

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Subject:

**INITIATION OF ORDINANCES
AND ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

POLICY:

Except for an ordinance or ordinance amendment meeting the requirements of Government Code section 25123(d) or Government Code section 65858, an ordinance or ordinance amendment shall require initiation by the Board of Supervisors. Such initiation shall be in the form of an order adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the entire membership of the Board. The order shall prescribe, in general terms, the contents of the ordinance or ordinance amendment and shall direct the appropriate agency or department to prepare and process it. Notwithstanding the provisions of Board Policy A-5, an ordinance or ordinance amendment shall not be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for introduction, or for adoption if introduction is not required, unless the Board has adopted an order initiating the ordinance or ordinance amendment in the manner described above. In addition, an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance shall not be noticed or set for hearing before the Planning Commission, unless the Board has adopted an order initiating the amendment.

The Board of Supervisors shall consider the costs associated with preparing, processing and implementing an ordinance or ordinance amendment in deciding whether to adopt an order initiating the ordinance or ordinance amendment.

A request for an order initiating an ordinance or ordinance amendment shall be made by a member of the Board of Supervisors or an Agency or Department Head.