

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Department Public Health

AGENDA DATE: Introduction – December 11, 2007
Public Hearing – December 18, 2007

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the El Paso City Code, Chapter 2.38 (Building and Standards Commission) to change the reference to and assign the duties of the City-County Health District to the Department of Environmental Services; The Penalty as is provided in Section 2.38.080 of The El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On December 31, 2007, the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District will cease to exist. The City has made plans to assume the governmental responsibilities of the District and has created a Department of Public Health. The City has administratively determined that some of the code enforcement and environmental functions performed by the District will be handled by the Department of Environmental Services, with the remainder of the functions falling under the Department of Public Health. Staff recommends that the functions relating to the work of the Building and Standards Commission be handled by the Department of Environmental Services.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2.38 (BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION) TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE TO AND ASSIGN THE DUTIES OF THE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; THE PENALTY AS IS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.38.080 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District ("Health District") will cease to exist after December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, some of the environmental services and code compliance functions of the Health District are being moved to the existing City Department of Environmental Services; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Code contains many references to the Health District and to individuals or positions at the Health District by their job or other official title, so it is now necessary to change and correct those names and titles so that the responsibilities and references are properly directed to the Department of Environmental Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Section 2.38.020, Subsection D, (Appointment) be amended as follows:

Section 2.38.020, Subsection D Appointment.

D. The director for building permits and inspections department (hereinafter referred to as director), the director of the department of environmental services, the fire official, and the chief of police or their designees shall serve in an advisory capacity as ex officio members of the commission with no voting privileges.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect at 12:00:01 a.m., January 1, 2008.

Section 3. Except as herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December 2007.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

John F. Cook, Mayor

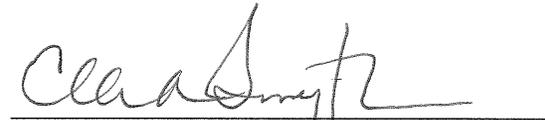
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Ellen Smyth, Director
Department of Environmental Services

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