

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE:

September 4, 2013

Consent Calendar

SUBJECT:

INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PALM SPRINGS ZONING CODE

REGARDING SOLAR COLLECTORS

FROM:

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BY:

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SUMMARY

The City Council will consider directing staff to study the current Zoning Code requirements regarding solar collectors.

RECOMMENDATION:

Initiate a Zone Text Amendment pursuant to Palm Springs Zoning Code Section 94.07.01.A.1.b regarding solar collectors, and refer to the Planning Commission.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The City Council ad hoc sub-committee on solar (Lewin/Mills) met on May 23 and August 22, 2013, and is recommending several sections of the Zoning Code needs to be studied to better respond to current industry circumstances.

The areas to study include definitions, zoning districts where various types of solar installations are allowed and development standards. Staff will take into consideration any inconsistencies or concerns with administration of the code and bring those forward.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Director of Planning Services

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