

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

**SUBJECT: REPEAL OF REGULATORY CODE PROVISIONS RELATED TO
AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

During the height of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the shutdown of small indoor businesses and restaurants caused many to lose significant revenue or close forever. In response, the Federal government and County of San Diego took action to provide relief to small businesses that were adversely impacted. While these actions made a difference, there is even more that can be done to help our local businesses. Reevaluating, innovating, and diversifying has been key to the success of businesses as they move forward.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity to reevaluate ordinances, especially those with unnecessary restrictions. We can provide more opportunities for our entrepreneurs and small business owners in the County's unincorporated area by repealing the current San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND BUSINESS TAXES, DIVISION 1. BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 9 AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS. This repeal will allow businesses to expand their customer base and workforce while reducing an unnecessary regulatory burden. Our unincorporated areas deserve to have the same business opportunities that are available to those living in the incorporated areas. This repeal can be done in a safe and responsible way while providing an economic benefit to our communities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON AND VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with County Counsel, to return to the Board in 90 days with a draft ordinance that would repeal Chapter 9 of Title 2, Division 1 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances and related sections.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted small businesses. A repeal of these Code sections will enhance the economy and provide equal opportunity for businesses and entrepreneurs in the County's unincorporated area to thrive. In addition, a repeal will allow businesses to expand their customer base and workforce while reducing an unnecessary regulatory burden.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There may be future impacts associated with any related future recommendations. Any such recommendations would return to the Board for approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter