



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 22-775

MEETING DATE: 9/20/2022

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Al Zelinka, City Manager

VIA: Scott M. Haberle, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Kevin Justen, Senior Administrative Analyst

Subject:

Adopt Ordinance No. 4266 amending Chapter 15.32 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code relating to nonproducing and idle oil wells

Approved for introduction 9/6/2022 - Vote: 6-0-1 (Delgleize out of room)

Statement of Issue:

The City Council is requested to approve for introduction an Ordinance to amend Chapter 15.32 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code relating to abandoned and idle oil wells. This Ordinance will include requirements that developers must comply with City of Huntington Beach Specification Number 422, which stipulates requirements in the oil well abandonment permit process. This Specification was recently updated to allow development of a parcel without re-abandoning any onsite oil wells as long as the wells remain accessible.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. 4266, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 15.32 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to Nonproducing and Idle Wells."

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the Ordinance, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

Proposed Ordinance Number 4266 (Attachment 1) would revise Sections 15.32.090 and 152.32.100 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code. These sections include oil well abandonment requirements for development or redevelopment of parcels.

The revision of these sections requires developers to comply with City Specification Number 422. This Specification was recently updated and allows development of a parcel without reabandoning any onsite oil wells, as long as the wells remain accessible. This would encourage developers to not develop over an existing oil well, while allowing access to oil wells in the event that they leak.

A Legislative Draft showing the proposed revisions to Huntington Beach Municipal Code Sections 15.32.090 and 100 is shown as Attachment 2.

Environmental Status:

None.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Economic Development & Housing

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4266
2. Legislative Draft HBMC Chapter 15.32 Abandonment Requirements - Development or Redevelopment