

- a) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Article I, entitled "Administration Organization and Enforcement," section 10-1.6 (Attachment A);
- b) Read the title of the Ordinance and waive full reading of the Ordinance;
- c) Continue the hearing to the Administrative Agenda of April 19, 2016 to consider recommendations as follows:

- i) Consider and approve the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Article I, entitled “Administration Organization and Enforcement,” section 10-1.6, (Attachment A); and
- ii) Determine that this ordinance amendment is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3), because there is no possibility that the action in question may have a significant effect on the environment (Attachment C).

**Summary Text:**

On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors directed Planning and Development to prepare an amendment to County Code Chapter 10, Building Regulations, section 105.2 (Work exempt from permit), that would increase the height of readily removable plastic covered hoop structures to 20 feet under the permit exemption. Attachment A is an amendment to Chapter 10 that will increase the exempt hoop structure height to 20 feet.

**Background:**

Temporary agricultural protection structures (known as hoop structures) are widely used in the County to produce high value crops. These structures are typically constructed of a lightweight frame covered with plastic sheeting and anchored to the ground with a metal auger post. As agricultural practices evolve, these structures are being used for different crops and varied farming methods. An increase in the exempt height from 12 feet to 20 feet will allow farmers to deploy new techniques and support innovation without the need to obtain a building permit.

The County’s Building Regulations, Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 10 § 105.2 a. 13, does not require a permit for “*Readily removable plastic covered hoop structures without in ground footings or foundations that are not more than 12’ in height.*” This amendment will increase the allowable height from 12 feet to 20 feet.

This ordinance amendment does not address changes to the County’s zoning requirements for agricultural hoop structures. Planning and Development will prepare a project plan and funding needs for amendment of zoning requirements for your Board’s consideration as part of the Long Range Planning Work Program during budget workshops scheduled for the week of April 11, 2016.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

Funding for the work necessary to prepare this report and the amendment to Chapter 10 is included in the Permitting Budget Program on page D-288 of the adopted 2015-16 fiscal year budget. There are no facilities impacts associated with the preparation of this report.

**Special Instructions:**

1. Request the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of this hearing in a newspaper of general circulation, five (5) and ten (10) days prior to the hearing, in accordance with Government Code § 6062(a).
2. Request the Clerk of the Board publish in a newspaper, within 15 days of passage of the ordinance, the ordinance along with names of members voting for and against the ordinance, in accordance with Government Code section 25124(a).
3. The Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of the signed and numbered ordinance and minute order to the Planning & Development Department, attention Massoud Abolhoda.

**Attachments:**

- A. Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Section 105.2 (Clean Copy)
- B. Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Section 105.2 (Strikethrough and Underline)
- C. CEQA Exemption

**Authored by:**

Steve Mason

**cc:**