



Agenda Item No. _____

File Code No. 540.01

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Title 14, Chapter 20 – Metering Requirements

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Municipal Code by Repealing Section 14.20.160 Pertaining to Separate Water Meters.

DISCUSSION:

Recent development review activity brought to staff's attention an inconsistency between the metering requirements as added to the City Plumbing Code in 1989 and codified in the Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) Section 22.04.030D, and an earlier provision codified in SBMC Section 14.20.160, which dates back to 1963. The language implemented under SBMC 22.04.030D requires individual City metering of all new dwelling units, while the older language contained in SBMC 14.20.160 tied meter requirements to lot ownership and street frontage.

Staff inadvertently failed to delete SBMC Section 14.20.160 when Council approved adoption of the 1989 Plumbing Standards, codified in SBMC Section 22.04.030. The recommended ordinance will correct the inconsistency between the two Municipal Code sections.

The Water Commission reviewed the matter at its September 12, 2011, meeting and recommended approval of the SBMC change.

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