

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: July 5, 2017

TITLE: An Ordinance Amending Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 17.40.110 "Fences, Walls and Hedges," to Regulate Fences on Vacant Land

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Staff Report;
- 2) Questions of Staff from City Council;
- 3) Open the Public Hearing;
- 4) Take public testimony;
- 5) Close the Public Hearing;
- 6) City Council discussion and questions to Staff; and
- 7) Introduce for First Reading and read by title only: An Ordinance of the City Council amending the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 17.40.110 (Fences Walls and Hedges) to regulate fences on vacant land.

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 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. The City Council held a study session on this item and desired that the fencing along perimeter and of vacant property be post and wire fencing.

PRIOR ACTIONS

On June 13, 2017, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft ordinance and made a recommendation to the Council to approve the ordinance as presented by Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Draft Ordinance