

City of Palm Desert Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

Prepared By: Michelle Nance, Assistant City Clerk

Department: City Manager's Office

Subject: Adoption of Ordinance No. 1445, Amending Chapter 9.26 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code Relating to Unlawful Camping

Recommendation

Adopt Ordinance No. 1445 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.26 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT."

Background

On April 9, 2026, the City Council unanimously introduced Ordinance No. 1445 for first reading. This report provides for the City Council to waive further reading and adopt the ordinance. The ordinance shall be effective 30 days from adoption.

Legal Review

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

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact with this action.

Attachments

1. Ordinance No. 1445

Conflict of Interest Awareness Checklist

Note: *This checklist is informational only and does not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember remains responsible for identifying, disclosing, and evaluating any disqualifying interests under the Political Reform Act and applicable FPPC regulations.*

1. Site-Specific Property Interest

Does this item involve a project site or other identifiable real property?

Yes

No

If yes, identify the project site:

Councilmembers should consider whether they own, lease, or hold interests in real property within 1,000 feet of the project site. (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).

2. SB 1439 / Gov. Code § 84308 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)

Does this item involve a license, permit, other entitlement for use, or a contract or franchise agreement that is not competitively bid, a labor agreement, or a personal employment contract?

Yes

No

If yes, identify the applicant(s), appellant(s), party, or participant(s):

Councilmembers should review campaign contributions received within the prior 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision. (Gov. Code § 84308).