



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 11, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Office of Emergency Services, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance For Amendments To Municipal Code Chapter 9.116, Civil Defense And Disaster

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 9.116 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Emergency Services.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is currently in the process of revising the City's Emergency Management Plan (formally Emergency Operations Plan), and Council approved the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in January 2012. Both of these plans are authorized through Chapter 9.116 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code. Despite many changes in Emergency Management over the years, Chapter 9.116, Civil Defense and Disaster, has not been updated since 1999. Current state law and Federal Mandates require reference in Chapter 9.116. California Government Code Section 8607(a), Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), has also added requirements for managing emergencies involving local jurisdictions. The proposed amendments to Chapter 9.116 incorporate the required references to state and federal law and bring the City's procedures into conformance with the state SEMS.

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