

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: January 17, 2017

TITLE: Draft Ordinance Amending Section 17.40.110 "Fences, Walls, and Hedges" of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code to Include Regulations for Fencing Surrounding Vacant Property

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RECOMMENDATION

Review and provide direction to Staff.

BACKGROUND:

Currently the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code ("DHSMC") regulates fences in Section 17.40.110. The DHSMC currently does not allow fencing surrounding vacant property. It has come to the City's attention that unprotected vacant property can subject the property owners to illegal dumping. The DRAFT Ordinance would make it permissive for persons to construct fencing to be used along the perimeter of vacant property in order to secure the property. That said, Staff is looking to Council for direction, especially related to the type and kind of fencing.

Similar to other Study Session items, this DRAFT Ordinance is a point from which to commence conversation and direction on this issue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

EXHIBITS:

- 1) Draft Ordinance