



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department, Patrol Division

SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing Citation Authority For Community Service Officers

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 1.20 of Title 1 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Adding and Adopting Section 1.20.060, Establishing the Citation Authority of the Community Service Officer Classification.

DISCUSSION:

Council has established the Community Service Officer employment classification at the Police Department. Community Service Officers are not peace officers under the California Penal Code, though they will be required to complete the peace officer training course prescribed in Penal Code Section 832. Some of their job responsibilities will be to issue criminal municipal code citations to violators. In order for employees who are not peace officers to issue criminal citations, Penal Code Section 836.5 requires that the governing body authorize the citation authority by ordinance. The ability of Community Service Officers to issue citations for violations of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code will aid in ensuring the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

This amendment passed the Ordinance Committee on April 7, 2015. Slight changes to the ordinance title and wording have been made to better integrate the new section in with existing code sections.

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