



ORDINANCE AMENDING RMC SECTION 1.17.121(A) TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 5.85 IN THE INCLUDED LIST, AND THE TITLE OF SECTION 9.40.120 REGARDING APPEAL

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City Council
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BACKGROUND: ORDINANCE 7708

- Ordinance 7708 was adopted on March 25, 2025.
- Designed to create a uniform appeal procedure for nine types of businesses if/when they seek an appeal for denial of an application, or suspension/revocation of a license.
- (1) Poolrooms (Chapter 5.28), (2) Vehicles for Hire, Taxicabs, and Animal-Drawn Vehicles (Chapter 5.40), (3) Massage Establishments (Chapter 5.52), (4) Entertainment and Entertainment Establishments (Chapter 5.80), (5) Pawnshops and Secondhand Dealers (Chapter 5.90), (6) Firearm Dealers (Chapter 5.95), (7) Tobacco Retail Establishments (Chapter 6.24), (8) Adult-Oriented Businesses (Chapter 9.40), and (9) Fortunetelling and Occult Arts Establishments (Chapter 9.42).

"Section 1.17.121 Appeal procedure for Riverside Police Department review of business permits.

A. Absent any contradictory procedure, the following appeal procedure applies to all appeals from the Riverside Police Department's review of business permits referred to in the following Chapters of this Code: (1) Chapter 5.28, (2) Chapter 5.40, (3) Chapter 5.52, (4) Chapter 5.80, (5) Chapter 5.90, (6) Chapter 5.95, (7) Chapter 6.24, (8) Chapter 9.40, and (9) Chapter 9.42.

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BACKGROUND: ORDINANCE 7709

- Ordinance 7709 was adopted on April 8, 2025.
- Designed to regulate Junk Dealers/Scrap Metal Recyclers, including how they can file an appeal if their application is denied or license is revoked.
- Staff foresaw RMC Section 1.17.121 as an appropriate appeal procedure.

Section 5.85.180 Appeal.

A. A denial or revocation of a junk dealer and/or recycler establishment permit may be appealed as set forth in Section 1.17.121 of this Code.



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- Additionally, a minor error was made in Ordinance 7708.
- Page 15 lists the title of RMC Section 9.40.120 as "Appeal of denial." Additionally, Page 17 lists the title of RMC Section 9.40.120 as "Appeal of denial; suspension or revocation; Administrative appeal to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee; expedited review of free speech claim; automatic stay of enforcement."
- Online, the title of RMC Section 9.40.120 is listed as "Appeal of denial."
- The title should read simply as "Appeal."

9.40.120 Appeal of denial.

"Section 9.40.120 Appeal of denial; suspension or revocation; Administrative appeal to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee; expedited review of free speech claim; automatic stay of enforcement."



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- RMC Section 1.17.121(A): "Absent any contradictory procedure, the following appeal procedure applies to all appeals from the Riverside Police Department's review of business permits referred to in the following Chapters of this Code: (1) Chapter 5.28, (2) Chapter 5.40, (3) Chapter 5.52, (4) Chapter 5.80, **(5) Chapter 5.85**,~~(65)~~ Chapter 5.90, ~~(76)~~ Chapter 5.95, ~~(87)~~ Chapter 6.24, ~~(98)~~ Chapter 9.40, and ~~(109)~~ Chapter 9.42."
- Title of RMC Section 9.40.120: "Appeal of denial."



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority #2 Community Well-Being, Goal 2.4



Community Well-Being

Ensure safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Receive this report summarizing the proposed amendments to Riverside Municipal Code Sections 1.17.121(A) and 9.40.120; and
2. Recommend that the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt the proposed ordinance amending Riverside Municipal Code Sections 1.17.121(A) and 9.40.120.



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