

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Building and Safety, TLMA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 839 (Use of post-disaster safety assessment placards)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors introduce and one week later, adopt Ordinance No. 839, an ordinance of the County of Riverside adopting the use of post-disaster safety assessment placards.

BACKGROUND: Placards have been widely used in past earthquakes to denote the condition of building and structures. Following the Lorna Prieta earthquake in 1989, the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California funded the Applied Technology Council (ATC) to develop guidelines and procedures for post earthquake safety evaluation of buildings. Adoption of official post-disaster safety assessment placards is one of ATC's recommendations outlined in its ATC-20 Report.

In past events, there had been a number of reports of placards being removed from buildings. There were also reports of the unauthorized change of placards, usually from UNSAFE to one of the other categories. Hence, adopting the use of these placards by this ordinance allows County Building and Safety Department to enforce the posting of these official placards to ensure public safety following a natural or manmade disaster.

[Signature]
James J. Miller
Director of Building and Safety

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

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- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect 30 days following its adoption.