



Legislation Text

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Ad Hoc Code Enforcement Advisory Committee recommending the Board give conceptual approval to amend County Ordinance Code, Chapter 08.08.010 -Fire Prevention, pursuant to Board Policy A-3, to direct staff to begin working on draft vegetation management changes to the ordinance. (Est. Time: 10 Min.)

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation to review County Ordinance Code, Chapter 09.02 - Code Enforcement, and pursuant to Board Policy A-3, directed staff to study more defined code enforcement process timelines and evaluate services provided, which does not include Vacation Home Rentals (Legistar Item #18-0033).

Since the Board's approval, the Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Advisory Committee has identified different Code Enforcement topics: vegetation management, building codes, minimum housing, vehicle abatement and solid waste. Analysis of all of these topics together would provide an overwhelming amount of information. Due to the large amount of information, the ad hoc committee decided to study different code enforcement topics separately.

The first topic the ad hoc committee decided to work on is vegetation management. The ad hoc committee met with community stakeholders numerous times to discuss vegetation management issues around the County. These meetings included county stakeholders (e.g. county fire districts, CAL Fire, El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, County Department of Transportation, County Facilities Division, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.). In addition, the ad hoc committee held three public meetings in different locations around the County to discuss what vegetation management changes would help make the County's communities safer. Likewise, the committee has been collecting information from other counties around the state to see what they are doing to make their communities safer. Lastly, the ad hoc committee has provided two update presentations to the Board Supervisors (Legistar Item #18-1462 and Legistar Item #19-0038) on the information gathering process regarding vegetation management.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to give conceptual approval to begin working on draft vegetation management changes to the ordinance. All work regarding vegetation management would be stopped.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

El Dorado County Department of Transportation, El Dorado County Facilities Division, county fire departments, fire districts, fire safe councils, and many other local agencies. In addition to local agencies, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

It is recommended that the Board approve this item in order to evaluate the level of service changes that a draft ordinance would provide.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

There is no follow up action.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Infrastructure and Public Safety

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