

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: November 10, 2015
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Britt Avrit, CMC, City Clerk
Subject: **Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 1009**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Ordinance No. 1009**, repealing Section 15.08.020 of Title 15 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to fire sprinkler systems.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 403 in 1986, the California Building Code has evolved, and the base or model code has changed from the Uniform Building Code to the International Building Code. Over the past thirty (30) years there have been numerous updates related to the use of fire sprinklers. The Code in its current form has requirements for fire sprinklers based not only on the size of the structure but also for its use or occupancy type. In many instances, fire sprinklers are required well below the City's 10,000 square foot threshold. In other historically less hazardous occupancies or construction types, the buildings can exceed 10,000 square feet without sprinklers.

The proposed ordinance would require property owners, builders, and developers to adhere to the guidelines contained in the current version of the California Building Code. This will remove the redundant requirements between the California Building Code and the Lancaster Municipal Code limiting the size of buildings without fire sprinklers. It will also allow larger buildings to be constructed without fire sprinklers in which less hazardous occupancies reside, thereby removing unnecessary restrictions and expenses to property owners and developers.

At the October 27, 2015 meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 1009 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Malhi, Vice Mayor Crist, Mayor Parris
NOES: None
RECUSED: None
ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

Attachment:

Ordinance No. 1009