



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 6/20/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works, ext 3010
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Resource Recovery & Waste Managemt, ext 3605

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 17 (Solid Waste Services) to include indoor furniture placed outside in mandatory service areas in the definition of "solid waste" to more clearly prohibit the placement of indoor furniture outside, and other minor revisions

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

- a) Set a public hearing on the Departmental Agenda on July 11, 2006 to introduce the first reading of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the County Code;
- b) Set a public hearing on the Departmental Agenda on July 18, 2006 for the second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance.
- c) On July 18, 2006, after the second reading, adopt the attached proposed ordinance.

Summary:

The proposed amendments to Chapter 17 of the County Code will more clearly prohibit the placement of indoor furniture outside as well as the scavenging of materials out of collection containers. This ordinance will take effect and be in force thirty days from the date of its passage.

Background:

Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 17 entitled Solid Waste Services describes the manner in which solid waste may be managed and handled within the County. The attached proposed revisions to Chapter 17 will enhance the County's ability to prohibit the placement of indoor furniture or mattresses outside residential or commercial structures in mandatory service areas of the County as well as prohibit the scavenging of materials out of collection containers or bins.

There has been a consistent public safety issue with the placement of indoor furniture and mattresses on outdoor private and public property in the community of Isla Vista. These materials are often times drug out to open areas and lit on fire by area residents and visitors. Since January 2002, there has been an estimated 280 couch burnings in Isla Vista. In addition to posing a significant safety threat to area residents and visitors, the burnings are a considerable strain on County resources. Each event involves the response of the County Fire Department, typically Law Enforcement, and often times Public Works staff to remediate the residual as well as repair damaged roadways. It is estimated that each burning event costs the County close to \$1,000. By adopting the proposed revisions to section 17-1 of Chapter 17 of the County Code, Public Works and Law Enforcement staff will have a better ability to prevent the placement of potentially flammable materials outside on private or public property and therefore, deter the burning of the materials.

Other modifications to sections 17-1, 17-10, and 17-18, update Chapter 17 of the County Code to reflect the current solid waste management system of collecting solid waste and recyclables in separate containers. These modifications will clarify Public Works and Law Enforcement staffs' ability to prohibit the scavenging of solid waste and recyclables from residential and commercial collection containers.

Lastly, proposed amendments to sections 17-34 and 17-44 of Chapter 17 will correct errors in the existing code.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There will be no fiscal or facility impacts associated with the proposed modifications.

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Narrative:

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

No impacts

Special Instructions:

Please direct the Clerk of the Board to ensure the legal noticing of the proposed modifications to the County Code. Please direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified minute order and executed copy of the resolution and ordinance to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division: Attention Brenda Farrell; and County Counsel: Attention Marie La Sala.

Attachments: (list all)

Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code (Solid Waste Services).

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