

Public Comment # 29
BOS Rcvd. 7-25-23

From: Kimberly Beal <kimberlyabeal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:06 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; BOS-District I; BOS-District IV; BOS-District III; BOS-District II; BOS-District V
Cc: Tiffany Schmid
Subject: Letter to BOS Re 7-25-23 Agenda Item 29 File 23-1118
Attachments: BOS 7-25-23 Agenda Item 29 File 23-1118.docx

Kimberly,

Please forward my attached letter to the members of the Board of Supervisors and post it to the Agenda item 29 tomorrow, pertaining to an Amnesty Program.

Thank you.

Kimberly Beal
EDCAR Government Affairs Director
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July 24, 2023

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
330 Fair Lane, Building A
Placerville, CA 95682

Re: BOS Agenda July 25, 2023, Item 29, File 23-1118, Amnesty Program

Chairwoman Wendy Thomas,

On behalf of the El Dorado County Association of Realtors (EDCAR), I submit the following comments to the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program for Select Code Case Types.

1. The name of the document leads the public to believe this is a policy directed to the County's Code Enforcement division. If the document is intended for public use, please change the name to "Amnesty Program".
2. The first paragraph is directed to Code Enforcement only. Rewrite this document if it is intended for the public to use.
3. Regarding 'Application of Building Codes'
 - A. *All construction must meet current non-structural code requirements (i.e. electrical, plumbing, energy efficiency, and fire sprinklers.)* Will this require property owners to open their walls and ceilings so these items may be wholly inspected? If the unpermitted structure or addition was built prior to the requirement for fire sprinklers, does the property owner have to install sprinklers?
 - B. *The structural portion of the structure may meet the building code requirements in effect at the time of construction.* Will this require property owners to open their walls and ceilings so these items may be wholly inspected?
 - C. *Proof of date of construction must be provided.* If the building department has no record of a permit(s), may the Assessor's office review their records to find out the earliest date an improvement was known by the county to be onsite? And once the date is known, can the property owner be assured they only need to conform to codes then in place?
 - D. *Everything else must meet current codes.* Has the county reached out to non-county agencies to learn if they have amnesty programs, such as fire agencies?

Within the document, please provide a link to the "Building Codes" so the public can educate themselves when addressing unpermitted structures or additions.

Please consider amending the 'Code Enforcement Amnesty Program for Select Code Case Types' to address the above-mentioned matters.

Thank you,

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Cc: Debra Miller, EDCAR President, and Devin Woodard, EDCAR Executive Officer

From: Linda Colombo <linda.colombo.1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:41 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Amnesty for simple permits

In wading through the myriad pages of Grand Jury Report, Amnesty program, Permit Flow Chart and others I have drawn a few conclusions of my own based on Common Sense.

I have discovered there are two types of permits, Simple and complex. Neither are defined in the paperwork I have gathered. It appears on page 4 of the Grand Jury report "The permit types that can be requested are listed in Appendix B". "Appendix B Single Permit Examples "does not separate Simple from Complex, so should the title have read "Simple Permit Examples" rather than "Single Permit Examples" ?

The Appendix B seems to deal with Email Permits for contractors " on projects that do not require submittal of detailed plans and specifications and subsequent review by Building and Planning. "

With this in mind, a Simple permit should include, structures (which I cannot find a definition of) for storage, animals, implements that are under 1000 sq feet and have NO electric or water connection. This action would decrease the work load on the County and free up paperwork and manpower for more Complex permits, even more detailed simple permits.

In addition, in granting Amnesty to the abovementioned Simple No electric, No water, under 1000 sq ft buildings(structures?) with no inspections or permits necessary for all such buildings built prior to the date of acceptance of the Amnesty Program, the County would not be overburdened with an immense influx of permit paperwork , inspections, and the attendant labor involved in bringing all the Simple buildings up to date. A new paragraph on how to handle new Simple (structure) permits could take affect at the same time.

It has been suggested the need for the prior reviews and permits is for additional funds to the County. I say Common Sense dictates that it would be less expensive to write the old off and start with a new system addressing this issue.

Thank you for your time, Linda Colombo