



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 26, 2016**

FROM: CITY CLERK **WARDS: ALL**
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE – TITLES 1-7 AND 18

ISSUE:

The item before the City Council is an update to Titles 1-7 and 18 of the Riverside Municipal Code for congruence with current law and practices.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Find that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment nor have a significant impact on the environment; and
2. Introduce and subsequently adopt the attached ordinance amending Titles 1-7 and 18 of the Riverside Municipal Code for congruence with current law and practices.

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk and City Attorney partnered with relevant City Departments to conduct a full review of the Riverside Municipal Code to reflect legal updates, incorporate current practices, and delete obsolete sections. This report represents the first in a series of Title groupings to be presented for City Council consideration. Chapters requiring comprehensive revisions will be presented individually at a future date. The attached ordinance intends to address non-substantive, non-controversial Code changes only. The last full legal review occurred in 1997 performed by outside legal counsel. There are no recommended changes to Title 4 Public Meetings and Public Records. The below chart provides a general description of proposed changes.

TITLE	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
All	Correct Department and employee title references
1	Legal process updates

TITLE	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
2	Delete obsolete Fairmount Park entrance fee
	Update process for disposal of unclaimed property
	Clarify authority of City Attorney and City Clerk over direct reports for salary and classification plan
	Delete Chapter 2.40 re Planning Commission (moved to Title 19)
	Delete obsolete Chapter 2.52 Relocation Appeals Board due to elimination of redevelopment
	Rename "Mayor's Commission on Aging" to "Commission on Aging"
3	Delete Chapter 3.18 Equal Employment Opportunities for Public Works Contracts now in violation of State Constitution
	Delete obsolete Chapter 3.32 Street Lighting Charges now assessed through Street Lighting Assessment District
	Update SCAQMD motor vehicle registration fee schedule
	Repeal obsolete and unused Chapter 3.50 Health Facilities Financing
4	None
5	Removed business tax fees and regulations for obsolete terms of "Dance Hall" and "Dance Public"
	Delete Business tax rate reductions for local enterprise zones and retention of manufacturing businesses now repealed by State Legislature
	Clarify interfacility transports for gurney van services
	Delete swap meet reporting to Chief of Police
	Delete requirement for CATV franchise to service City buildings free of charge per State law
	Add requirements to certify system following six false fire alarms
6	Revise per County process
7	Clarify noise standards and hours
18	Revised to conform to recent Title 19 Streamline Riverside changes and consistency with State law

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Draft Ordinance