

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2023

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Meia, City Clerk

REQUEST: INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.36.370 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.36.370 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Adopted in 1975, Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 2.36.370 requires at the time of adoption, the City Clerk shall read the full ordinance and resolution, or having read the title, further reading is waived by 4/5ths consent of the City Council. This requirement is not aligned with the City past practice and is impractical as the reading of all ordinance and resolution titles would create a significant delay in the meeting proceedings. Therefore, City staff recommends amending the Code to allow for the printing of the full ordinance and resolution title on the face of the agenda to satisfy the aforementioned requirements. As a charter city, the City has plenary authority over municipal affairs including procedures for adopting ordinances and resolutions.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

Ordinance