



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JIM PERRY WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.04, AND SECTIONS 6.15.020, AND 13.04.010 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CAMPING AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

ISSUE:

Adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.04 and Sections 6.15.020 and 13.04.010 of the Riverside Municipal Code ("RMC") to include language that prohibits camping on public streets, sidewalks, and public property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt the attached ordinance amending the Riverside Municipal Code to add Section 9.04.600 and amending Sections 6.15.020 and 13.04.010 to prohibit camping on public property.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Safety Committee met on August 2, 2016, with Chair Perry, Vice Chair Melendrez and Member Burnard present, to consider amending the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) to prohibit camping on public property. After discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance to amend the RMC to prohibit camping on public property.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the RMC does not contain any provisions that would prohibit camping on public property, such as sidewalks, streets or parks, nor is there any prohibition against storing personal camp paraphernalia on public property. The proposed amendments to the RMC will apply to all persons camping within the City of Riverside (without a permit), regardless of their status. The RMC will also be amended to prohibit the storage of personal property, including camp paraphernalia, on public property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by:

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JIM PERRY, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Attachment: Ordinance