



CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES
MEMORANDUM

Date: April 7, 2010
To: Planning Commission
From: Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services
Subject: Establishment of Roof Color Requirements

At a recent meeting, the Commission directed staff to bring forward the issue of a Zone Text Amendment regarding roof color. Currently, Section 93.03.00.B of the Zoning Code states:

- B. Buildings or Structures, Including but not Limited to Mobilehomes, Erected in all Zones or Districts.
No mechanical equipment or duct work shall be allowed on the roof unless it is located in an orderly fashion to blend in with its surroundings and is concealed by roof structure, or other approved screening, which is no less than six (6) inches greater in height than the equipment being screened. Required screening shall be an integral part of the architecture. The planning commission or the director of planning and building may otherwise approve such equipment which may not meet this requirement if it is located in an orderly fashion to blend in with its surroundings; in no case shall duct work be exposed.*

While there is no mention of roof color in this section, staff notes that it is the only section that addresses roofs for all structures, and would therefore be the most appropriate place for introducing any city-wide requirement regarding roof color.

The Commission may adopt a motion to initiate a Zone Text Amendment regarding roof color, and provide any specific policy direction in that regard. Draft language will be prepared and a public hearing scheduled.