



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – {{section.number}}.A.

City Council Meeting
August 28, 2023



Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.

Subject: Second Reading of Councillor's Bill No. 37 Re: Proposed Amendments to Section 11-9-2(E) of the Westminster Municipal Code Concerning Unsafe Buildings, Structures, and Equipment

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Recommended City Council Action:

Pass Councillor's Bill No. 37 on second reading to amend Section 11-9-2(E) of the Westminster Municipal Code concerning unsafe buildings, structures, and equipment

Summary Statement:

- Following notable nuisance property challenges, Staff has worked on options to strengthen and clarify the City's authority regarding unsafe buildings, structures, and equipment as outlined in the Westminster Municipal Code (W.M.C.).
- With engagement and input from the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Community Development, Police, and Fire, proposed amendments to Section 11-9-2(E), W.M.C. concerning unsafe buildings, structures, and equipment have been drafted and are presented in Attachment 1.
- The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) was utilized to guide proposed amendments regarding requirements and standards for properties, along with administration and enforcement authority.

- The proposed W.M.C. amendments establish timelines for repair or demolition activities, require specific barriers or fencing, clarify the Chief Building Official's authority, and provide for civil nuisance abatement procedures in Municipal Court when voluntary compliance cannot be achieved.
- City Council unanimously passed Councillor's Bill No. 37 on first reading by a vote of (7 to 0) on August 14, 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures.

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Councillor's Bill No. 37 Re: Proposed Amendments to Section 11-9-2(E) of the Westminster Municipal Code Concerning Unsafe Buildings, Structures, and Equipment