

CITY OF FOWLER
NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
COMPREHENSIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

On August 15, 2017, by a 4-0-1 vote, the City Council of the City of Fowler approved Ordinance No. 2017-03, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler adding Chapter 21 of Title 5 Pertaining to Nuisances, Chapter 22 of Title 5 Pertaining to Abatement, Appeals, and Administrative Hearings, and Chapter 23 of Title 5 Pertaining to Cost Recovery, and Repealing and Amending Various Sections in the Municipal Code Pertaining to Code Enforcement to Conform with the Adoption of Chapters 21, 22 and 23.” The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Absent: Hammer.

This Ordinance creates a uniform and consistent procedure for the regulation of public nuisances within the City by updating and consolidating existing neighborhood preservation and related nuisance ordinances, and by creating consistent and current code enforcement and cost recovery procedures.

The Ordinance adopts three comprehensive updated code enforcement Chapters on nuisances, abatement, appeal, administrative hearings, and cost recovery, and places them in consecutive Chapters of the Municipal Code. This will simplify the identification of City nuisances and the procedures for addressing violations of those nuisances. Major substantive changes include:

- An update to the City’s list of property related nuisances;
- The addition of provisions to address the management of real property;
- The establishment of a uniform and consistent procedure for the conduct of administrative hearings, abatement, and cost recovery;
- The addition of a mechanism for the recovery of costs for providing extraordinary department services (multiple responses) that are not otherwise covered by user fees.

The ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after adoption. For a complete copy of the Ordinance or further information contact the City Clerk at (559) 834-3113, x302.