

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING LIMITATION ON
VEHICLE WEIGHTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2003

Needs: For the City Council to consider continuing a public hearing to consider limitation on vehicle weights in residential zones. This is a subject that was last discussed in summer of 2002 and which was continued to January 21, 2003.

Facts:

1. During summer of 2002 the City Council discussed options regarding provisions to limit the weight of vehicles (trucks) within residential zoned areas. The issue had been raised by residents who were concerned about trucks utilizing local residential streets.
2. The Council took no action on the proposed code amendment when the Council was advised that there was a court decision that could adversely impact the City's ability to enforce vehicle weight restrictions. Instead, the Council continued the matter pending a possible appeal of the court's findings.
3. On January 10, 2003, the City was advised by the City Attorney that an appeal has been filed regarding the prohibition against vehicle weight limits, and that the City could now proceed with consideration of an Ordinance establishing truck weight limits in residential zones.
4. In order to have adequate time to assemble the related information and analyze the City's options, it is requested that Council continue the noticed hearing on the code amendment to March 4, 2003.

Analysis
and

Conclusion: In light of other pending project priorities, including but not limited to the General Plan and the Chandler Ranch Area Specific Plan, the continuance is necessary in order for staff to have time to prepare a report outlining the options open to City Council.

Policy
Reference: Paso Robles Municipal Code

Fiscal
Impact: None at this time

Options:

- a. That the City Council continue the open noticed hearing regarding vehicle weight restrictions in residential areas to March 4, 2003.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing option.