

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: February 24, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Introduction of an Ordinance repealing and amending Sections 17.04.240, 7.08.050, 17.12.050, 17.12.060, 17.16.050, 17.20.180, and 17.20.190 of Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code to regulate the use of cargo containers**

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### **Recommendation:**

Introduce **Ordinance No. 921**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, repealing and amending Sections 17.04.240, 7.08.050, 17.12.050, 17.12.060, 17.16.050, 17.20.180, and 17.20.190 of Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code to regulate the use of cargo containers.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

### **Background:**

The public places a high priority on the commitment and ability of local agencies to maintain neighborhoods, protect property and property rights, and preserve the value of public and private investments. In furtherance of this commitment, the City of Lancaster is dedicated to improving and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhoods within the City of Lancaster and the use of cargo containers as permanent accessory structures or for permanent or long-term storage has been found to be detrimental to the appearance of residential and other zones in the City.

The proposed ordinance would generally apply to and regulate cargo container use in the City's residential, commercial and industrial zones and was initially heard by the Planning Commission on December 15, 2008. The Planning Commission requested staff revise the ordinance to allow the use of cargo containers in the RR-1 and RR-2.5 zones. The revised ordinance was heard at the January 20, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, where they approved the resolution recommending to the City Council approval of the cargo container ordinance.

In order to maintain the quality of Lancaster neighborhoods, protect property and property rights, and preserve the value of public and private investments, staff recommends the introduction of Ordinance No. 921, repealing and amending Sections 17.04.240, 7.08.050, 17.12.050, 17.12.060, 17.16.050, 17.20.180, and 17.20.190 of Title 17 to the Lancaster Municipal Code. This ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

### **Attachment:**

Ordinance No. 921