

REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION



DATE: April 14, 2020

TITLE: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California Amending Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 17.40.110 Fences, Walls and Hedges.

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Staff Report;
- 2) Entertain questions of Staff from the Planning Commission
- 3) Open Public Hearing;
- 4) Take public testimony from those favor;
- 5) Take public testimony from those opposed;
- 6) Take public testimony from those in a neutral position;
- 7) Close the Public Hearing;
- 8) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff; and
- 9) The Planning Commission recommends to City Council that the City Council approve and read by title only the attached Ordinance: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California Amending Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 17.40.110 Fences, Walls and Hedges"

BACKGROUND

The City of Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code ("DHSMC") regulates fences in Section 17.40.110. The DHSMC currently provides that the Director of Development Services must make findings in order for an applicant to erect a fence. Such findings are cumbersome and impede the development of fences, especially where fences are necessary.

The proposed Ordinance seeks to: 1) not require such findings as they are cumbersome to development and are not needed; 2) allow for more color options for block walls, so long as the colors match or compliment the adjacent structures; and 3) allows for chain link fencing for properties over 5 acres where the Code Compliance manager deems that fencing is needed to inhibit nuisances.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Proposed Ordinance