

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



ITEM: 3.40
(ID # 17200)

MEETING DATE:


Tuesday, September 14, 2021


FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON:
Increased Code Enforcement Staffing for Evenings and Weekends

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Board Directs the Executive Office to Develop a Strategy and Budget for Increased Code Enforcement Staffing on Evenings and Weekends within 60 Days

ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 9/8/2021


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Supervisor 3rd District 9/10/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 14, 2021
xc: BOS District 1, BOS District 3

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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Background:

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for enforcing thirty-two Riverside County Ordinances as well as various state and federal laws in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Code Enforcement works collaboratively with a wide range of partners including our residents, businesses, property owners, and community groups. The Department works closely with Board Offices, the Executive Office and other County departments including the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, County and Cal-Fire, Environmental Health, Animal Services and the Office of County Counsel. The Code Enforcement Department's top priority is to enhance the safety and quality of life of our communities in the unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside.

Among the ordinances that Code Enforcement is responsible for are those governing unpermitted vendors, unpermitted events, short term rentals, and noise violations. Unfortunately, while these types of activities most often happen during evenings and weekends, Code Enforcement has historically been staffed almost entirely during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, except for special projects and assignments, such as the recent fireworks enforcement efforts that Code Enforcement was a major participant in.

To more effectively enforce these ordinances that have such a negative impact on the quality of life on otherwise quiet neighborhoods and communities, and can also be a public safety hazard, there needs to be an increase in the staffing of Code Enforcement officers on evenings and weekends, so that they can more quickly respond to unpermitted activities while they are happening, rather than having to wait until the next Monday morning to investigate complaints about events and activities that have long since ended. This funding wouldn't necessarily include full time staffing every evening but focus on those evenings with the highest call volumes.

If approved, this item would direct the Executive Office to work with TLMA and the Director of Code Enforcement to develop a plan for enhanced evening and weekend enforcement and make a budget recommendation sufficient to fund those needs, to be separately discussed and voted upon at a future Board meeting within 60 days.

Impact on Residents and Businesses:

Residents have regularly complained about the lack of response from Code Enforcement on evenings and weekends, and in a recent report from the Grand Jury, the Grand Jury recommended that an increase in Code Enforcement personnel would be needed just to properly enforce the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. This proposed staffing change can be a step forward towards resolving some of these issues.