



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service
www.washoecounty.us

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2020

DATE: September 23, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Tammi Davis, Treasurer
(775) 328-2525, Tsdavis@washoecounty.us
THROUGH: Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk, on behalf of the Office of the Washoe County Treasurer
SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve amending Washoe County Code (Chapter 20 – Revenue and Taxation) to match Nevada Revised Statute, and if approved, direct the County Clerk to submit a request to the District Attorney’s Office for preparation of proposed ordinances. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Washoe County Treasurer, Tammi Davis, through the County Clerk, requests (pursuant to WCC 2.030) to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code (Chapter 20 – Revenue and Taxation) as detailed by the County Treasurer, ensuring that County Code reflects changes to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS). If the request is approved, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is asked to direct the County Clerk to submit a request to the District Attorney to draft proposed ordinances amending Chapter 20. When the proposed ordinances are complete, the County Clerk will commence proceedings by setting an Introduction and First Reading.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:
Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

WCC 2.030 provides that amendments to Washoe County Code may be initiated by an elected official of Washoe County by written request to the County Clerk. Upon receiving the request, the County Clerk, pursuant to WCC 2.040, places the request on an agenda for consideration by the Board. Upon a majority vote of the members present at the meeting, the Board may approve the request with any changes the Board desires. In considering the request, the Board may hear testimony from the proposer or any other

AGENDA ITEM # ____.

person regarding the proposed changes. If approved, the Board shall direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance(s). Under WCC 2.040, when the District Attorney has completed the proposed ordinance, the County Clerk will place the proposed ordinance on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in accordance with the adoption procedures set out in NRS 244.100. The County Treasurer is requesting amendments to WCC Chapter 20. Certain provisions within Chapter 20 are outdated and require amendment to reflect current statutory requirements. Specific anticipated amendments are as follows:

Chapter 20:

- Revise the amount of the excess proceeds that will pay into the county general fund per NRS 361.610 from “10% of the next \$2,000” to “10% of the next \$10,000”
- Revise the length of time to hold the excess proceeds prior to paying into the county general fund per NRS 361.610, from two years to one year
- Revise the length of time a person has to make a claim for the excess proceeds per NRS 361.610, from two years to one year
- Revise the citation in section 20.479 (3) from NRS 361.585 to NRS 361.610 (6)
- Update bidding increment for base bids in excess of \$5,000 from \$300 to \$500
- Update to use gender-neutral language

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed code changes are not expected to increase costs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a request by the Washoe County Treasurer, through the Washoe County Clerk, and pursuant to Washoe County Code (“WCC”) 2.030, to initiate amendments to Washoe County Code (Chapter 20 – Revenue and Taxation) and to direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney’s Office for preparation of proposed ordinances in accordance with WCC 2.040.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be:

Approve the request by the Washoe County Treasurer to amend Washoe County Code (Chapter 20 – Revenue and Taxation) to match Nevada Revised Statute and direct the County Clerk to submit a request to the District Attorney’s Office for preparation of proposed ordinances.