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# CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

County of Santa Barbara

Board of Supervisors Hearing

February 17, 2015



# Today's Recommended Actions

1. **Introduce** Ordinance Amendments (first reading) amending:
  - A. Chapter 9A (Brush Removal);
  - B. Chapter 10 (Building Regulations);
  - C. Chapter 11 (Mobilehomes);
  - D. Chapter 14 (Grading Code);
  - E. Chapter 14C (Film Permit Office); and
  - F. Chapter 25 (Petroleum Code).
  
2. **Continue** to March 3, 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Admin Agenda) to consider adoption of Ordinance Amendments above.





# Proposed Amendments

If adopted, amendments will:

1. Provide an ability to collect enforcement staff costs;
2. Provide an appeal process to dispute staff costs;
3. Provide an ability to file tax liens on unpaid final staff costs (after potential appeal)



# Chapter 35 – Appeal Rights

## County LUDC - Section 35.108.070 – Recovery of Costs

### E. Hearing on Objections:

“Any property owner...who receives a summary of costs... shall have a right to a hearing before the Director on their objections.”

1. A request for a hearing shall be filed within 10 days;
2. A hearing shall be held on the owner's objections within 30 days;
3. Unpaid costs shall be recoverable via tax lien.



# Recommended Amendments:

<b><u>Ordinance</u></b>	<b><u>Enforcement Cost Recovery</u></b>	<b><u>Appeal of Enforcement Costs</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Lien Recovery</u></b>
Chapter 9A – Brush Removal	Add	Add	Add
Chapter 10 – Building Regulations	Amend	Add	Amend*
Chapter 11 – Mobilehomes	Add	Add	Add
Chapter 14 – Grading Code	Amend	Amend	Add
Chapter 14C – Film Permit Office	Add	Add	Add
Chapter 25 – Petroleum Code	Amend	Add	Amend*
<i>* Ability to collect via a tax lien currently exists in Chapters 10 and 25. Amendments will ensure consistency in ordinance language and process.</i>			





# Recommended Amendments:

## ***If adopted:***

1. P&D will issue periodic billing statements to owners on enforcement related charges;
2. Property owner will have a right to contest the charges billed;
3. P&D Director will hold a hearing on charges within 30 days of receiving the appeal;
4. Unpaid final order may be collected pursuant to Gov Code § 54988, et seq. (tax lien)



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