

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: July 18, 2017

TITLE: Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 17.40.110 "Fences, Walls and Hedges," to Regulate Fences on Vacant Land

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve Second Reading, read by title only and adopt "An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Section 17.40.110 "Fences, Walls and Hedges" of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, amending the same to regulate fences on vacant land.

BACKGROUND:

Currently the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code City of 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.

On July 5, 2017, the City Council introduced the Ordinance and approved for first reading. The Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its second reading.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

EXHIBITS:

- 1) Ordinance Amending Section 17.40.110 "Fences, Walls and Hedges" – Fences on Vacant Land