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Planning Commission Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners

TO: Clark County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dick Deleissegues, Chair, Clark County Planning Commission

DATE: June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Spring 2009 Bi-Annual Code Changes

I. SUMMARY

Sixteen (16) code changes are presented. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of items 1 and 2, and 7-14. They did not review items 15 and 16 as they are not related to land use.

II. BACKGROUND

This is an ongoing program. Periodically staff “batch” minor amendments to the Clark County Code to correct scrivener’s errors, clarify standards and codify interpretations of code language brought about by management decisions, hearings examiner or Board of Clark County Commissioners actions. Some code changes result from public inquiries. Other changes are proposed by staff that use the code, and some changes are requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board held a work session on March 18, 2009, and directed staff to proceed with the formal review process for these code changes.

The following items accompany this staff report:

- an index of the proposed changes;
- Attachment “A” is the text of the proposed code revisions;
- a draft adopting ordinance;
- the minutes of the June 16, 2009 planning commission public hearing; and
- explanatory diagrams for items 3 and 4

A SEPA determination of non-significance was published on April 1, 2009 .

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed changes on April 16, 2009.

A legal notice of the public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners was published on June 8, 2009.

III ANALYSIS

Should the code changes be approved, five sections of the Clark County Code will be revised, including:

Title 6, Application and Service Fees;
Title 8, Animals;
Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic;
Title 13, Public Works; and,
Title 40, Unified Development Code.

IV Community Outreach

The Board of County Commissioners held a work session on March 18, 2009. The Planning Commission held a work session on March 19, 2009.

A considerable number of public and private entities were sent the list of the changes as part of the SEPA notification process. No comments were received.

The Development Engineering Advisory Board (DEAB) members were sent the draft changes and had no comments.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed code changes should not have significant fiscal impacts. Item #10 of Attachment A corrects wetland and habitat conservation covenant change fees.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission did not review the animal control items, 15 and 16 as they are not related to land use. They voted to recommend approval of the changes as presented, with the following exceptions:

- Items 3-6 were recommended to be removed from consideration.
- Items 1, and 14 were recommended for approval, with relatively minor changes that are supported by staff.

Enclosures:

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Attachment A – text changes
Draft Adopting Ordinance
Planning Commission Minutes of April 16, 2009 public hearing
Diagrams