

Council Meeting Staff Report

April 3, 2018

Agenda No.: B.

Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Antonio Maggiore; James T. Chrobocinski

Legislative File: RE0369-18

Title

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 18-08: A resolution declaring a Moratorium of sixty (60) days on the Enforcement of or Issuance of Various Notices and Citations of Article II of Chapter 18 and Chapter 16 of the Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances, Except for Violations Immediately Affecting Health, Safety, and Welfare.

Recommended Action

I move that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 18-08, a resolution declaring a Moratorium of sixty (60) days on the Enforcement of or Issuance of Various Notices and Citations of Article II of Chapter 18 and Chapter 16 of the Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances, Except for Violations Immediately Affecting Health, Safety, and Welfare

Body

This Resolution is being proposed to give a 60 day (or shorter depending on if and how quickly the citizen board is formed) break from code enforcement activities. This is down from the previously proposed 90 day moratorium. This moratorium still allows for the enforcement of violations that pose a direct and immediate risk to the public's health, safety and welfare. It is hoped that this will be seen as a good faith acknowledgement from council that the current status quo operations of CDD code enforcement staff have at times been poorly received by the public. Code enforcement is a vital and necessary program, and this should not be seen as an attempt to diminish or punish the code enforcement department, rather the intention of this Resolution is to provide both staff and the public with a short break from code enforcement activities to prevent the strained relationship from becoming even more fractured and animus. During this 60 day period it is expected that staff will pursue outreach efforts with the community as well as internally looking at ways to clarify the Notices of Violation to include not just the county code but the specific issues on each property being noticed as well as remediation efforts requested/required, as well as ensuring that there are clear departmental procedures in place for how and when to issue NOVs.

Alternatives

The County Council can choose to not adopt this resolution which will have no impact to current County operations, but may leave citizen concerns unaddressed. The Council may also recommend that the resolution be returned for additional consideration, comment or editing based on further staff, public, or Council comments.

Attachments

A - Publication Notice for Resolution No. 18-08

B - Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 18-08