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City Council

MEETING DATE: 8/10/2016

TITLE:
Permitting of Tobacco Retailers

FROM:
Charlie McClendon, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends the City Council provide second reading and approve an ordinance adopting the Riverside County regulations requiring the permitting of Tobacco retailers.

BACKGROUND:

Based on comments from constituents and other concerned individuals, Councilmember Kaplan requested a discussion item regarding the possible permitting of Tobacco retailers. The Riverside County program was discussed in study session on May 11, 2016 and staff was asked to bring forward an ordinance for consideration. The ordinance was introduced and received first reading on July 13, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors recently adopted an ordinance establishing a permitting requirement for retailers of tobacco products. The stated intent of the ordinance is to encourage responsible tobacco retailing and to discourage violations of tobacco related laws, especially those that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Since the County ordinance was adopted some in the community have suggested the City should take similar action.

Staff from the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health have confirmed that if the City adopts an ordinance establishing the permitting requirement in Cathedral City, the County will administer the program, including issuing the permits, collecting fees and fines and enforcing relevant provisions of the ordinance.

The attached ordinance reflects the amendments made and included in the motion at first reading related to the minimum age of employees in stores licensed as tobacco retailers and related to possession of tobacco products.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the City general fund to enact the ordinance or administer the permitting program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance