

County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

April 3, 2018

Agenda No.: B.

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Presenters: Antonio Maggiore; James T. Chrobocinski

Legislative File: CO0531-18

Title

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-286, A Code Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Section 36, To Increase The Minimum Number of Day a Notice Provided to a Landowner to Correct a Violation Prior to Issuance of a Citation.

Recommended Action

I introduce, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-286, a Code Ordinance amending Chapter 18 , Section 36, to Increase the Minimum Number of Days a Notice Provides to a Landowner to Correct a Violation Prior to Issuance of a Citation.

Body

In response to citizens' expressed concerns regarding the County's current Code Enforcement practices, Councilor Maggiore and Councilor Chrobocinski met with representatives of these concerned citizens and created the attached Ordinance for Council's consideration. The effect of the proposed ordinance would be to alter the current code's minimum time allowance for correcting certain code violations from two days to a new minimum allowance of fourteen days. Previously, in response to voiced concerns, the CDD has largely addressed these same concerns in practice, however the citizen representatives requested that the minimum days be altered in code to insure such practices continue into the future.

At present, the number of days allowed for corrective actions to occur before a notice of violation proceeds to a citation are:

Weeds - 16
Protective Treatment - 32
Inoperable Vehicles - 32
Roofs - 32
Sanitation - 16
Fences, Hedges - 16
Accessory Structures - 32
Outdoor Storage of Material - 16
Rodent Harborage - 16
Unsafe Conditions - 12
Unhitched Trailers - 14

* These stated time frames include an anticipated two days for mailing purposes.

Alternatives

Council could choose to not approve this ordinance, in which case the existing minimum required days for correction of code violations would remain at two days.

Attachments

A- Code Ordinance No. 02-286