

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 1, 1998

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RAT AND INSECT CONTROL ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 8.28, CONCERNING PEST CONTROL, TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS REGARDING BEES, STINGING INSECTS AND VENOMOUS ARACHNIDS

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to strengthen the City's ability to prevent insect stinging incidents and enforce compliance with insect control regulations. The Los Angeles County Africanized Honeybee Task Force, under the direction of the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner, has recommended that cities in the county restrict property owners from maintaining or keeping beehives and apiaries before the expected arrival this year of the Africanized Honeybees.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

Section 410 of the Pasadena City Charter requires that the municipal code be amended by ordinance. Without this provision in the municipal code, enforcement is made more difficult because inspectors must rely on the voluntary cooperation of a property owner to remove a beehive, nest or swarm from his or her property. This measure will allow the Public Health Department to respond more effectively to a citizen complaint that a beehive, nest or swarms is present and direct the property owner to immediately abate the problem before a stinging incident occurs.

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MEETING OF 6/1/98

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.(1)

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Public Health Department, property owners in residential districts and the general public will be affected by this ordinance.

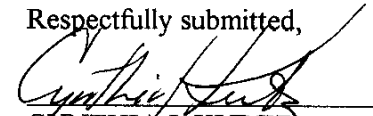
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The enactment of this ordinance will have no fiscal impact on the Health Fund or the General Fund because no new staff or other resources are needed to enforce the proposed amendment.

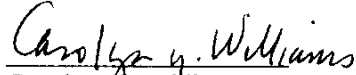
POLICY CHANGES:

The ordinance does not represent a policy change for the City of Pasadena. It is a continuation of the policy to do all that is required to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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