

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



**FROM:** SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 24, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Initiation of an amendment to Ordinance No. 348 regarding definitions, guidelines or development standards for sober living homes, boarding houses, congregate living facilities, and other similar uses.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:  
Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Ordinance No. 348 regarding definitions, guidelines or development standards for sober living homes, boarding houses, congregate living facilities, and other similar uses.

Departmental Concurrence

*Chuck Washington*

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Chuck Washington  
Third District Supervisor

| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>  | <b>Current Fiscal Year:</b> | <b>Next Fiscal Year:</b> | <b>Total Cost:</b> | <b>Ongoing Cost:</b> | <b>POLICY/CONSENT<br/>(per Exec. Office)</b>                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>COST</b>            | \$                          | \$                       | \$                 | \$                   | Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>NET COUNTY COST</b> | \$                          | \$                       | \$                 | \$                   |  |

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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> | <b>Budget Adjustment:</b> |
|                         | <b>For Fiscal Year:</b>   |

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

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

**3-80**

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FORM 11: Initiation of an amendment to Ordinance No. 348 regarding definitions, guidelines or  
development standards for sober living homes, boarding houses, congregate living facilities, and  
other similar uses.**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Sober living homes, boarding houses, congregate living facilities, and other similar uses/facilities typically operate in single-family residential neighborhoods. This has caused concerns regarding the degradation of the residential character of the neighborhoods and the quality of life. Depending upon the nature of the use, the County may be constrained as to regulation of the use including siting and overconcentration due to state and federal disability discrimination laws.

The intent of this request is to direct staff to research all applicable laws and regulations and draft an update to Ordinance No. 348 in order to preserve and protect the residential character of our neighborhoods and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal law. The update should include adding reasonable accommodation procedures to the ordinance. This amendment to Ordinance No. 348 will allow County staff to address any neighborhood concerns, nuisances or other violations of law in a fair, consistent, and proactive manner.

It is recommended that a multi-departmental approach be implemented so that the review is comprehensive. The team may consist of Planning, Code Enforcement, County Counsel and Building and Safety and should target review by the Planning Commission by Fall 2015.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This amendment will enhance the County's ability to better serve our residents in addressing neighborhood concerns that arise from sober living homes, boarding houses, congregate living facilities, and other similar uses while ensuring compliance with state and federal law.