



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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**SUBJECT:** Review of Outdated, Unused, or Unnecessary Sections of the Lompoc Municipal Code

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council propose any outdated, unused, or unnecessary Lompoc Municipal Code sections that the City Council would like staff to evaluate for amendment, update, or repeal.

### **Background:**

On January 5, 2021, the City Council requested staff review the Lompoc Municipal Code for sections that are outdated, unused, or unnecessary, and periodically return to City Council for amendment, update, or repeal of those code sections.

This is an ongoing item. Staff reviews the Municipal Code and brings proposed amendments to City Council as time and press of other higher priority business permit.

Council Member Bridge requested that this item be placed on the agenda for City Council to provide any outdated, unused, or unnecessary Municipal Code sections that Council proposes for staff to evaluate and return to the City Council for possible amendment, update, or repeal.

### **Discussion:**

The City Council may discuss, ask questions of staff, and propose any outdated, unused, or unnecessary Lompoc Municipal Code sections that the City Council would like staff to evaluate for amendment, update, or repeal.

In addition to City Council requests, staff is in the process of contracting with General Code, the City's publisher for the Municipal Code, to provide an editorial and legal analysis of the entire code and make recommendations to implement changes. Their editors will identify duplications, conflicts, and inconsistencies within the Code, and with California statutes, make suggestions regarding fines, fees, and penalties, and suggestions to modernize the City's legislation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Any amendment, update, or repeal will require staff and attorney time to prepare and bring to City Council. The environmental impact, if any, of an amendment, update, or repeal would need to be analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act, unless an exemption applies.

**Conclusion:**

It is advisable to update the Municipal Code to remove any outdated, unused, or unnecessary code sections. This can be done on an ongoing periodic basis as time permits, or can be given higher priority if directed by the City Council. As always, if changes in state or federal law require a code amendment that would result in city liability if left unchanged, staff prioritizes and brings those code amendments to the City Council immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Malawy, City Attorney