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Exhibit No. 1

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Presented by: staff



ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 4,
DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 2; AMENDING TITLE 7,
DIVISION 3 AND AMENDING TITLE 4, DIVISION
2, CHAPTER 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES,
RELATING TO UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING AND
PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC
WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

May 6, 2025

Item #19



Background

- On March 11, 2025 (13) staff provided options for Board direction to enhance the current County Regulatory Code Section 73.108.
- Board directed staff to return with lived experience input specifically from the Homeless-Experienced Advocacy & Leadership (HEAL) Network.
- Staff will provide an update on the input received from the HEAL Network along with an overview of the enhancements to the County ordinance.



Feedback from People with Lived Experience

- Incorporates the voice of people with lived experience of homelessness
- Acknowledges the need for fire safety measures
- Encourages leading with services-first approach
- Encourages planning ahead and longer notice to encampment residents



Enhancement A: Add Provisions to Fire Risk

Prohibit in any County Park, any public street or highway, or on any improved or unimproved property owned, leased, or managed by the County:

- Use an ignition source to cause or intend to cause a fire
- Maintain an existing fire
- Camp while using or possessing an ignition source
- Discard any lighted tobacco product or any burning or combustible material



Enhancement B: Add Protections for Open Spaces and Public Works Infrastructure

Additional Protections Include

- Add property managed by the County
- Prohibit storing personal belongings or waste
- Prohibit activities that alter the property or causes a threat to public health or safety
- Unlawful to remain within Public Works Infrastructure during an emergency, construction, or maintenance activities.



Additional Enhancement: Provision of Enforcement

Law enforcement officers may only issue a criminal citation to enforce a violation of Section 73.108 for the following:

- Individual refuses available shelter and there is sufficient shelter for all unhoused individuals living in the unincorporated area
- Available shelter means the shelter is reasonably available and accessible
- Requirement does not include individuals who are ineligible for shelter due to criminal convictions or past behavior
- Criminal citation can be issued regardless of the availability of shelter if there is an imminent risk of harm to public health or safety

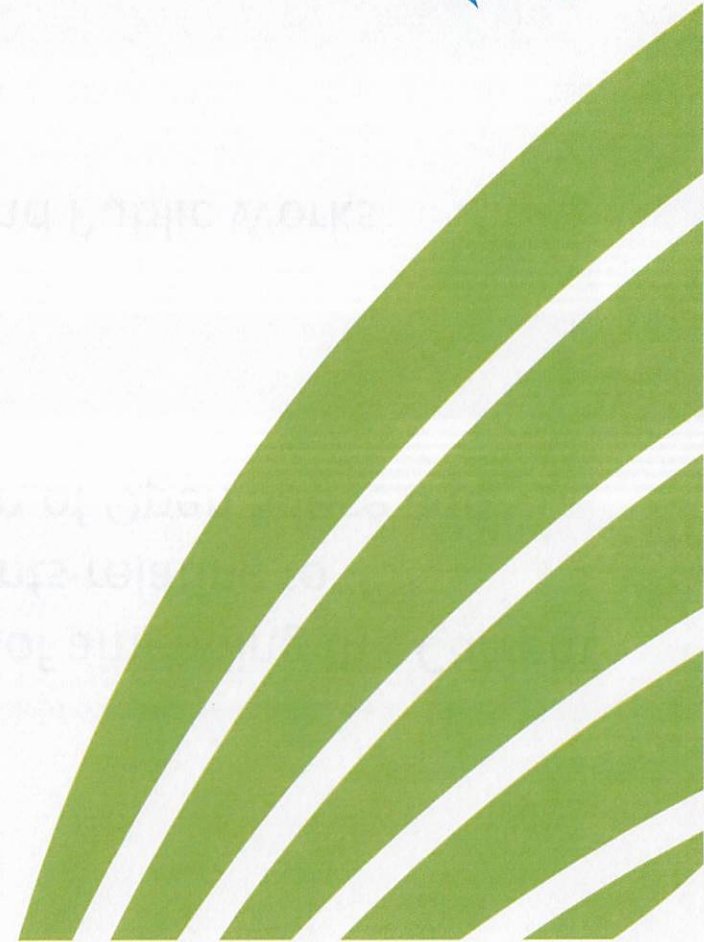


Recommendations

- Today's request is for Board approval of amending the Current County ordinance to add enhancements relating to Unauthorized Camping and Protection of Open Space and Public Works Infrastructure.
 - Add provisions to fire risk
 - Add protection for Open Spaces and Public Works Infrastructure
 - Provision of Enforcement



THANK YOU



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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Fire Chiefs Association

Supervisor Joel Anderson
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

April 4, 2025

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

On behalf of the San Diego County Fire Chief's Association (SDCFCA), I am writing to express our strong support for the Board of Supervisors' approval and implementation of the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance. This ordinance represents a critical step in protecting our communities, particularly those located in high fire-risk areas, from the increasing threat of wildfires.

Given that a significant portion of the unincorporated county falls within High Fire Threat classifications, we sincerely appreciate your leadership in addressing illegal encampments in these vulnerable regions. Your proactive approach to safeguarding lives, homes, and natural resources is both timely and commendable.

The urgency of this matter is underscored by recent legal and policy developments, including the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson* and Governor Newsom's Executive Order encouraging local governments to take decisive action. As several incorporated cities within the county have adopted similar ordinances, it is essential that the unincorporated areas receive equal attention, particularly where encampments in riverbeds, canyons, and open spaces pose significant fire hazards.

Wildfires such as the Border 2 Fire, Lilac Fire, and Center Fire have clearly demonstrated the dangers associated with encampments in fire-prone areas. This ordinance would provide the necessary tools to address these risks effectively, mitigate hazards, and prevent future disasters.

Importantly, this measure is not solely about fire prevention. It is a balanced, compassionate approach to public safety—one that aligns with regional efforts and empowers communities to protect both people and the environment.

We commend your ongoing dedication to this critical issue and offer our full support as you work to advance the Unsafe Camping Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Dave McQuead
San Diego County Fire Chief's Association