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Memorandum

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Ryan Walters, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Date: September 11, 2014
Re: Revisions to SCC Chapter 14.44, Enforcement/Penalties

At the last Board discussion of possible revisions to SCC Chapter 14.44, Enforcement/Penalties, the Board asked Commissioner Dahlstedt to meet with the committee of concerned citizens to identify their remaining concerns with the objective of crafting a new revised draft. Commissioner Dahlstedt held that meeting on July 31, after which the committee submitted a new list of revision requests.

We thoroughly reviewed the committee's additional revision requests and drafted new and replacement language to address many of the areas of concern. We also looked at King County's code, on which much of the committee's draft seems to have been based, and incorporated some concepts. We hope that the resulting revised draft is something that we can all take pride in for its reorganization, clarity, efficacy, and protection of the rights of property owners. Commissioner Dahlstedt has reviewed the draft and scheduled it for Board review on Tuesday, September 16 at 10 am.

The new revision to Chapter 14.44 (attached) has the following new changes since the last draft:

- adds new recitals to the ordinance text and corresponding policy statements to the code text
- deletes the overview section;
- adds a new section on investigation and follow-up that outlines in one subsection the options the Administrative Official has in pursuing code enforcement; and
- adds a new section on denial of permit applications while a code enforcement matter is pending (a version of which is in our existing code but hadn't made it into prior draft revisions).

The significant new changes are highlighted in the attachment. We've also attached an annotated version of the committee's revision request document that provides some citations for where individual requests are addressed in the draft.

Each of the proposed revisions is available on the Planning Department's website; click on "Revisions to SCC Chapter 14.44 Enforcement/Penalties."

Process Timeline

Date	Item
✓ March 13, 2014	Notice of public hearing and written comment period published
✓ April 7, 2014	Public hearing
✓ April 22, 2014	Board review of proposed ordinance draft 1
✓ May 27, 2014	Board review of committee-proposed revisions
✓ July 8, 2014	Board review of draft 2
▶ September 16, 2014	Board review of draft 3
TBD	Public hearing or written comment period
TBD	Adoption

The purpose of the Board's agenda time on September 16 is for the Board to ask any questions about the new draft, discuss, and determine how the Board wants to proceed. If the Board believes it may want to adopt this draft (or anything other than the initially proposed revisions) it may wish to schedule a public hearing or written comment period to receive additional public comment on the new proposal before final adoption.