



County of Los Alamos

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Council Meeting Staff Report

April 4, 2017

Agenda No.:	A.
Indexes (Council Goals):	2018 Council Goal – Quality Governance – Operational Excellence – Maintain Quality Essential Services and Supporting Infrastructure Including Updated Enterprise Software and Permitting
Presenters:	Wayne Kohlrust
Legislative File:	CO0494-17

Title

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-271; An Ordinance amending the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos by Amending Ordinance No. 02-078, § 2, 10-3-2006 Amending Chapter 8 and Ordinance No. 02-234, § 2, 10-29-2013; and Amending Chapter 16 to Change the Name of the Fuller Lodge/Historic Districts Advisory Board to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Change the Number of the Members from seven to five; and Change the Term from four years to three and ask staff to ensure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

Recommended Action

I introduce, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-271; An Ordinance amending the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos by Amending Ordinance No. 02-078, § 2, 10-3-2006 Amending Chapter 8 and Ordinance No. 02-234, § 2, 10-29-2013; and Amending Chapter 16 to Change the Name of the Fuller Lodge/Historic Districts Advisory Board to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Change the Number of the Members from seven to five; and Change the Term from four years to three and ask staff to ensure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council introduce this Code Ordinance

Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

The Fuller Lodge/Historic Districts Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend the referenced changes to County Council at their February 1, 2017 meeting.

Body

On February 1, 2017 meeting, the Fuller Lodge/Historic Districts Advisory Board approved the recommendation to change the name of the Fuller Lodge/Historic Districts Advisory Board to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB). When established almost 30 years ago, the focus of the Board at the time was the preservation and mission of the Lodge. Through the work of the Board and various maintenance, custodial and project management staff, the Lodge has now been renovated and in very good condition. The name change would correspond to the Board's broader goals of determining historic designation of properties and facilities. Further, it has been difficult attracting new members to the Board, perhaps due to some uncertainty on the part of the public given the focus of "Fuller Lodge" in the title.

The Board also recommended reducing the number of members from seven to five, and the term from four to three years. Reducing the number of members would enable the Board to be more active and facilitate a quorum for conducting business. Finally, the reduction in term length is in line with other Boards and Commissions in the County structure. This Board had the second longest term, second only to the Utilities Board, and reducing term length may contribute with attracting new members.

Alternatives

Council could choose to not revise or endorse these changes, however experience has shown that it may be difficult for the Board to continue to conduct business due to a lack of a quorum of members.

Attachments

A - Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-271

B - February 1, 2017 Fuller Lodge Meeting Minutes